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Newly-Appointed Group Will Provide Global Perspective on Critical Technology Issues

New York, NY, September 20, 2019 – Recognizing the global impact of technology on all aspects of society and daily life, ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, has formed a new ACM Technology Policy Council to coordinate the agenda for its policy activities around the globe. With nearly 100,000 members across 190 countries, ACM is the world's largest association for computing professionals. ACM's worldwide reach, along with the technical expertise of its members, positions the organization to play an indispensable role in the global technology policy dialogue. The newly-launched council will serve as the central convening point for ACM's interaction with government organizations, the computing community, and the public in matters of public policy related to information technology and computing.

"The digital revolution is an international phenomenon," said ACM President Cherri M. Pancake, "and the leading tech companies, whose services are used by billions every day, have facilities and customers in countries all over the world. So the pressing issues we hear about in the media—such as online privacy, data breaches, algorithmic bias, and the future of the internet—go beyond national borders. ACM's new Technology Policy Council will provide a space in which computing professionals come together to offer global perspectives on global challenges."

ACM has been active in the policy arena for more than 25 years. Its US (USTPC) and European (EUTPC) Technology Policy Committees regularly provide nonpartisan technical expertise to policy leaders and government agencies on issues though briefings, testimony, comments, and reports. These committees will now work under the auspices of the new Technology Policy Council.

"The mission of the ACM Technology Policy Council will be to strengthen and elevate ACM's policy initiatives around the world," added ACM Technology Policy Council Chair Lorraine Kisselburgh. "Government officials and legislators in nations everywhere are grappling with questions regarding the governance of technology, and the complexity of these technologies demands critical expertise. What

ACM brings to the table is a deep bench of technical expertise to better inform policy, both nationally and globally."

One of the Technology Policy Council's first initiatives will be to publish a bimonthly series of short technical bulletins that summarize emerging technologies and research, and present nonpartisan perspectives on their policy implications. The ACM Tech Briefs series is intended to inform policy decision makers, the media and the general public.

The members of the inaugural ACM Technology Policy Council are:

Lorraine Kisselburgh (Chair), Purdue University
Michel Beaudouin-Lafon (Vice Chair), Université Paris-Sud
Vinton Cerf, Google
Lorrie Cranor, Carnegie Mellon University
Oliver Grau (Chair, EUTPC), Intel
James Hendler (Chair, USTPC), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Jeanna Matthews, Clarkson University
Máire O'Neill, Queens University Belfast
Latanya Sweeney, Harvard University
Michael Zimmer (Chair, Tech Briefs Committee), Marquette University

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