



## APRALO Newsletter, September 2019



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## ICANN Update



*ICANN66 Prep Week will take place 14-17 October.*

This month, ICANN:

- Announced the [successful installation of an ICANN Managed Root Server \(IMRS\) instance in Shanghai, China](#)
- Announced the [13 member IANA Naming Function Review: Review Team](#)
- Published the [Report on the Registry Operator \(RO\) Audit for Addressing DNS Security Threats](#)
- An independent consultant submitted the [Final Report](#) regarding the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
- Organized two webinars on [Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model \(MSM\)](#) and [ICANN's FY21 Annual Operating Plan and Budget and 5-Year Operating and Financial Plan](#)

Apply by 18 October for the [ICANN67 NextGen Program](#) and by 20 November [for the ICANN67 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program](#).

[Register for ICANN66 Prep Week](#) by 11 October.

## ALAC/At-Large Update

The [ALAC monthly call](#) was held on 24 September.

There was a discussion on At-Large Policy activity, including recently ratified statements policy issues under discussion. Leon provided an update on Board activities, and updates on Seat 15 were provided.

There was also a review of At-Large membership applications, RALO and Liaison reports and discussion with At-Large Plus Leaders, and finally an update on ATLAS III and the ICANN66 schedule.

## At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN

public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large staff](#).

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is drafting the following comments:

**Comment** [Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#) 14 October 2019

**Comment** [Amazon Public Interest Commitments \(PICs\) 2019](#) 14 October 2019

**Drafting** [ALAC Question to the ICANN Board: Domain Name Abuse](#) 14 October 2019

**Drafting** [Invitation to Provide Feedback on the ICANN Board's Proposed Public Interest Framework](#) 18 October 2019

**Drafting** [Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team \(CCT-RT\) Accepted Recommendations - Plan for Implementation and Next Steps](#) 21 October 2019

**In addition, there is an ongoing workspace regarding [CPWG SubPro Comment](#).**

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#) meetings.

**See:** [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

**See:** [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)

**See:** [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

## ALAC Chair and ATLAS III Update



by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

### Lead-up to ATLAS III in Montreal

We only have days to go to ATLAS III and yet it only seems like yesterday that we were putting forward a proposal to the Board for some funding. It has been nearly 18 months since we began planning for this event and it is now finally in our sights. Those who are travelling to Montreal are going to find themselves engaged in an important policy issue and being involved in the sort of discussions that many of us in At-Large are engaged in within the the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) as well as

mainly GNSO Cross-Community Working Groups (CCWGs).

The program has been coordinated so that participants are engaged in Plenary sessions and also in different breakout groups depending on the activity. We are having a working lunch which is being sponsored by the Internet Society, and at that meeting we will be discussing the complexities relating to Regulation of the Internet, and how that will impact Internet end users. We are very lucky to have a generous sponsor who will be providing a networking cocktail event, so that people can meet others from the wider community as well as to have some social time with their At-Large colleagues and RALO leaders.

Although I know that some of our other global colleagues have had difficulty getting a visa to enter Canada, I have only heard of one person from the APRALO team who has had a problem with her application, from Armenia. So I am hoping to meet up with the rest of the APRALO team in Montreal.

Below is draft text from our ATLAS III Communications Strategy to remind travellers and others as to what we aim to achieve from the ATLAS III event.

The purpose of the ATLAS III event:

- ATLAS III is an assembly of future At-Large Ambassadors, focused on developing and nurturing their abilities to become thought leaders and change agents who will implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review Process, namely, more effective participation of At-Large members in the policy advice process.

Rationale:

- Change is inevitable and ongoing. ATLAS III Ambassadors, as change agents and thought leaders, must be prepared to help At-Large and its members to adapt to future social, environmental, technological etc changes which will impact ICANN and At-Large.

Objectives:

- ATLAS III will provide participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of the end users within ICANN.
- ATLAS III Ambassadors will be our thought leaders and change agents within At-Large and ICANN.

**See ATLAS III Communications and Message Points [here](#).  
Please visit the ATLAS III Workspace [here](#).**

### **A busy October before Montreal**

I have a busy month planned before ICANN66 and ATLAS III. Just to update you on my activities as a member of my ALS - The Cook Islands Internet Action Group (CIAG):

a) As a member also of InternetNZ and representing the PIC ISOC Board, I will be attending the InternetNZ NetHui Conference in Wellington, New Zealand. The conference will take place on 3-4 October at NZ's national museum - Te Papa. With the "Christchurch Call" in mind, NetHui will focus on safety, inclusion and wellbeing on the open Internet. The "Christchurch Call" was a special meeting held in Paris last month to discuss and get some agreement by governments and tech companies from around the world on how to tackle the issue of terrorist and violent extremist content online.

b) The Public Interest Registry (which manages .org domains) will be holding an award ceremony for the best .org websites on Thursday 10 October in Washington DC. I am



a member of the PIR Advisory Council along with Nadira from APRALO and Michel Tchonang who represents the ALAC, as well as Stephanie Perrin and Joan Kerr from the NCSG. We will have an Advisory Council meeting on Thurs and Friday morning, as well as attend the Award Ceremony. Before I leave on Friday, I plan to have lunch with David Olive, our Vice President of Policy Development, and Alperen Eken, a new staff member for At-Large who will be looking after the interests of our ALSes and Individual members.

c) The following week (16-17 Oct) I will be joining Satish and Lianna on the DotAsia Board of Directors, in Hong Kong (hoping that the protests are over by then). We have a busy two day meeting covering a range of Board Subcommittee as well as other Board administration activities.

I will then return to Rarotonga (23 Oct) to have a bit of a break before the start of ICANN66, which begins with a meeting with the Board Chair soon after my arrival on Thursday, followed by an SO/AC Chairs meeting on Friday. The conference starts for At-Large on Saturday and Sunday, followed by the ICANN66 conference and ATLAS III during the week.

## APRALO Update

The [APRALO monthly call](#) was held on 19 September.

There was an update on membership applications, followed by presentations from Sarmad Hussain and Harish Chowdhury on Universal Acceptance, Maureen Hilyard on the ALAC policy statements in development and updates on ATLAS III.

Satish shared the APRALO updates including APRALO RoPs Review Working Group, and ICANN Board member Leon Sanchez shared an update on the recent ICANN Board leadership announcement.

## ALS Highlights

### **3rd edition of the Armenian School of Internet Governance (ArmSIG)**

ISOC Armenia organized the 3rd edition of the Armenian School of Internet Governance ([ArmSIG](#)) on 11-13 September in Yerevan, Armenia. ArmSIG3 was a 3-day capacity building course on different topics of IG. This year ArmSIG had 20 participants from different stakeholder groups, who enjoyed the course and had lively discussions. Among the invited speakers ArmSIG 3 hosted Leonid Todorov, APTLD GM, Siranush Vardanyan, ICANN Fellowship manager, Vahan Hovsepyan, APRALO ALS and RIPE NCC staff and Narine Khachatryan, APRALO ALS. The School also had remote speakers Natalia Mochu, ICANN GSE manager for EE&CA and others from the IGF Secretariat, Internet Society, Council of Europe.

Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice Chair, is the founder and lead of ArmSIG. This year, ICANN Fellows, APRALO members Kristina Hakobyan and Susan Marukhyan helped in organizing the School.

Upon the completion of the course, students received certificates.



### **ISOC Mumbai: Webinar on Role of Women in IG**

ISOC India Mumbai hosted a webinar on " Role of Women in Internet Governance" by Ms. Jane Coffin, Senior Advisor to the ISOC CEO, Connectivity and Infrastructure on 7th September 2019.

The two-hour webinar saw various volunteers of ISOC India Mumbai interacting with Jane on how the role of women has evolved in IG, especially in terms of their participation and representation. Jane not only talked about her journey in IG but also informed about the challenges that are faced by ISOC and other related organizations in setting up critical Internet infrastructure and community networks in countries - especially developing countries.

She concluded the session by reflecting that merit definitely takes precedence over gender at a holistic level, but it cannot be ignored that women still remain underrepresented in these fora.

### **CCAOI-ISOC Delhi Webinar on TRAI IP-I Consultation Paper**

CCAOI and Internet Society Delhi Chapter organised an interactive webinar on the TRAI Consultation Paper on Review of Scope of Infrastructure Providers Category-I (IP-I). Here is the link to the [Consultation Paper](#).

The aim of this briefing was to provide more clarity to the participants on the subject and the issues critical to be discussed with reference to the consultation, while highlighting issues that are important for the growth and proliferation of the internet in the country.

The webinar was attended by 48 participants from across the country and the key stakeholders who shared their views included representatives from Telecom providers, industry associations, corporate global carriers, internet service providers, infrastructure providers and telecom consultant Mahesh Uppal. The recording of the session can be heard from [this link](#).

## **Upcoming Events and Other Announcements**



- The [ICANN66 Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) will be held in Montreal, Canada from 02-07 November 2019.
- The [Third At-Large Summit \(ATLAS III\)](#) will take place during ICANN66, from 04-07 November 2019.
- The fourth edition of India School of Internet Governance ([inSIG 2019](#)) will be held from 15-17 November in Kolkata, India.

**And don't forget to [Tweet @ At-Large!](#)**

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