Quad9 public domain name service moves to Switzerland for maximum internet privacy protection

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Short bios of speakers

Bill Woodcock
Chairman of the Quad9 Foundation Council

Bill is the executive director of Packet Clearing House, the international non-governmental organization that builds and supports critical Internet infrastructure, including Internet exchange points and the core of the domain name system. Since entering the Internet industry in 1985, Bill has helped establish more than three hundred Internet exchange points. In 1989, Bill developed the anycast routing technique that now protects the domain name system. Bill serves on the board of directors of the M3AA Foundation, and was on the board of the American Registry for Internet Numbers for fifteen years. Now, Bill's work focuses principally on the security and economic stability of critical Internet infrastructure.

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John Todd
General Manager, Quad9

John Todd has been involved with the Quad9 project since inception in 2016, and has been working with DNS since 1989. His background in ISP, server hosting, satellite-based data systems, VoIP, and other large-scale network infrastructure have constantly incorporated the DNS as an underlying technology that forms the basis of his experience.

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Tom Kleiber
Managing Director, SWITCH

Tom Kleiber has been Managing Director of SWITCH since 1 January 2021. Previously, he held various leadership positions in large and medium-sized corporations. For example, as CEO of the ICT services provider connectis AG with 350 employees, at Siemens, Alcatel and as a member of the Management Board of Microsoft Switzerland. Most recently, Tom Kleiber led Zetamind AG as CEO and founding member, where he advocated for responsible data handling.

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Martin Leuthold
Head of Security and Network Division, SWITCH

After studying at ETH Zurich, Martin Leuthold worked in a number of ICT and security management functions in Switzerland and the Middle East region. He has been in charge of SWITCH's Security and Network division since 2016 and has been responsible for three national critical infrastructures operated by SWITCH. Martin Leuthold is a recognised Swiss information security expert who serves on several high-profile national boards and committees.

Martin Leuthold is a member of the Quad9 Foundation Council in Switzerland.

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Florian Schütz
Federal Cybersecurity Delegate

The Federal Cybersecurity Delegate reports directly to the Head of the Federal Department of Finance and is the contact for the political world, the media and the general public on questions related to cyber-risks. He heads the National Cybersecurity Centre (NCSC) and is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the national strategy for the protection of Switzerland against cyber-risks (NCS). He heads the interdepartmental committees on improving the coordination of activities in the area of cyber-risks, specifically the Cyber Core Group and the NCS Steering Committee.

Florian Schütz is a member of the Quad9 Foundation Council in Switzerland.