

Having a hearing loss will not keep you from...



inventing the internet!



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Vinton Cerf

Routinely called “the father of the internet, Vinton Cerf first gained international

renown for his contributions to the development of what later came to be known as the internet.

Vinton Cerf is deaf, having had a hearing loss since birth, and has a cochlear implant. He met his wife, Sigrid, at an Audiologist’s office. It is reported that Vinton’s frustrations with communication with other researchers led to his work in developing internet communications protocols.

Among his many achievements, Cerf served on the board of Gallaudet University and supported computer-building programs for deaf students. Many recognitions have been awarded to Cerf over the years, and the deaf and hard of hearing community has been proud to call him their own. Vinton Cerf remains in heavy demand as a public speaker, travelling the world, and has published over 50 technical articles.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinton_Cerf

<http://deafness.about.com/cs/celebfeatures/a/vintoncerf.htm>



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Vinton Cerf, Robert Kahn and President George W. Bush during ceremonies at the White House in 2005. Cerf and Kahn received Medal of Freedom awards in honor for their work in helping to create the modern Internet.

AWARDS & HONORS

- * Living Legend Medal from the Library of Congress in 2000
- * National Medal of Technology by President Clinton (with Robert Kahn) in 1997
- * Inducted as a Fellow of the Computer History Museum in 2000
- * Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush (with Robert Kahn) in 2005
- * Inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (with Robert Kahn) in 2006
- * St. Cyril and Methodius in the Coat of Arms Order in 2006
- * Inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame in 2012