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NATIONAL ARCHIVES HOSTS INTERNET PIONEERS CERF AND KAHN

William G. McGowan Forum to focus on “the Debate Over Internet Governance”

Washington, DC. . . On Wednesday, October 3 at 7 PM, the National Archives will host the third annual William G. McGowan Forum on Communications, Technology, and Government. Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein will introduce the program and Tom Wheeler, President of the Foundation for the National Archives, will moderate “the debate over Internet governance” with Internet founding fathers Vinton G. Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist for Google, and Robert E. Kahn, chairman and CEO of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives. The program will take place in the William G. McGowan Theater of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, located on the National Mall at Constitution Ave. and 7th Street, NW. *This program is presented in partnership with the Greater Washington Chapter of the Internet Society.*

Join Internet visionaries Cerf and Kahn for a discussion of key questions on the future direction of the Internet: Who should and who will control the Internet? Who will decide our Internet freedoms? Does Internet governance concern you? More than a dozen intergovernmental organizations are deciding rules for the networked world, focusing on issues such as taxation, electronic ID, domain names, digital copyright, security, privacy, cybercrime, e-contracting, dispute resolution, consumer protection, foreign commercial relations, and free speech.

“The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund is delighted to provide the platform for this wonderful program,” said the Fund’s Executive Director, Diana Spencer. “Internet governance is as relevant and essential today, as the deregulation of the telephone industry was during Mr. McGowan’s tenure as Founder and CEO of MCI Communications. This dialogue should be of central interest to all.”

The National Archives is fully accessible. If you need to request an accommodation (e.g., sign language interpreter) for a public program please email public.program@nara.gov or call 202-357-5000 two weeks prior to the event to ensure proper arrangements are secured.

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