YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO Monthly Call taking place on Thursday, the 18th of April 2019 at 6:00 UTC.
	On our call today, on the English channel, we have Satish Babu, Holly Raiche, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Priyatosh Jana, Amrita Chouldhury, Lianna Galstyan, Ali AlMeshal, Andrew Molivurae, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Amal Al-Saqqaf, Justine Chew, Ahmad Alsadeh, Suhaidi Hassan, Pavan Budhrani, Fouad Bajwa, Chia-I Cheng, Gunela Astbrink, Wintrop Yu.
	Currently, we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel.
	We have received an apology from Yasuichi Kitamura.
	From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yesim Nazlar and I will be doing call management for today's call.
	We have Chinese interpretation provided for this call and our Chinese interpreters are Jessie and Ray.
	Just a kind reminder before we start to please state your names, not only for the transcription, but also for interpretation purposes as well, please.
	Now I would like to leave the floor back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, and welcome, everybody, on this call. This is our call for April 2019. As we're seeing the agenda, we have several important purposes that we are kicking off today, one being the elections and [inaudible] process. So, we have a packed agenda and I will request all presenters to stick to the [inaudible].

I'll get started with the agenda item number two, which is the membership, the new members. We are very happy to announce that we have one ALS and one individual member who have joined the APRALO community. The ALS is the Internet Society India Mumbai Chapter. That's [Bombay] that was accredited during the ICANN 64 meeting at Kobe. And we have the individual member, Yeseul Kim, who is known to several of us to be [inaudible] IGF community. Later down in the agenda, we have Yeseul talking to us about her work, [inaudible] get to know her better. So, it's my pleasure on behalf of all of us to welcome both the ALS and the individual member to the APRALO community.

I'm not sure if the [inaudible] representative is on the call, but he's a usual attendee for many of our calls. I'm not sure. But we will be giving a chance [inaudible] to talk to us about their work in the next call under the member of the month. So, with that … And you can see the membership [pipeline] otherwise on the screen. So, welcoming these two new members.

We now move on to number three which is the At-Large review implementation. Maureen and probably Cheryl as well will be taking us through the next steps. Over to you, Maureen.

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, if you're speaking, you're on mute.

SATISH BABU: Maureen, are you muted?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I can't hear Maureen or Cheryl. I can't hear either of them, Maureen or Cheryl.

YESIM NAZLAR: Well, I know that Cheryl was on another call as well at the same time, so that might be why. Maybe she's not able to speak. Maureen is currently on our call and she's not muted on the Adigo side.

SATISH BABU: Check if Maureen's audio is all right.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Can you hear me now?

YESIM NAZLAR: Oh, yes. We can hear you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:	Okay. I'm very sorry. I'm still on the road because [inaudible]. I wasn't able to make it on time to meet for this call. I do not have notes in front of me. I'm just on a [inaudible]. We're going to be talking about the ATLAS III application process, right, Satish?
SATISH BABU:	Yesim, can you hear me?
CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:	Yes, Maureen, that's correct.
YESIM NAZLAR:	Satish, I can hear you. Yes.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	I can hear you, Satish, as well.
SATISH BABU:	Do we have Maureen back? Maureen, please go ahead.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Sorry. Okay. I'm just going to … This is without benefit of seeing the presentation that I had already [inaudible] to provide for you. But one of the things about the ATLAS III process is … The most important page of course is the ATLAS III Summit homepage.

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, I'm so sorry for interrupting. I know you're on the road, so you don't have the AC in front of you. I just want to give you a head's up that we're currently on agenda item three which is the ARIWG. So, we haven't quite come to the ATLAS III agenda item yet. It's agenda item six.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Let her do ATLAS III now and we can pick up ARIWG, right? ARIWG is only going to come up [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: If you don't mind, if I can do this and get this out of the way and then go onto the ARIWG because it's really … I'm so sorry for this, but I've just had a really busy day today. But if we could just do ATLAS III.

SATISH BABU: Go ahead, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, thank you. Now, if you can all access the ATLAS III Summit page, the really only important page, the very first thing you'll see when you open the page is the application form is available. I know that there are people on this call who would have been at the joint meeting of the ATLAS team that have been working on the leadership development and the programming teams and we were … They had an introduction to the actual presentations earlier today for me.

So, what is really important is that the preparation form is available and that the … There is, first of all, a translation in English – sorry, in Spanish and in French – for Spanish and French speaking applicants. There is an application form and the translation of the application form is provided for you.

The important thing is that we are asking that your answers are, if at all possible, in English and that we're hoping … I don't think that there is too much of a problem for APRALO but there definitely would be for some of the other RALOs.

Also, notwithstanding that, this is not an English [inaudible] activity. If you make spelling errors or grammatical errors when you're answering some of the questions that are mostly in section seven, we're not going to mark you down or anything. We just want to get the idea to [inaudible] answering the questions. So, there's the application form. We're still looking at the [home page].

Of course, after that, there is the timeline. The timeline is really important. The application is open this week. It closes on the 31st of May. The reason why you get such a long time to actually complete your application form is because of the expectation. It's one of the hard criteria, one of the compulsory ones, is that you must complete … There are five topics that must be followed, that you must study. And you can actually study this via webinar or via ICANNLearn. So, you actually have two options.

The webinar program has actually been provided so that the outreach in Spanish-speaking applicants from the other regions have a fair chance

to understand what the applications are all about. But it is important that everybody complete the five topics and either all or both, if you're really keen, and you indicate that you actually complete those courses on your application form.

Now, as the process [inaudible] six weeks of your course of the application opening time, that means that you are able to resubmit your application – and this really is going to be [inaudible] find in the guidelines, on the guideline page, which is the next page that we're going to be looking at. But if I can just [inaudible] really important is that when you fill in your application form, it is really important that you put your correctly spelled e-mail address because we use [inaudible] form for [inaudible] a copy of your submission and a little button on it that says "edit", so that you can edit. It's an edit button so that you can edit your submission. That means that every time you want to make a change, you click onto that. You go through the form, make the change, go to the end of the form where it says "submit" again, [inaudible] process. Click submit and that creates a whole updated submission form.

It seems like a complicated process, but at the same time, considering the resources that we had used and [inaudible] probably be embarrassed by it, but Justine did a lot of work with regards to using the basics of Google Forms and spreadsheets to do this whole application process for us. For that, we are very, very grateful. It would have cost us thousands and thousands of dollars if we did have to get professional.

I'm only going to give this as a brief introduction. I want you just to have a look through the [inaudible], click onto the application page, read

through the guidelines. It's very important that you read through the guidelines. And the third thing that I want you to do is to have a look at the online courses page because that tells you exactly what the courses are and it will also have instructions about when those courses – they're webinars. The online courses on ICANNLearn are online all the time, but the webinars are going to be at specific times. It's really important.

I'm going to stop there because I could go on forever and people may want to ask questions. [inaudible] hands up, are there, Satish?

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen. We will have a brief few minutes for questions. Let me ask the first question. Who can apply for this particular opportunity?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Well, okay. If you're already traveling to Montreal either [inaudible] leadership team, you don't need to apply. Remember, this is a traveling [inaudible], basically. So, if you're already going to Montreal, you don't have to apply. But I think that if you had a look … For example, one of the things I mentioned on the summit homepage, if you click on to the question form section, there is an English version of all questions that are in the application form. If you click onto that and have a quick [inaudible] through that, sections one to five are the hard criteria and you have to be able to answer those questions in those sections. It gives you an overview of what is in there. If there are any sections that you cannot answer, not [inaudible] – for example, there's a question that says, "How active have you been within At-Large?" [inaudible] arranged [inaudible] options. If you can indicate that you have been active in

even one, that can demonstrate that you have been an active participant and that you have made a difference to that particular working group, then you don't need to worry about the others.

But if you have been part of the others, that probably gives you a little … Because it makes it a little more obvious that you might be [inaudible]. But it just depends on other questions as well.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen. Are there any other questions now? I don't see any hands up, but I'm sure that we will have questions later. Is there a help desk that they can contact?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry?

SATISH BABU: Amrita, please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Maureen, I have a question. For example …

SATISH BABU: Amrita has a question. Please, go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yeah. The question is if, for example, from an ALS the representative is currently being funded, so they cannot apply. However, if for example there is someone else in the ALS who is active, can they apply?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. It is open to anyone who isn't currently being funded and is active, because I do know – I am aware that within some ALSes there are several members who are active within At-Large and they're all entitled to apply. Does that answer your question?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you so much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'm sure, Satish, that there will be lots of questions. People are frantically reading those [inaudible] and I really do think it's important that you do it. And I would like to ask can I do the ARIWG after this? [inaudible] because it's really difficult to be doing this blindfold, basically.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I have a go at it, Maureen, if you don't mind?

SATISH BABU: Yes, Maureen, please go ahead with ARIWG.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'll back-fill it for you with anything on ARIWG because I'm free now.

SATISH BABU: No problem, either of you. Cheryl? Go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay. If I could just …

MAUREEN HILYARD: I think Cheryl was giving at least [inaudible] to start up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay.

SATISH BABU: Cheryl first and then over to you, Maureen. Is that okay? Or Maureen, do you want to go first?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes. Satish, Maureen will have questions [inaudible]. Let her do [inaudible]. I will fill anything that is missed.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Exactly. Cheryl can fill in all the gaps.

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SATISH BABU: Okay. Maureen, go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: If it's possible, if Yesim could put the ARIWG homepage up, so that we can see where we're starting from. But if you – and someone put the link in so that you can have a look at it as well. And this is another page that I really think is important that as you all as members do take note of.

Now, I know it's been a long time since we actually did anything on the review implementation because we've been frantically wanting to get this ATLAS project on the road. Now that it is up and running, now is the time to return to the very important other project that we've got. Now, [inaudible] eight items that At-Large is actually [positive] on that have been listed on the ARIWG homepage. There are currently leaders who have been assigned to those various eight items and very shortly those leaders will be calling meetings of volunteers for anyone who would like to join to get [inaudible] implementation program that was planned, closed before we started the ATLAS.

Now, the implementation plan is based on a proposal that we put – we sent to the board and we said this is how we think we can actually improve things within At-Large and these are the steps that we're going to be taking.

So, we've got to make sure by June when a report is [inaudible] to the board – we've got to write a report to the board that says this is where we're up to.

Now, at the moment, in some areas we're actually well in advance because we started before we got permission. We started the process. But there are some activities that still need a little bit of work. They're in development. But we need to make note of those. I think it would be really good, especially if you're planning on applying for ATLAS it turns into something that really is important to At-Large and the review implementation project is a very important one. And even if [inaudible] – we have to be real here – it is still an important activity [inaudible]. So, read that homepage. Read through the items. Choose an item that you would probably like to join [inaudible] volunteer yourself and join a working group. If you've got any questions, I'm sure that Cheryl will be able to answer those. I will just sit in my little dark corner here and listen in. Okay, thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I now have an image of you being treated like a little [inaudible] in your little dark corner. Okay, that will amuse me to no end for a while. Just to follow on with a couple of high points and holidays from what Maureen has just outlined.

First of all, our compliments. I know Maureen would like to have been giving the compliments to you all. Not only do we have Holly as the APAC ALAC Member – capital M, Member – and Satish as EURALO rep on the ARIWG [inaudible], we have a number of members who signed up from APRALO. We don't have any observers of yet, but members that are active – to be active participants and that is terrific. That doesn't mean that the doors are closed but I do want to compliment APRALO on those who have already signed up. My guess is you're

probably – some of those who are thinking they may very well like to build their [inaudible]. Am I hearing that my audio has dropped?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. We're hearing you, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'm seeing people say that there's no audio, etc. I'll leave Yesim to sort all of that out and I shall continue.

What I'm saying is you've done really well, APRALO, but please do better. We can certainly benefit by many more of you joining in. There is plenty of work to go around and the initial pages—

JUSTINE CHEW: Cheryl, do you mind stepping in for Maureen? I think we've lost her audio. Thanks.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Justine, I am talking. I was talking and I was being heard, but obviously not by everybody. The issue is [inaudible] connected audio. It's the Adobe Connect. So, anyone who is on the phone bridge is still hearing me. And in the interest of time …

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, I can still hear you, too.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: In the interest of time, I'm going to continue and do a very brief recap. I'm just typing so that people in AC will know what's going on. So, while they reboot this, just to assure you all that we have got a Doodle out at the moment and that's not quite ready to close but it will do soon for the next ARIWG call that at this stage looks like it's going to be on Friday the 26th of April. It looks to me like it's coming in at something like – and staff will have to check because I'm only looking at it on my mobile phone now – something like probably 14:00 or 15:00 UTC. But that is yet to be confirmed, [inaudible] Friday the 26th.

With that, I would also note that regarding the reporting, we will have plenty to report in June. For example, one of the items, the social network awareness training will be complete deal with staff by the Marrakech meeting or during the Marrakech meeting, so we'll be able to update, albeit preemptively by a couple of days, the people having done that in our report. So, it's not that we don't have enough to report on. It's just that we do need to get the rest of the work underway.

So, with that, I'm going to go back on mute and get the agenda going. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Cheryl, for the update. As we can see on the chat, I think several of us had [inaudible], although I had more than 90%. I think it will be good for staff to circulate Maureen and Cheryl's intervention as an e-mail so that we are updated on the content of what has been said. So, [inaudible] some kind of AC program. So, [inaudible] be good.

I'd like to just mention one other point regarding the previous item which was the [inaudible] any questions on the ATLAS III [inaudible] a question, please write in chat. Silvia has said that [inaudible] any questions. For the ARIWG, we will accept a transcript copy about what Maureen and Cheryl said.

So, noting that you're a little late for that agenda, we will now move on to Holly with the [inaudible] update. Over to you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Satish. Can you hear me well?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we can hear you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, excellent. There isn't a lot to report. As people will be aware, there was a letter that the ALAC sent to the board about the EPDP, which is the extraordinary PDP process, to deal with the GDPR, the General Data Protection Regulation. We wrote to the board, basically, to draw their attention to some issues that we feel still must be addressed. We have finished the first phase of dealing with the GDPR but we're on the second phase which is really dealing with access to the data. There were some questions or issues raised about it dealing with, first of all, whether in fact registrars, registries must deal globally, if there could be geographic differences in treatment. The other was dealing with natural and legal persons.

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Now, these are issues that have been dealt with to date. We would like them dealt with as part of the phase two which is [I say] to deal with access. We're about to start phase two. At the moment, we haven't got a chair for the committee because the committee chair, who governed the first phase, I think probably rightly finally said, "I think I've had enough." We're in the process of looking for another chair, and at that point, then we'll actually finalize the chair, the charter, and go into phase two of that.

So, that's where we're up to right now. There's nothing pending any kind of input from us. The letter to the board was finalized. The issues that are open are essentially the proposed renewal of ICANN's registry agreement with the dot-biz, the dot-[AS], and dot-org, and dot-info. We were particularly interested in the possibility of price rises, in particular for dot-org because that's a non-profit organization global dot-org. At the moment, one of the members of ALAC, a guy named Greg Shatan, has developed some talking points and those will be developed. There was further discussion for comment but of course that will be on the policy page of ALAC for people who are interested in that particular issue, and obviously everybody is welcome to read the comments and add their input.

That's all I have to report, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Holly. Thanks for that update. I think the [inaudible] of the agreement, one of the proposing [inaudible] is dot-asia for which Maureen has—

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, it is, dot-asia.

SATISH BABU: [inaudible], right. Sorry, please go ahead, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: I'm not sure if people in APRALO would like to make particular comments about dot-asia. Maybe this is a question for Maureen who is on the board. Satish, I know you're interested. Perhaps maybe APRALO could take a particular interest in the renewal of this registry agreement.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Holly, for this [inaudible]. Yeah. I think [we could refer] to Maureen's opinion on this since she [inaudible] and that the [inaudible] interest in discussions on the [inaudible] and the impact on end users. Again, I'd like to request all of our community members to [inaudible] because the discussions are [inaudible] enlightening [inaudible]. So, thanks again for the update.

HOLLY RAICHE: Can I just note what Cheryl has just put in the chat, which is helpful, the chair for phase two of the EPDP will be confirmed tomorrow at the GNSO Council meeting. That will mean we can get underway. I believe the ALAC people will still be Alan and Hadia, and I will still be an

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alternate. So, pretty much the same team but it's slightly different issues and I invite everybody to follow along with the process. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Holly. Cheryl, would you like to spend a minute on this [inaudible]? Right. In that case, are there any questions for Holly on the policy update? [inaudible] chair's name [inaudible]. Right. So, we now move on to—

HOLLY RAICHE: I think the name is Santa Claus, actually.

SATISH BABU: Yeah. We now move on to agenda item number five which is the important [inaudible] because it's on the APRALO elections and it goes over to Silvia for updating us on the election process. Over to you, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thanks. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we can hear you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, great. Thank you very much. [inaudible] that election season is coming up. As you know, all the RALOs will be having elections and staff

has already prepared the Wiki pages and the announcement that will be sent in April.

The timetable is published on the Wiki page as you can see on the screen [inaudible] please put the link as well. The positions opened for selections in APRALO are the ALAC member, a role currently held by Maureen Hilyard. The APRALO vice chair by Lianna. And the ALAC delegate to the NomCom. These positions will be renewed at the end of the annual general assembly in Montreal. So, the elections happen now and the positions are renewed in Montreal. The timetable is the announcement of the call for nominations will be April 29. The nomination [inaudible] will be April 29 to May 10. The deadline for nomination acceptance is 17 of May. And we will have from the 20th of May to the 22nd of May calls for candidates [inaudible] RALO [inaudible] call with the candidate. And the elections from May 23 to May 30.

Also, you can see on the screen the APRALO rules of procedure has [general positions] regarding the selections, elections, and appointment and elections and selections can take place by electronic mail online ballot, written ballot, or any [inaudible] but in general, APRALO [inaudible] by consensus, so you are free to have consensus decision or to go for elections if APRALO decides.

Also, there is a criteria for candidates which is – I'm going to read it – participation in APRALO and ALAC meetings and activities, knowledge of ICANN structure and functions including knowledge in [inaudible], willingness to spend the time that is expected of NomCom members, and ability to retain confidential information, good analytical skills,

human resources background is considered useful. So, this is for APRALO, the rules according to [inaudible].

So, that's basically it. Stay tuned for the announcement to be sent by staff and be ready to nominate. Nominate yourself or someone else. The procedure will be the following, nominations and including staff nominations must be made through the mailing list, and also noted on the Wiki page. Staff can also note the Wiki page if you would like staff to note the Wiki page.

So, that's all. Thank you very much, Satish, and over to you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, Silvia. One of the aspects of the elections will be NomCom representative selection. Silvia, would you like to, because some of us on the call may be new, [inaudible] election. The NomCom representative is actually not selected by APRALO, although we might hold an election process because it's ALAC. Would you like to [inaudible] about it?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, you are correct, Satish. According to the ICANN bylaws, the ALAC in consultation with the RALO appoints [inaudible] those members. That means that the RALO is going to propose a candidate to the ALAC and then the ALAC will select. Normally, the candidate proposed by the RALO. However, it could also be another person. So, that's according to the ICANN bylaws. That's how it works. That also stands out on the Wiki page. It is [inaudible] down, as I've noted there the relevant rules. I

don't know if it shows. Yes. Then you also have the criteria for NomCom delegates. I can also read it if you wish. I'm going to read it quickly and some of the [inaudible] to which the NomCom appoints, ability to judge people such as interviewing or hiring, [inaudible] community, reading, speaking, good online skills such as Google and social media, time commitment, must be willing to devote substantial time and [inaudible] which involves travel to [inaudible] meetings, and ability to work in a group environment standing up for what you believe in a discussion with other [inaudible] people. At the same time, must be [inaudible] and the ability to change your mind if someone else has a good argument, [inaudible].

So, there you see the note that RALOs may recommend one or more candidates to the ALAC. Normally, the recommendation is only one person and [inaudible] NomCom delegate is done by the ALAC and RALO. Recommendations are not [inaudible]. That's basically the rule. Thank you very much, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Silvia. We have again an AC crash [inaudible] but maybe Maureen can help Silvia on [inaudible]. I don't know how that [inaudible]. Maureen, [inaudible] a little bit of a crash earlier of the AC and everybody has got [inaudible]. So, I'll just type on the chat that we are trying to fix the problem, so give me a second.

HOLLY RAICHE: Hello?

SATISH BABU: Yes. I'm just typing on the chat, saying that we are trying to fix the issue. Silvia, I think if you can also send out the transcript of the previous agenda item, something about the election and announcement, so that people who could not hear you will be able to update themselves.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Silvia, for that. I think we are getting back and now some people are able to hear. Apologies for the audio issues for this call. We will take care of that and get a transcript of what has been said, so that you don't miss anything.

                        With that, we now move on to the next agenda item which is the members of the month, noting that [inaudible] already done. Agenda item number seven, member of the month. Over to Lianna who will be handling this item.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Satish. As all of you know, this is a moment when we share a presentation about one of our ALSes. This time, we will have an individual member who is a new member, Yeseul Kim. I'd like to, first of all, welcome to APRALO team. We do appreciate your joining and we hope for your contribution. We do have an individual member [inaudible] and we really expect from you as well to join, like Justine is

doing, a great job for the APRALO team. We expect for you to have [inaudible].

So, with this, I'd like to give you the floor, Yeseul, to introduce yourself, your background, and your interest and we'll look forward to a great collaboration with you. Thank you. Can you unmute yourself?

YESEUL KIM: Hello. Hi, nice to meet you. I am Yeseul Kim and I'm based in South Korea. My journey in Internet governance began in 2016 when I first participated in [APIVA] which was held in Seoul. Then I visited ICANN, IGF, and [inaudible] as a fellow and also a session organizer as well. I'm also now working in [KIGF]. It's a program [inaudible]. I also went to IGF last year in Paris as an ISOC IGF fellow. I think I know several people here and I'm really honored to be here, to start working with all of you guys. I know that APRALO and Asia-Pacific region is one of the biggest region of the whole world, so I'm really honored to be working with all of you here. I know that I still have to learn a lot about ICANN and the world and what all is going on in Internet governance. I really want to learn a lot of things from all of you guys. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Yeseul. Lianna, you have to add anything?

LIANNA GALSTAYN: No. I just wanted to say that we are here to help and guide and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We'll be very happy

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Lianna. Once again, welcome, Yeseul. A number of chat messages welcoming you which is good. You have also come at an appropriate time because we are just starting the ATLAS process. As Cheryl says, you can perhaps try some of the ICANNLearn courses as well. It's a pleasure to have you with us and hope that you will be one of the productive members of the community, of APRALO.

Actually, we have more ALS that has joined us just last month. That is the ISOC Mumbai. We will be inviting them to talk to us in the next meeting because I don't see on the call right now.

With that, we now move on to the next, last agenda item which is the NomCom update. We will now go to Nadira who is our representative to the NomCom. Nadira, the floor is yours.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ: Thank you. [inaudible] from the intersessional meeting that took place [inaudible]. That was the stage where we reviewed every single applicant and decided for the short listing for the preparing the short list for the deep dive process. Just giving … Maybe not all of you have reviewed the newsletter because I did share a number of applicants for this year and it's interesting to see because the applicant depends on the dynamic – the positions, of the positions and how people get interested. For example, this year, because there is kind of guaranteed

seat for a board position and that's why we find we have 57 applicants. Not all of them applied for the board but there is quite a handful of – more than a handful of applicants from Africa and the same thing from our region, 35 applicants. That's also based of the distribution of the different positions available.

Regarding the coming stage, now we are preparing to release the [inaudible] letters to who couldn't pass this stage and also the deep dive team, so we'll be reaching individually the ones who made it to the second stage.

Then, after that, we will have another intersessional meeting where we have to review the results of the [inaudible] results of the deep dives and discuss each individual again and then we have the last cut for Marrakech meeting where the Marrakech meeting also will be selecting each position and we will have interviews prepared for the board candidates and to the PTI board candidates which is new this year. Thank you. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Nadira. As has been pointed out in the chat, the distribution or the variation of the numbers of applicants is very interesting this time. I will note that Amrita is asking for information for the newsletters, so please write to her for the [inaudible] information for the newsletter.

We have a few minutes for any other business. Does anybody want to present anything? We have Nadira and Lianna. Nadira, please go. One minute for you.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ:

Yeah. Thank you, Satish. I want just to encourage all the ALS representatives to distribute the call for the members because not everybody receives the letter about ATLAS III, [inaudible] talking about ATLAS III, because we would like the community to receive this. At least they start attending or following up the Learn courses and this will be an introduction and encourage them, then maybe if they couldn't make it this year they will make it in the future and other programs and we get them involved. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Nadira, for pointing out the need for [inaudible]. Lianna, please go ahead.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, Satish. The comment that Amrita mentioned about the activities. I'd like to mention that ISOC Armenia will join – we last year joined the movement of [inaudible]. This year we will also celebrate that event which is on April 25th, so we [inaudible] with our ALS to encourage the [inaudible] participation in [inaudible]. This is one of the updates.

Another thing that I'd like to talk, just about the IGF, the global IGF. Me being a [MAG] member, we finished and accepted the workshop submissions. For this year, we received 287 workshop proposals and this year we made topics, data governance, and we got 95 proposals. Digital inclusion, 107 proposals. And security, safety, stability, and resilience, 85 proposals.

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So, for the upcoming month, the [inaudible] will evaluate all these workshop submissions, proposals, and later on in June we'll gather for a face-to-face meeting to discuss and finalize the workshop and to form the agenda and program for the IGF.

Another note is that the host country, the government of Germany, for this IGF, they provide a lot of money, funding for the different participants. I know that Nadira sent, distributed for the mailing list a call for travel support. Thank you, Nadira, for doing that. I'd like to encourage participants and the community members to apply for participation as the government of Germany wants to have for this year's meeting a very inclusive and diverse [inaudible] the IGF in Berlin which will be 25-29 November.

So, with this, I see that Amrita has a question. I can take it.

SATISH BABU: Please make it very short because we are over time now. Amrita, you have a question?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Amrita, you can type it in the chat and I can respond to that.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: I do have a question. I hope I'm audible. Lianna, the question is Germany is providing a fellowship for IGF. But by when would [MAG] be announcing the selected workshops, so that it is easier to submit [inaudible]?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thanks for the question. We [inaudible] the fellowship will be open until the 13th of June. We will gather – the beginning of June, actually. By then, by the 10th of June I think that the selection will be final.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Lianna. Noting that we are past the time and also this is a little bit outside our remit, we will now move on and close this call. But before that, I also note that we had two crashes of Adobe Connect during the call and we will be shortly shifting to Zoom. I'm not sure when they're going to shift us to Zoom but I hope staff will tell us and perhaps give us – those of us who have not used Zoom before on using the software. I'd now like to close this call but before that, come up with celebrating Easter and Holy Week, I'd like to wish everybody who is celebrating a very happy holiday season and we will get back shortly from – we have the next APRALO call in May. Thank you, and over to you, Yesim, to close the call.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you very much, Satish. This meeting has now ended. Happy Easter for those who are celebrating.

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