



ISPA Awards Internet Villain and Internet Hero Finalists Announced

8th June 2010 – ISPA, the Internet Service Providers' Association, has announced the finalists for the 2010 Internet Hero and Internet Villain awards. Among the finalists are Lords Mandelson and Clement Jones, Tom Watson MP and the campaigning group 38 Degrees.

The highly-prized Internet Hero award is bestowed upon an organisation or individual who has made a significant contribution to the Internet industry in the past year, whilst the dreaded title of Internet Villain recognises those that ISPA feels have had a negative impact upon the sector.

“The announcement of the Internet Hero and Internet Villain are always eagerly anticipated, and are the highlights of the ISPA award ceremony,” said Nicholas Lansman, ISPA Secretary General. “The Internet, now a major accelerator of the UK economy, has become increasingly a matter of public debate. It is therefore more important than ever to recognise those who have really made a positive impact on this sector. As for the Internet Villain, this is a good opportunity to highlight, in a light-hearted manner, those who have not assisted the development of this important industry and could do better.”

The winners of the two special awards will be selected from the finalists based on votes by members of the ISPA Council. They will be announced, along with the winners of the twelve other ISPA awards, at a glittering awards ceremony hosted at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square on Thursday 8th July.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at www.ispaawards.org.uk/page/tickets or by contacting awards@ispa.org.uk

ISPA Awards 2010 Internet Hero and Villain finalists:

Internet Hero – sponsored by Eclipse Internet

- Bridget Fox - For organising a grass roots challenge to the Digital Economy Bill
- Data.gov.uk - for showing the value of datasets and how the public can utilise government information
- Tom Watson MP, and all those who showed up to vote against the DE Bill, for their informed opposition to the Bill
- Zip It, Block It, Flag It campaign - for focusing on internet safety for parents and young children
- 38 Degrees Campaign - for mobilising public opposition to the Digital Economy Bill

Internet Villain

- ACS Law - for their aggressive, heavy-handed approach to targeting alleged copyright infringement via P2P networks
- The European Commission and the Council of Ministers - for conducting ACTA negotiations in a secretive manner and for failing to engage with stakeholders on an issue that is of vital importance for Europe's digital economy
- Lord Clement-Jones - for introducing amendment 120a to the Digital Economy Bill without sufficient research or understanding of the consequences
- Lord Mandelson - for ignoring principles of better regulation to amend an open consultation following lobbying from an interest group
- UK Parliament - for allowing the Digital Economy Bill to pass through the Commons without proper debate



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Notes to the editor:

The Internet Services Providers' Association (ISPA) was established in 1995 as a trade association to represent providers of Internet services in the UK. ISPA promotes competition, self-regulation and the development of the Internet industry. For a list of members or other information about ISPA, please consult the website: www.ispa.org.uk

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About The ISPA Awards:

The ISPAs - the UK Internet industry awards - are unique as they are awarded to people and organisations in the industry following rigorous testing and an independent judging process and reflect the broad nature of the internet service provider sector.

The Internet Services Providers' Association (ISPA UK) has been organising the UK Internet Industry Awards since 1999 to herald the best of the Internet industry and to celebrate innovation and best practice. In 2002 the BBC dubbed the awards "The ISPAs".