

DNS-OARC
Status Report

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OARC Annual General Meeting

November 2026

2025–2026 Highlights

Leadership transition completed, with Lee Howard now President

OARC 45 in Stockholm and OARC 46 in Edinburgh

Community-Led Sessions added for OARC 47

Retreat agreed changes to priorities, ownership and delivery

Leadership and Staffing

Phil Regnauld stepped down as President in June

Lee Howard started as President on 2 November

Dave Knight served as interim President during recruitment

Rebecca Petro promoted to Operations and Events Manager

Staff Resources

President, (Lee Howard, Virginia) 1.0 FTE

Advisor to the President, (Dave Knight, Ontario) 1.0 FTE

Operations and Events Manager (Rebecca Petro, Indiana) 0.75 FTE

Systems Engineer (Matt Pounsett, Ontario) 0.75 FTE

Software Engineer (Jerry Lundström, Sweden) 0.75 FTE

Membership Coordinator (Steve Sullivan, California) 0.7 FTE

Secretary (Keith Mitchell, Indiana) 0.2 FTE

Welcome New Members

Palo Alto Networks (Platinum)

Sophos (Bronze)

Tucows (Bronze)

Whisper Security (Blue)

Generation XYZ (Blue)

ISNIC (Blue)

Swedish Internet Foundation upgraded from Bronze to Silver

Departing Members

KISA/KRNIC (Bronze)

Traficom (Bronze)

Spamhaus (Bronze)

419 Consulting (Blue)

PNGUoT (Blue)

YIAN (Blue)

Impact of Member Changes

Member Tier	Departing/Changed	New/Changed	Net
Diamond ($50,000)			
Platinum ($27,500)		1	$27,500
Gold ($16,500)			
Silver ($11,000)		1	$11,000
Bronze ($7,200)	4	2	$14,400
Blue ($1,250)	3	3	$0
			$52,900

2025 Member Survey

Community, networking, collaboration are the strongest draws to DNS OARC

Best Practices attracted the most support for future work

Case studies and peer testimonials can help show OARC's value

Support for more at the workshop: tech deep dives, community-led sessions, training

Community-led sessions at OARC 47: BCPs, Deep dives, Training!

Committees

2025-2026 Programme Committee

Cathy Almond (Chair), Marcelo Gardini, Merike Kaeo, Raffaele Sommese,

Tijay Chung, Ulrich Wisser, Willem Toorop, Jake Zack (Board Liaison)

The board will select the 2027+ Programme Committee in the coming weeks

Send nominations to: pc2027@dns-oarc.net

Code of Conduct Committee

Keith Mitchell (Staff liaison), Dave Feldman, Anna Sperotto,

Mauricio Vergara Ereche (Board Liaison)

Charter published in October, looking for new volunteers!

Send nominations to: cocc2027@dns-oarc.net

OARC Events

Workshop	When	Where	In Person	Remote	Newcomers
OARC 45	October 2025	Stockholm	146	33	52
OARC 46	May 2026	Edinburgh	158	22	36
OARC 47	November 2026	Vancouver	129	30	37

Continuing with two workshops per year

Moving toward three day workshops

Considering how we evolve the program going forward

Future Workshops

OARC 48 is alongside RIPE94 in Vilnius, May 21-22, 2027

OARC 49 is expected to be in the Americas, Fall 2027

Sponsor and Patron support helps a lot!

https://www.dns-oarc.net/workshop/patronage-sponsorship

Thank you Verisign as our 2026 Workshop Patrons!

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Software and Services

Check My DNS: new instance at cmdns.dns-oarc.net

Separated components support easier maintenance

New architecture enables checking against different regions

New DNSSEC algorithm suite, plus RDAP and caching improvements

dnsperf 2.16.0 released in August: JSON status output, fixes to DoH response handling and work on TLS session resumption.

Validns: first OARC-maintained release and expanded record support.

With thanks to the Nominet DNS Fund for supporting Validns work!

Maintenance continued across **DSC, dnscap, dnsjit and dnswire.**



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Data and Research

2026 DITL collection completed, with analysis access planned by year-end

Historical data copied from Ottawa to Fremont in August

Validation still required before recovered datasets are available

Crunchy DITL: approximately 26 billion additional DNS messages

Seeking researcher feedback to guide further investment

Earlier invitations and reminders planned for DITL 2027

2026–2027 Priorities

Secure additional funding

Build on the BCP initiative and Community-Led Sessions

Help members explain DNS-OARC’s value within their organizations

Resume quarterly member reports

Questions ?



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