
EVIN ERDOĞDU:

Hello, everyone. It is now three minutes past the scheduled start time. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the EURALO single issue call, Meet the Candidates – EURALO Replacement ALAC Member on Wednesday, 8th February 2017 at 19:00 UTC.

Today on the call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Bastiaan Goslings, Oksana Prykhodko, Nenad Marinkovic, Sebastien, Yrjö Lansipuro, Matthieu Camus, Anne Marie Joly, Alan Greenberg, and I believe, Sandra Hofereichter.

For staff, we have Heidi Ulrich, Silvia Vivanco and myself, Evin Erdoğan.

We have no listed apologies.

I would like to remind participants to please state your name before speaking. With this, I'll turn it over to you, Olivier. Please begin.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Evin. Today's call is going to be an hour with the two candidates for the ALAC seat that was vacated by the previous person who had it. The structure of the call is going to be pretty straightforward. We'll first give about 15 minutes for each candidate to introduce themselves, state their vision, view the future as ALAC member, what they're going to be dealing with.

And then afterwards, we'll have an open discussion where the candidates question and answer, etc. between the EURALO members and the candidates.

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Just before we start, have we missed anyone in the roll call? Has anybody arrived after the roll call? Have you not heard your name yet?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: León Sanchez, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, León. Recorded. Anyone else? Okay, let's get going then.

So, presentation by the candidates first. You each have about 15 minutes to introduce yourself. I believe that the Expressions of Interests from each of the candidates, so Bastiaan and Oksana are online, and I think there's a link also that will be posted as well as that page to be displayed on the Adobe Connect. We thought we'd start alphabetically, so let's first start with Bastiaan Goslings. Bastiaan, you have the –

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Thank you very much. Yes, hello, Olivier. Can you hear me properly?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, very well.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Very much for the introduction and thanks for having me. Hello, everyone. Well, I believe you've given me a 15-minute time slot, which is very much appreciated, but I'd rather avoid doing a lengthy monolog

and going for instance through my resume in detail and elaborate on all the committees that I've been on and workshops I've organized, etc.

I shared some information on the mailing list which I trust people have read, and I'd obviously be happy to answer any more details or specific questions, but I do hope that we can make this an interactive session.

My name is Bastiaan Goslings. I'm Dutch, I represent the Dutch Internet Society chapter as an At-Large Structure. I work for the Amsterdam Internet Exchange. I am married, I have three daughters: 14, 17, and 20.

Hobbies, what I enjoy doing besides my work – which I love – working for the Internet industry: I like to go running, I like to go to the gym. I am the cook at home. Living with four females, surprisingly I'm the one who always cooks. So if I'm traveling, that's a bit of a challenge for them, but I think it works out fine. I love to read. I play rhythm guitar in a rock band, and obviously, I do some volunteer work, and potentially being on the ALAC would add to the latter.

Looking at the ALAC, what do I have in mind when it comes to an agenda? I take as a starting point what is mentioned in the ICANN Bylaws, that is that the role of the ALAC shall be to consider and provide advice on the activities of ICANN as far as they relate to the interests of individual Internet users.

So, that is I think where my focus would be, making the voice of end users heard in the ICANN policymaking process, and as such have a specific and concrete impact on the outcome. Concrete also in the sense that it is feasible that this outcome is partly being determined by the At-Large community.

I think as a person, I tend to be quite practical. That not only helps me to manage my own resources, but hopefully in this case it'll also have a focused agenda to manage expectations not only for myself but also for others. Importantly, I think also to measure progress, what are we actually achieving within the ICANN community and what kind of impact are we having on the outcome of the policymaking process.

And as a side effect of that, also to demonstrate that At-Large as such has an impact and as such is also perceived by other stakeholders that we have that impact. I mentioned in an early e-mail that I was triggered by the initial draft version of the At-Large review report. This is probably not the place to go into detail with regard to the report itself, but even though comments have been incorporated of the At-Large working party, the main confusions are still there, and I think we need to deal with them.

And whatever we think of the content – and I see messages [that come] from people with regards to how factual the conclusions are and whether they're correct and whether context and history is sufficiently kept in mind, if we don't deal with these conclusions in the report, I think there is a risk that it will become a self-fulfilling prophecy and we're confronted with the results of that.

I am a relative newcomer to ICANN and therefore also to At-Large. Taking one of the conclusions of the review, I can say that I did not find it difficult to become involved. If that would be the case, then I would probably not be sitting here. But I do think that outside awareness as the report calls it with regards to At-Large could be improved.

And from that angle, I tend to agree with the perception that report describes. Other stakeholders think that At-Large tends to be self-absorbed [inaudible].

[inaudible] the interests of end users. I'm not saying I agree with that. I agree with that particular perception. That is also what as a relatively newcomer I have heard from many other stakeholders over the last couple of years. And I have to say that too is an additional argument for me to work closely with those stakeholder groups within ICANN together to determine the best outcome of the policymaking process. And again, I stress policymaking process because I think at the end of the day, that is what it's about. And also as such to improve the perception others have of At-Large, as I mentioned earlier.

Of course, it's good if there are ways that we can make it easier for individuals, for end users to participate in At-Large. Also maybe in the policymaking process instead of being a direct member of an At-Large Structure.

I'm not going to comment on the proposed empowered membership model, but related to that, I think it is very important that we continue to work on engaging At-Large Structures themselves more and to help them involve their local communities when it comes to the global role that ICANN performs, and what that means for the interests of end users. I think if we can have an impact there and if we achieve to do that, then we can probably demonstrate that there is no reason to introduce for instance an empowered membership model. Then we can use the model that we have now more effectively.

Those are some ideas I have with regard to what I would like to do when I can get on the ALAC. I mentioned also in a message that I'm not very well versed when it comes to all the ICANN specifics, so I would need to focus on getting more acquainted with all the details and the status of the policies that are ongoing and which I can be involved in, but I do mention on a very regular basis I work with a Dutch ccTLD operator, the GAC representatives.

I talk to a couple of the Board members on an occasional basis. Also people from the [SSAC/ASO] Council and the [ISPCP] members and I know most of them, so from that angle, I'm very much aware of the different stakeholders, and also to an extent all the politics that they are involved in and the different angles that they're coming from.

So, I will leave my statement here. I have no idea how much time that took me, but looking forward to any questions people might have, and also very much interested of course to hear what Oksana has to say. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Bastiaan. Now we're going to turn over to Oksana Prykhodko. Oksana, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Oliver. Hello, everyone, and thank you very much for participating in this call. First of all, I would like to introduce myself. I am Oksana Prykhodko. I live in Kiev, Ukraine. I'm director of international non-governmental organization European Media Platform

with headquarter in Kiev, Ukraine. Our president is Hanne Severinsen from Denmark, and I'm very happy that she supported my self-nomination. We have members from Denmark, Armenia, Finland, Sweden, other European countries, and of course from Ukraine.

In 2009, I graduated European Summer School on Internet Governance [inaudible] in 2010 participated in ICANN fellowship program. Graduated DiploFoundation courses on Internet governance. Our organization was founded in 2010, and in the same year European Media Platform joined At-Large and I was elected as a EURALO secretariat for two years.

Priorities of our organization are integration of Ukraine and other post-soviet countries into European informational society and European single digital market, promotion of the concept of multi-stakeholderism, development of Internet governance ecosystem first of all in Eastern Europe.

That is why we actively participate in Internet Governance Forum, in European Dialog on Internet Governance, in South East European Dialog on Internet Governance, participated in NETmundial. In 2010, I initiated Ukrainian Internet Governance Forum, and since then, I'm a member of IGF UA Steering Committee. We have had seven addition for this forum and in 2016 ICANN was its core organizer with participation of ICANN Vice President Michael Yakushev. In previous years, we invited some members of At-Large community to Ukrainian IGF and we highly appreciate their participation – Olivier, Sébastien, Sandra, Wolf, Narine Khachatryan, Andrei Kolesnikov.

I am also member of Working Group on Regional and National Initiatives, NRIs, and member of Working Group on toolkits for Internet Governance Forum. To help Ukrainians and citizens of other post-Soviet countries to understand Internet governance and multi-stakeholderism, we translate a lot of materials into Ukrainian and Russian.

Our latest translations for example are the articles of Wolfgang Kleinwachter, Internet governance outlook 2017 and Council of Europe report on Ukrainian legislation on cybersecurity into Ukrainian. I have to say [inaudible] to use the term multi-stakeholderism in Ukrainian, before it was used Ukrainian translation of the term multilateral. So, we did not see any differences between multilateral and multi-stakeholder approach in Ukrainian. Unfortunately, in our latest version of the law on cybersecurity, one can see again the bill to protect national segment of Internet, which creates new challenges to open and free Internet.

In 2012, Ukraine was among four members of the Council of Europe which signed ITU documents. Since then, we organized roundtable with [inaudible] agency on e-governance. Its [inaudible] represents Ukraine in GAC and with participation of all other Ukrainian governmental structures to ensure governmental support to the concept of multi-stakeholderism. It was done before U.N. General Assembly on [inaudible] review and after this roundtable our official representative in GAC, wrote to Thomas Schneider, head of the GAC that Ukraine supports IANA Transition. I think it's extremely important for our country, and we are equally proud of this achievement. Actually, it was also our achievement to activate Ukraine representation in GAC and for the first time, official representative of Ukraine in GAC will participate in ICANN meeting in person in Copenhagen.

As a member of At-Large Council [inaudible] Ukrainian governmental structures [inaudible] special communication and protection of information and state agency of e-governance, I also raised issues of Internet governance, multi-stakeholderism and ICANN on governmental level.

As a journalist in the past who covered activity of the Council of Europe and was member of the group of specialists on human rights in the Information Society of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on [inaudible] and new communication services, I think we have to use more actively standards of the Council of Europe on Internet governance, especially in Eastern Europe, and I will be happy if EURALO will take part in this activity.

In 2012, we initiated International Forum Media for Information Society, and again, Michael Yakushev, Olivier, Sébastien, [Rianna], [inaudible], Andrei Kolesnikov took part in it. One of our main activities in Ukraine is organization of remote hubs [inaudible] EuroDIG and IGF. I think it's extremely important of ALS members engagement, and I would like to use it more actively.

In At-Large, I actively participated in ICANN [IGN] [inaudible] group of experts, Cyrillic script. Now a member of ALAC Board Members Selection Process Committee, EURALO Bylaw Taskforce Working Group and EURALO Taskforce on ALS Engagement.

In general in ICANN, my priorities are transparency and accountability, trends [inaudible] of Internet users in Internet governance and in ICANN, trends in horizontal and vertical integration of different aspects

of Internet governance ecosystem. [inaudible] transparency and accountability.

I would like to mention the work of ALAC Board Member Selection Process Committee. I participate in this group for the second time. Four years ago, we met some problems with procedure. For example, regarding in terms of proxies, and after report of the head of our group, Tijani Ben Jemaa, ALAC changed some points in its Rules of Procedures.

I think this is the best example of transparency and accountability, and I would like to continue this practice as possible ALAC member in future. Regarding strengthening the role of internet users in Internet governance and ICANN, I begin with understanding who is who in At-Large and first of all in EURALO. That is why I created EURALO dashboard. Now I participate in the EURALO Taskforce on ALS Engagement, and I propose to invite members of ALSes to present some issues during monthly teleconference calls instead of only Olivier's presentations.

It helps to involve more Internet users in policy advising process of At-Large, but it also brings new vision of internal business and procedure of At-Large and ICANN. In order to [make] remote hub for ICANN conferences, it would be great to organize remote discussions between ALAC and remote hub. In this context, I am talking not about only remote participation of ALS members and Internet users in At-Large meetings, but about special events when ALAC members will answer questions and propositions of participants of remote hubs to hear from ALS members and other Internet users about their concerns and problems, and react to them.

One of the problems of the engagement of more people in At-Large policy advising process is great gap between everyday needs of Internet users and ICANN issues. Development of very simple, understandable synopsis of ICANN problems, especially in local languages and with local examples will help to overcome this problem.

For my third priority of strengthening horizontal and vertical integration of different sectors with Internet governance ecosystem, I also would like to mention mapping of IG ecosystem. I did such mapping at SEEDIG for South Eastern European countries last year, and I would be happy to continue with work for At-Large to better understand the state of Internet governance in different countries and stakeholder groups to help capacity building and networking in ALAC and At-Large.

For the conclusion, I would like to say that it is very important for me to replace Veronica Cretu from Moldova in ALAC. I highly appreciate your work in ALAC at NomCom, and I wish you all the best in personal and professional life. But I think that Internet users of Eastern Europe are underrepresented in ALAC and ICANN, and gender and regional balance is extremely important for effective function of global multi-stakeholder organization.

On other side, Eastern European users lack knowledge and understanding of ICANN activity and concept of multi-stakeholderism, and I and my organization do our best to fill this gap. My priority in At-Large to help post-Soviet communities to understand multi-stakeholderism and ICANN, and to help ICANN to understand us. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Oksana. Okay, so we've had the opening statements from each one of our candidates, and you've also got on the agenda a link to both of their Expressions of Interest. And I get now we have very open set of questions and answers between EURALO members and the candidates, so the queue is open if you would like to put your hand up in the usual way.

I guess I should start, since I don't see anyone in the queue so far. I was going to ask, sort of one of the things that the At-Large review has mentioned is that – well, they certainly seem to have downgraded the concept of an At-Large Structure, and are putting an emphasis on this Empowered Community of members, so having individual membership rather than At-Large Structures. And one of the criticisms is that the At-Large Structures don't seem to be putting out the view – or, well, putting out the ICANN message into the community, and then collecting the input from the community and bringing it into the ICANN processes.

So, they seem to be saying that, well, it's just a collection of a handful of people but it's not actually going out in the community. How do you relay your message to other people in your community and in your At-Large Structure? Do we want to start with Bastiaan?

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Yes, thank you, Olivier. Is there an echo on my –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, not at all. You sound fine.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Because I can hear myself. I can hear an echo, and I see that Evin from staff also sent me a message with echo.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Is there an echo? I'm not hearing an echo.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Something I referred to in my introduction, and I think it's an important question and it's an important challenge. And to be honest, I don't have a clear solution that I can directly hand you. I think it will probably also depend on the situation of ALSes is probably not all of them are the same and not all of them are equally involved and engaged. So, from that angle, I think I am convinced that there is no reason to introduce a model, based on feedback I got from others.

I have not been involved, and I'm not sufficiently aware of the history and the context of what happened previously, but from that perspective, I'm quite happy – and Oksana also referred to the taskforce to increase engagement of At-Large Structures, and I definitely think there's room that we have there to improve the engagement and to improve the input that we can receive of experts and people from different regions and different ALSes. That can help us, and also for instance on the ALAC or others that are holding the pen and working on policy proposal, reflecting on policy that is suggested.

So, it doesn't have to be a very small and rather limited, a core of people who have to do all the work. I think potentially there must be so

much knowledge and also energy and ideas out there that we just need to reach out to, and I think we're making a good start there, but definitely we have to put more time and energy into that.

I think, again, if that works, then I'm confident that we can have a good impact there. Then we can demonstrate that the ALSes indeed do represent the opinions of end users and the interests of end users from different regions and different constituencies, and that they are being fed into the At-Large and into the policymaking that ALAC reflects on.

Then we can demonstrate that, and I would be more than willing also to face-to-face to talk to you from other stakeholders and convince them of what we're up to and why we're doing it and where we're coming from. Because to a large extent, I think it's largely based on perception. Probably there is some factual truth there too, but it's very much perception. But again, if we don't do anything about the perception, then it becomes reality and then we all have to deal with the negative results. And that would be really I think unnecessary, and also very unfortunate if that would happen. I would [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: If I can jump in, Bastiaan, in your own At-Large Structure, how do you relay the message? How do you get that input from your colleagues?

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Well, we feed them information via our mailing list, we put it on the website, we organize the occasional meetings. We've done a couple of them on the IANA transition and on other topics also that are directly

related to Internet governance topics and things that ICANN is involved in, and also even just giving presentations, and like kind of a workshop, just what are the different entities in the Internet governance sphere and what are the roles they perform and how does it work and how is policy determined and how do we actually come to agreements and how do we reach standards and how do we make things interoperable?

I have to be honest, despite all the work that we're putting into it, I think we're being successful and we're receiving great response, but it remains a challenge for us too, probably just like for others to see the numbers. If you organize something, there might be 20 people and we have still quite a way to go in order to engage more end users and also to receive from them the feedback of what they think, and so that we also have more links to see, "Okay, hey, this is where we can add more value and this is where we need to put more work and energy into it in order to engage end users."

So, I think we're doing quite a good job, but we still have a way to go in terms of the numbers, and actually also feeling ourselves that we do [inaudible] because at the end of the day, that's also the question for us as an At-Large Structure, like in what sense do we represent the Dutch end user? Also in my case, if I would be going to an ICANN meeting and being part of the At-Large discussions, in that case who am I representing there? That remains a continuing question that's always in the back of my mind if I'm making statements. I hope that provides you some context, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And I was speaking [as] I was muted. Sorry about this. Thank you, Bastiaan. Oksana, how do you relay your message or the ALAC message over to your colleagues and members in your community, and how do you get that input from your community into ICANN?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. Actually, just a [inaudible] we are trying to translate and to explain critical ICANN issues. We are not very interested in going into details of technical issues, we are just trying to explain that there are two approaches to Internet governance.

Our country is between two of these approaches, and we do our best to ensure that Ukraine will support multi-stakeholderism and [also] in free Internet. In this way, it's very important for us to organize discussion of translated articles. Just [inaudible] it was a great pleasure for us to translate and to discuss your report from [visit] 12 and it really helps us to work with our governmental representatives.

And for us also, it's also a great problem ICANN jurisdiction. Because our Minister of Foreign Affairs, for example, explained to us that ICANN is just non-governmental organization and no involvement of Minister of Foreign Affairs, not needed into this case. And we are trying to change this situation. We really participate in GAC ICANN, and we are trying to receive any feedback from all stakeholders, not only from civil society. Our representative, Alexander Kondaurov was member of New gTLD Review Working Group and he really provide a lot of information to Ukrainian hosters and providers regarding new program.

And I think that it's very important to have personal ties, personal relationships between our members and At-Large representatives, and that is why we highly appreciate you, Olivier, and other representative participation in our Ukrainian events.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Oksana. I'm looking at the queue, and at the moment, nobody is queuing up to ask questions, which is not something I would have imagined. But maybe perhaps it's fine because both of you were very comprehensive in your introduction and in your answers. I'm looking also at the chat, and are there any questions in the chat too? No, there's no question in the chat either. This is rather unusual. I could certainly ask more questions myself, but I'd rather have the community ask questions. This is your chance to ask the candidates about anything to do with At-Large, ALAC, EURALO and this sort of thing.

So, a question I see from Andrei Kolesnikov. That's an easy one, isn't it? "What do they think about the ITEMS report?" Which is, of course, the At-Large review contractor that performed the At-Large review. Let's start with Oksana. Oksana, what's your view on the ITEMS report?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Actually, I think that the most important issue in this report is also about engagement of Internet users, and I would like to again strengthen the role of At-Large in general. For example, I would like to mention [inaudible] Eastern European IDN Forum which was held in Kiev in December 2016, and ICANN representatives describing the system of cybersecurity work in ICANN did not mention At-Large at all.

And it was very disappointing for us because it's really extremely important, and extremely important to strengthen the role of Internet users in this issue. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm facing problems with unmuting. Thank you, Oksana. Over to Bastiaan, same question.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Yes, thank you, Olivier. I think I already made a couple of comments, also in my introduction, right? To include a link to what I think I could bring or where I would like to put my energy and resources if I had the opportunity to be on the ALAC.

It's quite hard for me to properly interpret the report as such. Just reading as is, I think I use the word in an e-mail I found it quite shocking, the way that it was put on paper. And this is maybe too obvious, but to me this seems like that is really important that we absolutely will have to deal with and will have to make the most of it to turn this around, because again, if we are perceived – if At-Large is perceived as all those anonymous quotes from other stakeholder groups suggest, then I think we seriously have to work on it to turn that around, especially now if we're convinced that is not true and to a large extent what the conclusions that [inaudible] the report.

So, whether with regard to the limited amount of people within At-Large that is actually doing the work and that is holding the positions, or more importantly even the supposed limited representation when it

comes to the interests of end users that basically people from At-Large are acting in their own interest. Combined with that that At-Large supposedly has relatively limited impact within ICANN, I think that again, if it's just perception, it's serious.

So, not really sure what to say but that we seriously – probably already happening but I'm not part of it, but we really have to discuss this and make an action plan how we're going to deal with this. So again, I can only repeat what I said earlier. I think this is really serious stuff, and I would definitely – I think this is one of the main things what I can see now that we would have to follow up on, and I definitely want to work on that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks, Bastiaan. We have a question in the chat from Erich Schweighofer, and then afterwards, I will turn over to Christopher Wilkinson. So first, Erich Schweighofer's question: "Motivating the ALS is a key to success. How would you like to do this?" Let's start with Bastiaan.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Yes. I think Erich has a very important question, and we already touched upon on that topic. I initially focused the impact that we as At-Large want to have on the outcome of policymaking, because the main role of At-Large as I see it – and quoting also the ICANN Bylaws – but in order to do so, in order to actually – that we can say that what we're doing with ICANN is actually representing the interests of end users at large,

the actual engaging of end users via At-Large Structures is of the utmost importance, and I do think that there's a lot to be won in that area.

We've already talked about the taskforce on At-Large engagement, and I've been somewhat – I'm in the taskforce, I've been somewhat active there, and I think we're making sure steps in terms of collecting expertise, reaching out to At-Large Structures in order to see what are the experts in different topics and different areas.

The initial response we're receiving for that I think is very positive, so what we can do now is work on that further. Oksana also referred to the fact that she came up with the idea to actually engage and involve these experts and get them on calls, and whatever it is with regards to and reflecting on particular policy related topics that are at hand, or otherwise have people bring in their expertise and maybe do a presentation of something else. Those are things we can do to start engaging these At-Large Structures more, and if we can do that, then we can also reflect on that and feed that back for those At-Large Structures because I wouldn't be surprised if a large number of them does not really feel that they're in real contact with the At-Large community besides maybe the occasional e-mail or invite to a conference call that they might have to ignore.

So, those are a couple of things that we're working on at the moment, and I think there's a good energy there, and I think if we continue that, then there's a lot to be won.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Bastiaan. Next is Oksana. How do you propose motivating At-Large Structures?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. Actually, my dream is to change the work of At-Large et al. I think that we have to discuss those issues which are priorities for local communities. For example, I was criticized for raising the issue of .ukr, our Ukrainian IDN in Cyrillic. But I think that each ALS has to raise issues of their own country and their own community, and then we have to discuss these local issues but on global level.

And I would like to say that we are trying to breach [all this] ICANN activity and our Ukrainian issues, and it's really very difficult because in post-Soviet countries, there is no understanding of this approach to Internet governance, and we are trying to follow post-Soviet direction.

I would like to add that it's not only motivation, but maybe it has to be obligation also. For example, it's not very understandable for me why we can't nominate representatives of ALSes which are not active in monthly teleconference calls in discussing any issues, in working in taskforce or working group, etc. And I would like to reflect all these issues in our new EURALO Bylaws. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Oksana. Now, let's turn over to Christopher Wilkinson. Christopher, you have the floor.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Hello, good evening, everybody. I would like to invite the candidates to focus not on the general question as to what we think about the ITEMS report, because that's multi [variance] but on two specific issues. The first issue I would invite them to comment on, how do you envisage representation of individual users in the ICANN structure?

We have historically now three options: the original proposal of individual members who would elect Board members, abandoned in the early 2000s. Secondly, the ALS structure with which we are familiar, and the particular version that we have in Europe of a specific ALS structure dealing with open to individual members. And thirdly, the ITEMS proposal for individual members to become direct members of At-Large. So, that would be my first question: where do you situate yourselves in terms of those broad options which are apparently on the table? The second question –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Christopher, I'll tell you what: let's just get the candidates, let them to answer the first question, and then you can ask the second question. Is that okay?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yes, absolutely. Always under the orders of the Chair.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So, let's start with this first question then, and we'll start with Oksana. How do you envisage representation of individual Internet users in the ICANN structure?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. Actually, I think that it would be great to involve individual users in the activity of existing ALS, and it would be great to strengthen also the role of this existing ALS. As I mentioned before, in my mapping I try to analyze how ALS are involved in national IG ecosystem.

And in case an ALS is supporting a national IGF, this is the best way to collect all views from individual Internet users. And after such forums and after the fact discussion, for example in Ukrainian we have ongoing steering committee to discuss all issues of Internet governance. Then members and both Ukrainian ALS are members of this steering committee, and then these ALSes can provide voices of internet users into ICANN.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Oksana. So, a strong link between Internet governance and the processes of ICANN. Bastiaan Goslings.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Thank you, Olivier. Thanks, Christopher, for the question. My apologies if I was not sufficiently clear, but I tried to say in my introduction and also later on that I am not convinced [this report] as far as I can actually really judge whatever it says.

I am not convinced that we need to change the structure as it is. So, that means I believe – well, improvements can be made, but the existing structure and the At-Large Structures that we know represent

different regions, etc., their end user constituencies, that they're the ones to do it, and I believe that's a good model.

Practically speaking, I find it very hard to imagine how that would work if any individual would come along and – that's not what the report says, but I think it would become messy, so to speak. So, I don't think that would be manageable, so for the time being I think the structure that we have now is the structure that we would need to stick to. But as I said, improvements can be made, and we already talked about working on engaging At-Large Structures more, and via those At-Large Structures obviously the input from the end users that they represent and get those onboard, those opinions, and to get more flowing.

I think if we can achieve that and we can demonstrate that that works and we can create greater engagement from that angle, then we have to have a good model to work with and to continue to work with.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Bastiaan.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Next to that, I mentioned the fact that if there are ways that we can engage individuals – I'm not speaking of At-Large Structures then, the individuals more – then I would be happy to think about that. As far as I'm aware, either meetings – At-Large meeting are open for anyone, the face-to-face meetings for anyone to join. Anyone can pick up the microphone and make a comment or ask a question. As far as I know, calls are open, equally open. That doesn't, of course, count for the

voting and procedures like that, but anything that we can do to engage individuals more and to make them aware that they can always join and see what happens and talk and discuss and participate.

Anything we can do there, I'd be happy to think about that, obviously. But again, the structure we have now, I think that's the structure we can keep [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Bastiaan. Let's go to Christopher for the second question.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Thank you, Olivier. I don't want to embarrass anybody – not excluding myself – but what are the candidates' views about the merits of experience versus rotation and new blood? The ITEMS report is fairly frank, and perhaps [inaudible] limit rude about the risks of a few people – and those who don't know me well may note that personally, I've been involved in this business for 20 years so I confess to certain bias – that the report criticizes the fact that their view that a few people dominate the At-Large process at the expense of the participation of newcomers.

So, what are the candidates' views about the balance of advantage between experience – bearing in mind that many other constituencies are represented by very experienced people – versus rotation, diversity, gender balance and other considerations which would result in a wider range of people participating in the leadership of At-Large?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Christopher. Let's turn over to Bastiaan first.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Thank you, Christopher. Obviously, I am all for newcomers to join, because obviously as I mentioned I feel like – to an extent at least – like a newcomer myself. That's of course not a serious answer to your question. I referred a couple of times to the tone in the report and certain statements that are being made and that – as they are presented at least – represent a perception amongst other stakeholder groups of the way that At-Large operates, and also who participates, and as you called it the risk of a select group of a few people that tend to dominate it, and functions rotate at the expense of newcomers being able to join, probably because it's too intimidating or whatever.

Maybe if I can turn it around and put that as a counter question, those types of statements are mentioned in the report, are they actually true? I'm asking as a newcomer, how would you – it doesn't have to be you like you Christopher, but how would others who have been there for a longer time, how would they respond to those types of statements that it's actually a limited number of people and it's a game of dancing chairs as I think one of the people mentions it in the report, which makes it harder for newcomers to actually come onboard? How would more experienced people in the At-Large community, people on the call now, how would they respond to a statement like that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm not quite sure we want to respond at this moment. I don't know. Christopher, do you have any thoughts?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: I've a comment after Oksana has spoken.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Let's turn over to Oksana then to respond to Christopher's question.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier, and thank you, Christopher, for this question. Actually, I think that participation of newcomers – and especially of youths – in Internet governance is critical for the future of Internet, and that is why – and the key for this participation is education.

That is why we share the information about all educational programs in ICANN, ISOC, EuroDIG, DiploFoundation. We just now make an agreement with the Ministry of Education about sharing of this program, and we organize presentations during educational forum.

Another way I think is about organizing of youth IGF in Ukraine. We are working on this issue just now, and maybe next year, maybe not next year but this year, we organize this Ukrainian youth IGF. And I will be happy that a lot of Ukrainians will participate in ICANN fellowship program. We have a lot of Ukrainians in this program, and in NextGen program we also have two Ukrainians who are in this program, and we are trying in Ukraine to help the network of all fellows of ICANN, of EuroDIG, of Diplo and really to raise our capacity building.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Oksana. Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Well, first of all, thank you. I'd like to thank both candidates for their thoughtful replies which are perfectly understandable and merit support. It's a subject as I'd say with some authority as the ultimate long timer, I support diversity, gender balance, and newcomers.

But, first of all, the environment is sufficiently complex that it is necessary that leadership has sufficient experience to know what they're talking about, and if as a result of ITEMS or any other initiative term limitations are introduced – and there is a good case for introducing term limitations – that means that those certain positions cannot be held for more than X, Y, Z years concurrently.

If term limits are introduced, they must be introduced across the board. It would be perfectly wrong for term limitations to be introduced in At-Large whereas in other constituencies they were not introduced. That would be my main point. But of course, that is the point of view of an individual Internet user, nothing more. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Christopher. We have one more minute until the end of this call, but we actually have a small extension from staff, so the next question is from Wolf Ludwig in the chat, and the question is, "How can we better push particular European sensitivities and concerns like privacy, legal frameworks, registrars, etc. in ALAC and in ICANN?"

And I wanted to batch this question with another question that I have received in Skype, which is, “How are the candidates planning to bring the ALAC discussions and topics back to the EURALO membership so that members are better informed about ALAC issues?”

So, how do you expect to push European issues in one direction and to get ALAC issues over to At-Large Structures and European users? We’ll start with Oksana, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO:

Thank you, Olivier, and thank you Wolf for the question. First of all, I am not sure that we have particular European sensitivities. I think that we have different, again, approaches in some regions of Europe, and that is why first of all we have to understand what we are talking about.

For example, in my country, the term of public interest is extremely dangerous. That is why I am not very happy with this discussion in EURALO and in At-Large at all, because again, we can see different approaches to the use of this ideology.

And again, for example in our country, privacy is not privilege for us because we are not understanding in right way how to use it and how to ensure it. And that is why we really need regional balance in ALAC to understand the different approaches to this issue.

And the second question was... Sorry. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Oksana. The second question was the other way around: how do you plan to bring the ALAC issues into the EURALO leadership and bridge that into the EURALO membership?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Oh, okay, thank you. Thank you very much. Again, I would like to connect all issues which would be discussed in ALAC to European approaches and to existing priorities and issues of different maybe regions of Europe, of different countries, and to try to speak up persons who are individually interested in this issue or topics. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Oksana. Let's turn over to Bastiaan.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Thank you, Olivier. How can we better push particular European sensitivities and concerns like privacy? Yes, that's a good one. It's actually probably Wolf is referring to – my interpretation at least of it – certain contractual obligations coming from ICANN that are clashing with European data [inaudible] legislation.

I think that is a challenging one, a difficult one. I have tried before to raise this issue with a number of people, and there's quite some politics surrounding it. I think it's very important, so I would have to – in order for myself to have a particular opinion about this – to go into more detail and read all the documents, read the contracts and exactly see what's happening, and for instance talk to Dutch registrars [inaudible] exactly what is happening.

Because it's quite a contentious topic, and to be honest, I don't know if there is within – not even thinking of ALAC, but within EURALO itself, if there is a consensus on how to deal with something like this before we even try to put it on the plate of ALAC to see whether consensus can be achieved there, and then bring it a step further.

I would imagine that also like the discussions of [PDP] with regard to the next generation RDS, these are also topics that relate to that, and I think that would be important that At-Large has a voice there too and [inaudible].

So, that's maybe not a direct answer to the question exactly what we could do, how we would push, but I definitely think it's an important one and it's been under the radar too long.

Vice versa, how to bring ALAC issues to RALO? I can only say if I would be on the ALAC I would consider it a no-brainer to bring anything that is on the agenda there to feed that back into EURALO, and probably EURALO calls would be the first thing I would think of, but also via the mailing list and maybe other ways to inform people, engage people and get a clear picture of how EURALO reflects on ongoing topics. That will be an approach I would consider. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you for this, Bastiaan. I note we've reached the top of the hour. We're actually past the top of the hour. We have a short extension. I guess it's really time now to ask for your closing statements for each one of our candidates, and because we started the call with Bastiaan first and Oksana next, let's start with Oksana first for your

closing statements, and any points that you feel have not been addressed on this call you might wish to add, and then we'll go for Bastiaan afterwards to answer the same question. Just in the meantime, Christopher, I notice your hand is still up. Was that for a new question? No, okay. So, closing statement from Oksana Prykhodko.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. I would like just to repeat my main priorities for my activity in ICANN. I would like to promote multi-stakeholderism and Internet governance issues in post-Soviet countries, and I would like to bring voices of Internet users in Eastern Europe into ICANN and At-Large and ALAC. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Oksana. Bastiaan Gosling.

BAASTIAN GOSLINGS: Thank you. Well, I can only reiterate that from my practical perspective, I think the main thing that we need to focus on is having an impact on the policymaking process within ICANN and demonstrate the importance of the voices of end users [inaudible] brought into that process via At-Large.

Related to that, as I mentioned, we need to engage the At-Large Structures themselves more, because I think the structure we have is a good one and we need to protect it, we need to preserve it. I started off in my introduction referring to the ITEMS report. There's a lot that's going to come from that, and I think it's very important, imperative that

we deal with that and that we work on that, and I would really want to – if I would get the opportunity to be on the ALAC – to spend time on that and work on that.

All I can say, this has been a great call. It's also been – I'd be very happy to get to know Oksana a little better and hear where she's coming from, and she has a good story. I wish all of the people wisdom when deciding, and I sincerely hope too that Oksana if for whatever reason she does not manage to come on the ALAC that she still will continue as she has done up until now in her own great way to voice the concerns of end users from the eastern parts of Europe. So, I hope that does not depend on being on the ALAC as such. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Bastiaan. It's really down to me now to let you know what the next steps are. Tomorrow, the vote of all of the EURALO ALSes, so all your EURALO At-Large Structures will start. The individual members will have to obtain consensus within their community and get the EURALO Individuals Association to cast its vote.

There is a whole week to be able to cast their vote. Please – of course, this call is recorded. I'm hoping that other At-Large Structures that happen to be on the call today will be able to listen to the call, and that will be – the recording will be publicized shortly, as soon as this call is finished.

Then the vote will take place until the 16th of February. Please, remember to vote I guess. And on the 17th, we will be seating the newly elected ALAC representatives on the ALAC. And it's particularly

important that we stick to these dates, because immediately afterwards, there is going to be a vote of the ALAC to select its next Board member, so the next representative of the ALAC or the Board member selected by the ALAC. So, it's particularly important to stick to these dates and not have any delays.

So, if you know of any other At-Large Structures that haven't been on this call, please let them know of the recording, remind them and remind them to vote. With this, I want to just turn over to Silvia perhaps. Is there anything that I've forgotten in the process, or is that all cool?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, Olivier. I think you have covered the essentials. The calendar is posted on the wiki page. Please stay tuned for the e-mail from At-Large staff so you can cast your vote. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks very much, Silvia. And of course, if anybody has questions that they forgot to ask here and they might still wish to ask a question before they cast their votes, both candidates I'm sure will be available for responding quickly. You can e-mail them directly – I think both of their e-mails are quite well known – and ask your questions for any further information before you cast your vote.

Thanks very much. It's been really exciting and really interesting, actually. I'm very pleased with both candidates, and we'll see in a

week's time how the votes go. So thanks, everyone, who has attended this call, and this call is now adjourned. Thank you, and goodbye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you, everyone. Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you very much, bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: The meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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