



IWF Newsletter

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Welcome to the second IWF e-newsletter of the 2009 series...

As well as supporting Safer Internet Day in February, IWF also attended and spoke at various events including ISPA's Annual Parliamentary Advisory Forum on E- Crime Reduction and a UK [Internet Governance Forum meeting](#) which reflected on lessons learned at the IGF meeting in Hyderabad in December 2008 and launched Nominet's Best Practice Challenge 2009. See more information about this below.

IWF Chief Executive, Peter Robbins OBE, QPM, spoke at the Westminster Forum: 'Taming the Wild Web - Online Content Regulation' where the extent and effectiveness of current regulation as well as national internet filtering and the regulatory challenges of greater online convergence were discussed.

Our Annual Report will be published in April 2009 and will provide further details of our operations and activities during the year as well as trends data regarding the scale and nature of child sexual abuse content on the internet. If you are interested to receive a copy, please email media@iwf.org.uk with your address.

Features this month include **IWF News, Nominet Best Practice Challenge 2009, Parliamentary Questions, EU News** and **IWF Literature**.

We welcome your comments on the newsletter, what you like about it, what you hope to see included and what you feel can be improved. Please email newsletter@iwf.org.uk with your thoughts and ideas.

IWF News

[NTT Europe Online announces IWF membership on Safer Internet Day](#)

Managed hosting company, NTT Europe Online, announces its support for the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), to help combat illegal online material and raise awareness of the issue on Safer Internet Day.

Nominet Best Practice Challenge 2009

Nominet's Best Practice Challenge 2009 will recognise those organisations, groups or individuals who have embraced the challenge of making the internet a secure, open, accessible or diverse experience for all.

Supporters of the Best Practice Challenge include MPs, industry leaders, civil institutions, businesses, public sector and academia.

There is an independent panel of judges, chaired by the Rt Hon Alun Michael MP.



Winning entries will be promoted as demonstrations of best practice to industry, government, academia and in the media both in the UK and internationally and invited to take a leading role in the UK preparatory meeting for IGF Egypt.

This year's categories are:

1. Best development project award
2. Best security initiative award
3. Raising industry standards award
4. Personal safety online award
5. Internet for all
6. Open Internet award

Closing date for applications is 3 April 2009. Click [here](#) for more information.

Parliamentary Questions

Margaret Moran MP asked a number of parliamentary questions relevant to online child sexual abuse content in February.

On 3 February she asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department when she plans to ensure that 100 per cent of internet service providers demonstrate their use of filters against child pornography; what timetable she has set for achieving this objective; and if she will make a statement. Click [here](#) to read the answer.

On 5 February she asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster whether each internet service provider supplying internet connectivity services to central Government deploys the blocking list of known child sexual abuse web sites provided by the Internet Watch Foundation. Click [here](#) to read the answer.

On 24 February she asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of progress in securing the co-operation of internet service providers in deploying the blocking list of known child sexual abuse web sites by the Internet Watch Foundation. Click [here](#) to read the answer.

On 3 February Dan Norris MP asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent steps the Government have taken in co-operation with its international counterparts to encourage the closure of overseas-hosted websites which contain images of child abuse. Click [here](#) to read the answer.

EU News

Combating the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse Images Report

On 3 February the European Parliament adopted a report on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse images. The report is a recommendation to the European Council with the aim of encouraging consistent application and revision of the Council Framework Decision (2004/68/JHA) on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse images.

The report encourages closer cooperation between EU member states. It highlights the importance of extending the operation of the Missing Child Alert System and calls for international collaboration against the dangers of information technology in order to protect children in a more effective way.

To read the report click [here](#).

IWF Literature

The IWF has a wide range of free promotional material for the public, IT professionals and the police. Click [here](#) for more information.

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