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## Interview with Lynn St. Amour, President /CEO of Internet Society

*Lynn St. Amour is President/CEO of the Internet Society (ISOC). She joined ISOC in 1998 as Executive Director of its Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) division, and has been responsible for ISOC's international expansion. She became ISOC's global Executive Director and COO in 1999 and held that position until her appointment as President and CEO in March of 2001. She divides her time between ISOC's offices in Reston, Virginia, and Geneva, Switzerland.*



Lynn St. Amour

The E-Newsletter team interviewed her during the Internet Society 20th anniversary that was held at the International Conference Center in Geneva, Switzerland.

**E-Newsletter:** Please tell us about the Internet Society.

**Lynn:** Internet Society started 20 years ago by two of the fathers of the internet, Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn with support from a number of organizations. Its primary purpose was to support the development of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and open standards that are fundamental to the internet and its development and they needed to ensure that there was an institution or an organization for the IETF. The second purpose was to create a community and a society and individuals that cares about the internet, understood what the internet could mean around the

world and that will actually support its broader deployment and development. Lots of our activities are in developing countries. Activities such as Network training workshops where we actually work with tremendous volunteers from across the world to actually bring the internet to the developing countries. Let's say in the developing countries that came online in the last twenty years you can find a large contributing factor in the network training workshops. In the workshops they talk about how to build internet networks, how to troubleshoot them and how to supply module which is basically what it takes to develop internet capability.

**E-Newsletter:** What advice do you have for the communities that are yet to explore the internet?

**Lynn:** They should talk to each other. They should come to hear discussions with an open mind and willingness to learn. The problems that we have today are still problems because they are hard, they are not easy. The internet is challenging. Many things are challenging, business models are challenging. So we all need to listen with an open mind to lot of discussions and trying to find what I believe ultimate will have to be a new platform. It may not come this year or next year but I know pretty soon, in the next ten, twenty, fifty years the systems will be in place for business module and economic module to work for virtual content creation and appropriate enumeration.



Engr. Otunte Otuneh & Lynn St. Amour

The inauguration of Engr. Goodluck Chukwuka Ikenyiri, MNSE, MNIMEchE as the 3rd Chairman of The Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers Port Harcourt Chapter took place on Tuesday 1st May 2012 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt.



**L-R:** Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE, Engr. Denis Dania MNSE, Engr. Ayo Fanimokun FNSE, Engr. Lasbry Amadi FNSE, Engr. Goodluck Ikenyiri MNSE, Engr. Mrs. Ikenyiri MNSE, Engr. Chief Larry Nyeche MNSE & Engr. Tayo Opanubi



Engr. Goodluck Ikenyiri & Engr. Mrs. Patience Ikenyiri during the inauguration of Engr. Ikenyiri as the 3rd chairman of NIMEchE Port Harcourt Chapter



NSE PH Branch EXCO members in a meeting on Thursday 3rd May 2012 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt. The meeting was chaired by the branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania MNSE.



The “Nigerian Internet Registration Association (NIRA)” Special Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday May 1 2012, at MUSON Center, Marina, Lagos.

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We will look into that today but its going to take everybody, and the multi stakeholders to dialogue, it will take everybody working together to find the appropriate solution. This will really allow us to tap fully all the benefits we can get from the internet.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much.*

**Lynn:** I will like to get these wishes to the Nigerian Chapter of the Internet Society. You have done so many fantastic things. I was there in 1999 and it was tremendous. The Jon Postel centers are great legacies for the chapter. Your effort to bring the internet to members in your community and the use of your premises, your company premises; this is the story I have told and retold so many times. You never know when and where the next big thing is going to come from and what is going to trigger it. So far you have all done well and it is an encouraging work and we hope we can help you in any way we can.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much.*



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