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Verisign Announces Winners of 2012 Internet Infrastructure Grants

Two research teams each awarded \$200,000 to conduct research aimed at strengthening Internet infrastructure

RESTON, VA - July 2, 2012 - Today, [VeriSign, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VRSN), the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world, announced the winners of its 2012 Internet Infrastructure Grants. The two winning proposals, selected from a pool of 24 submissions from researchers around the world, will each receive a \$200,000 grant to advance research projects addressing Internet infrastructure and access challenges faced by users in the developing world and elsewhere.

The 2012 Verisign Internet Infrastructure Grants awardees are [Z. Morley Mao](#) from the University of Michigan and [Cui Yong](#) from Tsinghua University, China for their proposal titled, Converged, Secure Mobile Communication Support Through Infrastructure-opportunistic, DHT-based Network Services, and [Philippe Cudré-Mauroux](#) from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland and [Christophe Guéret](#) from VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands for their proposal titled, Downscaling Entity Registries for Poorly-Connected Environments.

"In today's connected digital world, it is imperative that Internet infrastructure and access challenges faced by many areas of the developing world are addressed to help ensure this vital information resource is available to everyone," said [Dr. Burt Kaliski Jr.](#), chief technology officer of Verisign. "We are very pleased to be able to support the innovative research being done by this year's Infrastructure Grant winners to help address these challenges."

The selection of these proposals was done by a panel of expert judges who have played leading roles in developing the policies and technology that have supported the Internet's growth. For more information about Verisign's 2012 Internet Infrastructure Grant Program, including information about the judges and judging criteria, visit www.VerisignInc.com/grants.

About Verisign

VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) is the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world. Billions of times each day, Verisign helps companies and consumers all over the world connect between the dots. Additional news and information about the company is available at www.VerisignInc.com.

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