



Internet Society
Armenia Chapter

2018-2019

Activity Report

Our Mission

- To promote and support the development of the Internet in Armenia for the benefit of all people in Armenia.

Our Members

- Currently we have 45 active members

Our Board

- We have 9 Board Members

Our Auditors

- We have 3 Auditors

Our Activities

To achieve its mission, the organization

- delivers new technological achievements in the Internet to the Armenian Internet community and help to introduce them.
- brings Internet technologies to vulnerable groups of population including blind and visually impaired, disabled people, retired athletes, pensioners and rural schools and libraries. To achieve this goal the ISOC Armenia Chapter relies on Internet Society grants and the financial help of Armenia Internet Registry, who considers such help as its social obligation.

During the reporting period (2018-2019) the Chapter performed a number of programs corresponding to its mission.

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2018

Projects Undertaken

Meetings/Conferences Participation

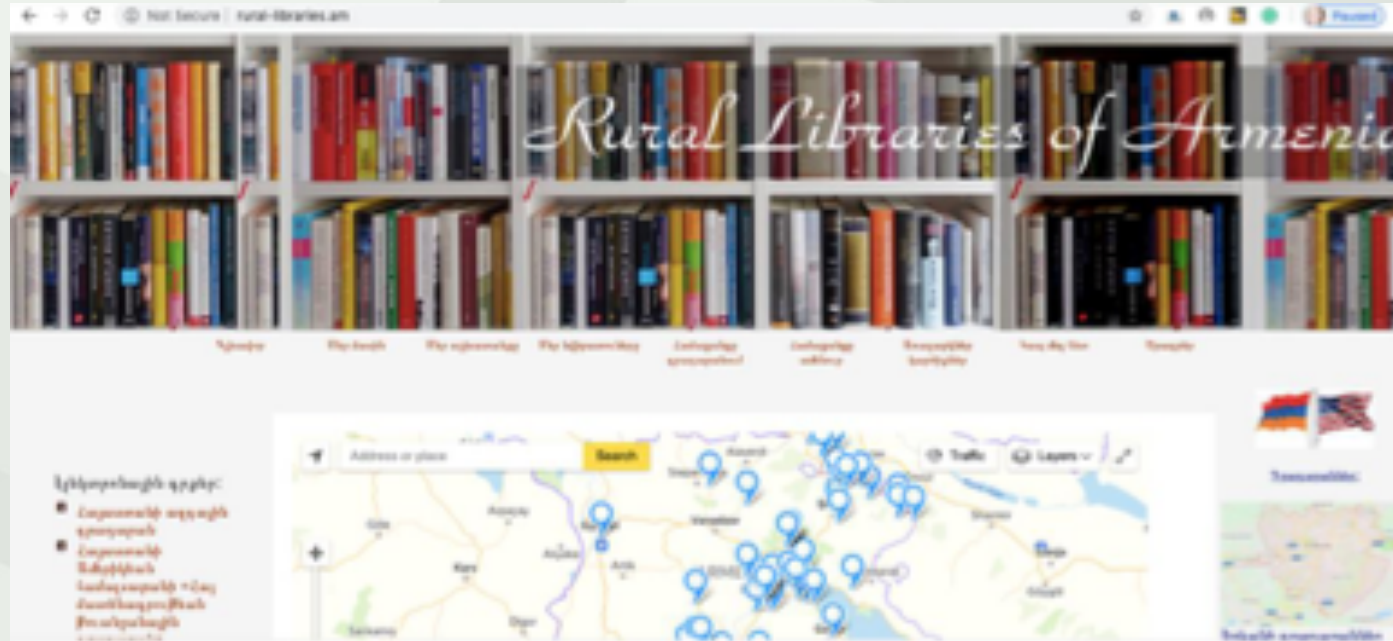
Blind and visually impaired people

Continued to support of blind and visually impaired people united in the House of Culture of Blind and Visually Impaired people, where the Chapter created Internet accessibility center and financially support for lab-instructors and Radio-menq ([Internet Radio for People with Visual Impairments](#) administrator positions.



Computers, Services & W-Fi Internet for Rural Libraries

Received a grant for the project "[Computers, services and Wi-Fi Internet for rural libraries](#)". [rural-libraries.am](#) website and Facebook Page were developed and became very popular.



- The article about Rural Libraries project has been published on the Internet Society web page <https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/2018/12/helping-rural-libraries-in-armenia-to-embrace-the-digital-age/>
- The interim and final reports of the grant are published here:
https://chronicle.isocchapter.am/publ/interim_report.pdf
<https://chronicle.isocchapter.am/publ/Finalreport.pdf>

IoT Course

Received a grant for the Chapterthon 2018 program with "IoT lecture course oriented on Arduino controllers" project



Chapterthon 2018 report can be found on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZXZR64YOHY&feature=youtu.be>

Girls in ICT

By initiative of the ISOC Armenia Chapter Board Chair Lianna Galstyan, the organization joined the global event of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to support and engage girls in ICT. Board Vice Chair Kristina Babajanyan and members Vesmira Harutyunyan, Narine Derdzakyan volunteered to join the organizing team.

In collaboration with the Wikimedia Armenia, a workshop was held to help girls in learning how to write articles in Wikipedia. Thereafter, a network event was organized with participation of prominent women sharing their success stories.



ArmSIG

The Chapter co-organized the [2nd Armenian School on Internet Governance.](#)



ArmIGF

The Chapter co-organized the [4th Armenian Internet Governance Forum.](#)



Global IGF

Chapter Board Chair Lianna Galstyan and some other members took part in the IGF 2018 in Paris, France.



Workshop

- Chapter President Igor Mkrtyumyan took part in the "GIS in Armenian Schools" workshop organized by AGBU and AVC.



Georgian IGF

ISOC Armenia Chapter Board Chair Lianna Galstyan, Board Members Ani Dallakyan, Armen Muradyan, Vahan Hovsepyan, and some other members took part in the [Georgian IGF 2018](#).



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2019

Projects Undertaken

Meetings/Conferences Participation

Computers, Services & W-Fi Internet for Rural Libraries

Continued the grant program within the framework of which computers with library management software were provided in number of libraries.

Kotayk Marz

Norashen Village

Lernanist

Marmarik

Meghradzor

Zovuni Libraries

Hrazdan Libraries No. 5, No. 7

Hrazdan Television Library

Azatomot

Gegharkunik Marz

Chkalovka

Tsovaber

Lchashen

Tsaghkunk

Varars

Tavush Marz

Chinari village

Voskevan

Dilijan city libraries N2, N3

Vayots Dzor marz

Jermuk town library

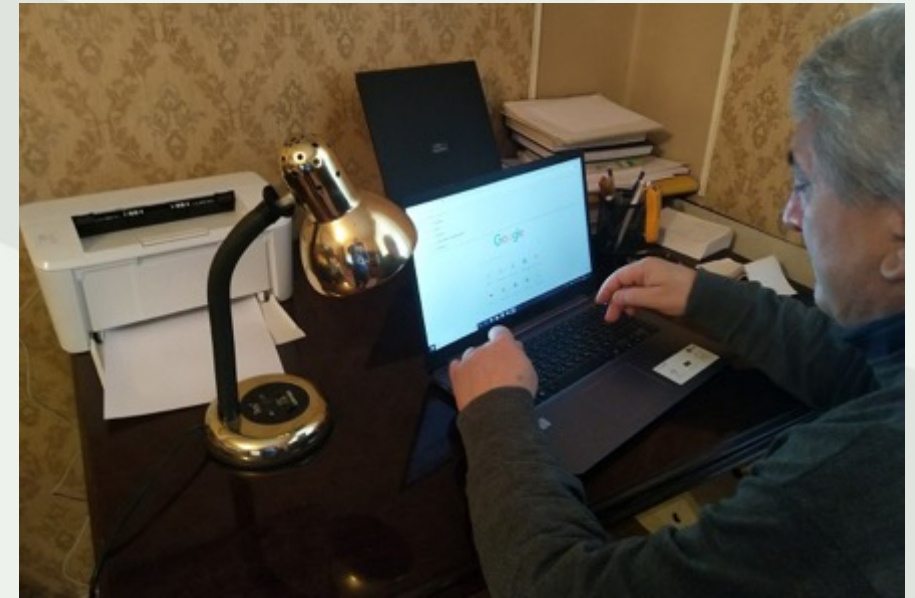
The program is financially supported by the Armenian Internet Registry.

Computers, Services & W-Fi Internet for Rural Libraries

For rural regions one of the most important problems is the lack of IT knowledgeable people able to solve even minor software and hardware problems. It is not enough to install a computer and software but more important is to service them. That is why we organized a remote free of charge service. Libraries deliver non-working computers to the head of the program, Vahan Misakyan, who repairs them and send back. Software problems are solved with the help of Anydesk remote service program.

During the last 3 months only:

- 30 rural libraries computers were repaired. Libraries delivered them to the head of the program, Vahan Misakyan, who repaired them and sent back.
- About 60 computers were serviced with the help of Anydesk remote service program. They include an update of the library management software and bringing in order library databases.
- Several WiFi routers were repaired in Kotayk marz libraries.



Accessibility Seminar

Chapter President Igor Mkrtumyan organized a seminar on the problems of people with disabilities which took place in the Internet Society Armenia Chapter office. The “Zero Project Report” on Accessibility about the projects implemented in several European countries in 2018 was represented. The discussions were about the accessibility problems of people with disabilities, possible solutions, the facilitation of their lives and their full integration into society. It was decided that discussed projects were realistic for implementation in Armenia.




Armenia Chapter Board members discussed the Internet Society developed Chapters Performance Evaluation Criteria. It was necessary to achieve a good rating in the Internet Society.



Girls in ICT

Chapter Board Chair Lianna Galstyan organized an informative seminar on “Cyber Hygiene or How to Stay Safe in the Internet”. The seminar took place at the N.174 school of Yerevan, Armenia. The event hosted around 100 schoolgirls, their mothers and teachers to get informed about Internet Security issues and principles.

The poster features a blue background with a white silhouette of a woman's head in profile, facing right. The interior of the head is filled with a purple circuit board pattern. In the top left corner, there are two logos: the ITU logo and the Internet Society Armenia Chapter logo. The main title 'CYBER HYGIENE:' is in bold purple letters. Below it, the Armenian text 'ԻնՊՊԵՐՍ ԱՆՎՏԱՆԳ ՄՆԱԼ ԻՆՏԵՐՆԵՏՈՒՄ' is written in white. The event name 'International Girls in ICT Day' is prominently displayed in white, with 'International' in a smaller font above 'Girls in ICT Day'. The date '25 April 2019' and location 'Yerevan, Armenia' are listed below. In the bottom right corner, the hashtag '#GirlsinICT' and the website 'itu.int/Girlsinict' are provided.

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RINArmenia (Recursive Inter Network Architecture)



In collaboration with RINArmenia, the Chapter has developed a new project and applied for a grant of the Internet Society. The project plans to organize courses on "Introduction to RINA's Future Internet". RINA is a new network architecture designed to overpower the Internet in terms of speed, security and performance. It has been a research project for nearly 10 years, created by the co-founders of the present Internet, John Dee, Louis Puzen, and others.

The goal of the "RINArmenia" project is to develop and implement a new model of the Internet of the Future - RINA technology in various fields, making the Republic of Armenia the first expert center to develop and apply RINA technology across the country.



European Chapters Meeting

Chapter Board Members Ani Dallakyan and Karen Yerznkanyan participated in the 2019 conference of the Internet Chapters in Bucharest, Romania on May 9-10 2019.



Ani Dallakyan, Board Member
Presentation | Plans, Implementation and Upcoming Projects



Karen Yerznkanyan, Board Member
Presentation | IoT Projects in Armenia

Innovative Libraries 2019

Chapter Member Vahan Misakyan took part in the Innovative Libraries 2019 Workshop as a speaker, representing the Rural Libraries of Armenia Project.



Nick Hyrka, ISOC Regional Community Engagement Manager, visited Armenia and had a meeting with Armenia Chapter Board members at the ISOC AM Office. He also took part in the celebration of the 25 year of the.am domain.



.am 25th Anniversary

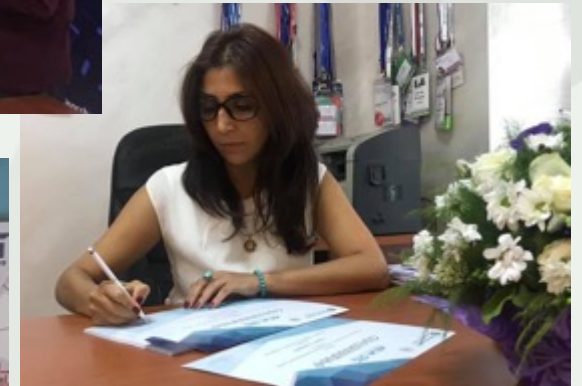
ISOC Armenia Chapter participated in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of .am TLD.



ArmSIG

Co-organized the [3rd Armenian School on Internet Governance](#).

Board Member Ani Dallakyan, Chapter members Kristina Hakobyan, Syuzan Marukhyan, Vesmira Harutyunyan and Narine Derdzakyan joined the organizing team.



ArmIGF

Co-organized the [5th Armenian Internet Governance Forum](#).



Igor Mkrtumyan, Chapter Chair
Presentation | Chapterthon 2019 Armenia



ArmIGF 5 Organizing Team

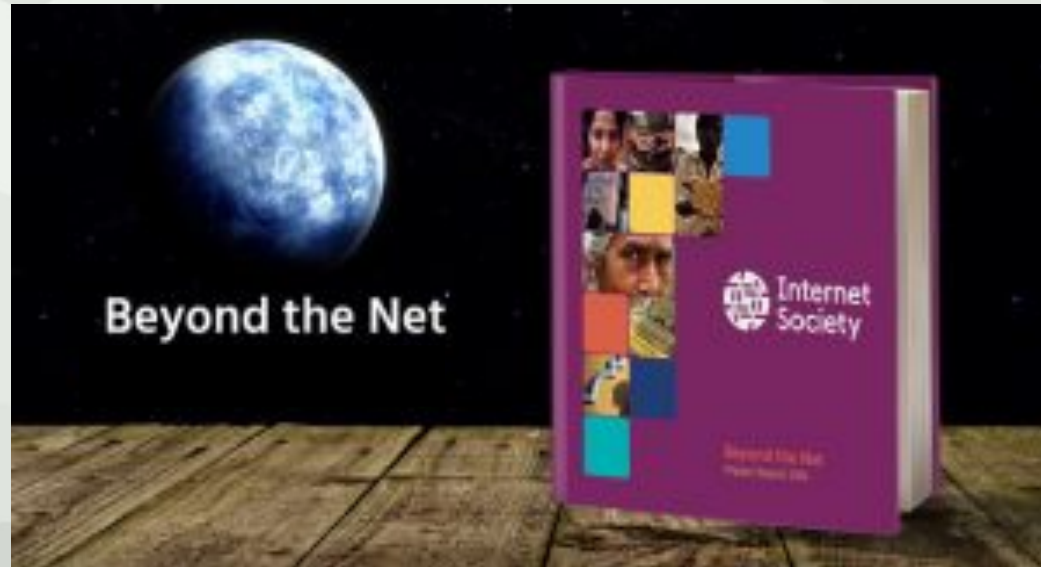
Universal Acceptance Technical Training

ISOC Armenia Chapter together with Armenia Internet Registry organized a Universal Acceptance (UA) Technical Training that was carried out by UASG Ambassador Dusan Stojicevic.



Grant of the Beyond the Net

ISOC Armenia Chapter received a grant of the Beyond the Net Medium and Large Grants Program of the Internet Society. The project is devoted to the "Rehabilitation of disabled people, retired athletes, pensioners, jobless school graduates by training them in Internet literacy, social networks and setting-up new businesses/start-ups in the Republic of Armenia".



Internet Literacy for Vulnerable Groups

The Chapter developed a grant project “*Internet literacy for vulnerable groups*” including social networking and small business literacy skills, which has been presented to the Internet Society grant competition and approved. The Project implementation is planned in 2020.



Georgian IGF & Community Network Summit

Chapter President Igor Mkrtumyan, Board Members Vahan Hovsepyan, Armen Muradyan and Chapter members Kristine Gyonjyan, Valery Stepanyan on November 14-15 2019 participated in the Community Networks Summit and the Georgian IGF in Tbilisi, Georgia.



Chapter board meetings

During 2018-2019 the Chapter Board had several meetings and made decisions on the following:

- Elected Lianna Galstyan, a member of the Board, as the Chairman of the Board, and Christina Babajanyan, a member of the Board, as the Deputy Chairman of the Board.
- Determined the salary of President Igor Mkrtumyan.
- Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the organization the employment contract with the President.
- Defined the procedure for holding meetings of the organization's board.
- Defined the rules of ethics for members of the organization.
- Define the procedure of early termination of powers of members of the board.
- Set the amount of annual membership fee to be paid by the members of the organization 1000 (one thousand) AMD. Annual membership fee should be paid:
 - For the first calendar year, within 10 (ten) working days from the day of joining the Organization,
 - For the second and subsequent calendar years, up to and including March 31 of the given calendar year,
 - The payment is made by a transfer to the bank account of the organization or online.

Chapter board meetings

- Approved the organization's action plan for 2019-2020.
- Approved the organization's 2019 activity report.
- Proposed to the RA Internet Governance Council (IGC) to include the "ISOC Armenia Chapter" in the Council and nominated Lianna Galstyan, Chairman of the Board, as a representative of the Chapter.
- Cancelled the membership of members who didn't pay the annual membership fee within the established period.
- Approved the action plans for years 2018-19
- Approved the Annual report 2019 of the Chapter President
- Accepted the Chapter Performance Evaluation Criteria
- Discussed the Internet report 2019 "How will consolidation impact the Internet's technical evolution and use?".
- Approved the action plan 2020

Participation

- Community Webinar on PIR / Ethos Capital / Internet Society,
- InterCommunity 2018, 2019: A Global Discussion on Community Networks,
- Performance Evaluation Criteria for ISOC Chapters,
- How to Prepare a Successful Video for the Chapterthon 2019 project,
- Quarterly European Chapters calls
- Internet Society Community Online calls
- ISOC Advisory Council (ChAC) regular calls



In the process of Chapters' evaluation
Armenia Chapter received
the highest ranking, GigaBadge!