

Frank Fowlie

Frank Fowlie has been the inaugural Ombudsman for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) since November 2004. ICANN is the organization which administers the domain name system for the global internet. Dr. Fowlie began his career as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Frank earned a Doctor of Conflict Resolution from La Trobe University, Melbourne (2008). His work was recognized with the "Outstanding Research Thesis Merit Award" for 2008. Frank also holds a Masters in Conflict Analysis and Management (2003) and Bachelor degrees from the Universities of Manitoba (Arts 1980) and Regina (Human Justice 1991). Frank has taken negotiation training with the Harvard University Program on Negotiation. He is a Fellow with the National Centre for Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Frank has also served as a professor with the Justice Studies program at Royal Roads University.

Frank was previously employed with the United Nations. In 2000, he was working with the United Nations in East Timor, and was appointed the UN's Olympic Games Officer. In that role he worked with the International Olympic Committee and the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) to bring four Individual Olympic Athletes from East Timor to the 2000 Olympics. Frank served as the athletes' team leader or Chef de Mission at the Olympics.

Frank swam with the University of Manitoba Bison Swim Team. He has been an active Masters Swimmer, and was President of the Victoria Masters Swim Club. Frank holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and a private pilot license. He is an avid scuba diver and underwater photographer, and has certified hundreds of divers and many instructors as an instructor trainer.

Frank has been active in the Royal Life Saving Society Canada. He was a coach - competitor at the 1988 World Life Saving Championships, and served as National Lifeguard Service Chairman and Branch Vice President. He was presented with the RLSS Diploma with Honours - the highest life saving award in the Commonwealth - by Prince Michael of Kent in 1992. He was awarded the Bar to the Service Medal in 1997 for his volunteer service to the RLSSC.

Frank has been a volunteer with the 1994 Commonwealth Games, the 1999 Pan Am Games, and the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. He was a graduate of the 2004 Olympic Academy of Canada, and was a volunteer at Canada Olympic House at the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics.

Frank has published many articles, and a book, on conflict resolution, as well as co-authoring a book on East Timor and the Olympic Games "Prayer Road".