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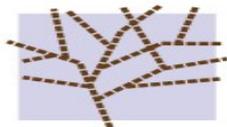
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Introduction to DNS-OARC

Keith Mitchell
President

DNS-OARC
Domain Name System Operations Analysis and Research Center

OARC's Mission Statement

The Domain Name System Operations Analysis and Research Center (DNS-OARC) is a non-profit, membership organization that seeks to improve the security, stability, and understanding of the Internet's DNS infrastructure.

DNS-OARC's mission is to:

- *promote and conduct research with operational relevance through data collection and analysis*

- *offer useful services and tools*

- *build relationships among its community of members*

- *facilitate an environment where information can be shared responsibly*

- *enable knowledge transfer by organizing open workshops*

- *increase public awareness of the DNS's significance*

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OARC's Members

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OARC Technical Resources

- \>250TB, 15+ year DNS data catalog

- Core infrastructure in Fremont, California

  - major upgrade to data store in progress

- Open-source DNS tool software

  - https://www.dns-oarc.net/oarc/software

- Suite of active DNS test services

- Secondary sites in Ottawa and Stockholm
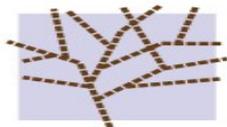
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OARC Membership Categories

Category	Contacts	Annual
Supporter	1	$0
Blue	2	$1.1k
Bronze	3	$6.5k
Silver	5	$10k
Gold	8	$15k
Platinum	10	$25k
Diamond	18	$50k

- Supporter requires annual in-kind contribution
  - e.g. data, presentations, services
- Blue category for small organizations/individuals only

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OARC Governance

- Independent legal entity

- Diverse member base

- Financially self-supporting
  - ~$870k annual revenue > expenses

- Self-governing, neutral

- Elected Board reflecting Member interests

- Contracted Executive Staff

- Volunteer workshop Programme Committee

- *501(c)3* non-profit public benefit corporation
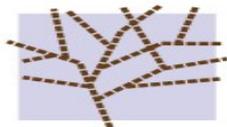
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2020-21 OARC Board

- **Joe Abley**, PIR, Director
- Paul Ebersman, *Neustar*, Director
- Jacques Latour, *CIRA*, Treasurer
- Benno Overeinder, NLnet Labs, Chairman
- Ondřej Surý, ISC, Director
- Jaromír Talíř, *CZ.NIC*, Director

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DNS-OARC Staff Resources

- President, Secretary (*Keith Mitchell*, Indiana) 0.75 FTE

- Systems Engineer (*Matt Pounsett*, Toronto) 0.75 FTE

- Software Engineer (*Jerry Lundström*, Stockholm) 0.75 FTE

- Membership Coordinator (*Sue Graves*, Oregon) 0.5 FTE

- Events Coordinator (*Denesh Bhabuta*, London) 0.5 FTE

- Book-Keeper (*Pam Stone*, California) 0.1 FTE
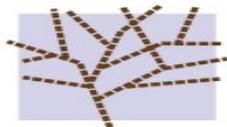
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2021 OARC Programme Committee

- Pallavi Aras, *Salesforce*

- Manu Bretelle, *Facebook*

- Brett Carr, *Nominet*

- Willem Toorop, *NLnet Labs*

- Jan Včelák, *NS1* (Chair)

- Ulrich Wisser, *Swedish Internet Foundation*

- Jake Zack, *CIRA*

- Jaromír Talíř (OARC Board Liaison)

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Next workshops

- OARC35

  - May 6-7th 2021

  - 1½-2 days long

  - Online

- No physical workshops during Q1-Q3 2021

- *Provisional* 2021 plan:

  - Short OARConline 35a event in August

  - Hybrid AGM in October

  - OARC36 co-located with RIPE83 in November

- OARC37: Austin TX, Feb 2022

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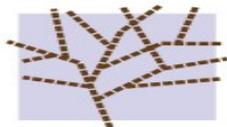
Recent Achievements

- $100k investment in new Ceph-based data store

- Grants from Comcast and Mozilla to add DoH capability to *dnsperf* testing tool

- Grant from ARIN to add RPKI origin validation to CheckMyDNS

- Updates to *DNSVIZ* features and server

- Operational continuity, and successful transition to online events, through year-of-pandemic
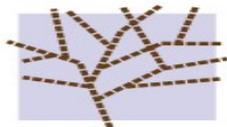
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Why Become an OARC Member ?

- Access to and participation in the world's premier community of DNS technical experts

- Influence development of open tools and services to support your infrastructure operations

- Ability to share and analyze a unique dataset perspective into global DNS operations

- Use of community co-ordination resources to respond to incidents and threats

- Support a trusted neutral party free of vested interests in the DNS space

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OARC's Value Proposition

Member testimonials:

"OARC is the only organization of its kind, dedicated to DNS operations and research. Given my company's deep involvement with DNS and my personal interest, I simply have to be a member and attend the workshops, which have consistently high-quality content."

"OARC is a unique venue that brings together DNS vendors, operators of DNS services and researchers - the workshops provide a unique and valuable insight into the current state of the art of the DNS.

"DNS OARC provides the invaluable mingling of DNS operators, developers, researchers, to communicate, collaborate, and share data via workshops, mail lists, and shared computing resources. Without this association I would not be aware of the current problems facing the DNS and Internet community nor be a part of their solutions."

"Of all the work-related conferences I attend, @dnsoarc is reliably the one with the fewest uninteresting bits. Approaching zero."

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