



The Internet is for Everyone

Creativity Session - Rapporteur remarks
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Yanghee Choi: Dr. Choi made a good case for the scaling up of the network for the future Internet, and provided some examples of how creativity will be unleashed – assuming adequate development. He argued there is a role for governments in long-term research and development, to complement market mechanisms to scale up the network.

Geoff Huston: Geoff Houston discussed the end-to-end model, describing it as the essence of the Internet's effectiveness in terms of continual innovation in networking technologies and solutions. IP creates a completely neutral platform that supports as a superstructure all forms of both cooperation and competition with ad-hoc, distributed uncoordinated innovation and creative efforts at the application level. The result has been, and continues to be, an entirely open and unbiased competitive Internet-wide marketplace for innovative solutions and services.

Daniel Dardailler: Drawing on the experiences of W3C, Daniel Dardailler spoke about the key role of open standards for development of the Internet. He made the point that the process itself is a source of creativity, through its transparency and flexibility. He made special reference to the importance of working on access – for the disabled, and for all. Creativity in developing technologies for access has spin-off benefits that could not have been foreseen.

Douglas Van Houweling: Douglas Van Houweling emphasized the important role that research and education networks (RENs) played in the development of the Internet and enabling its expansion into an indispensable public tool. He argued that RENs continue to play a central role in development of the Internet as a platform, not only for science, creativity, but for the larger community of Internet users as well. He also outlined what he sees as useful roles that individual governments and the OECD can play to foster its development.