

Summary of Discussion of the Internationalized Data Registration Working Group At the Public Session Held in Cartagena, Colombia

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Attendees: IRD-WG members: Bob Hutchinson, Jim Galvin, Edmon Chung, Steven Metalitz, Jay Daley, Andrei Kolesnikov; **Staff:** Dave Piscitello (remote), Julie Hedlund, Steve Sheng, Francisco Arias, Liz Gasster; **Guests/observers:** Harald Alvestrand (ICANN board), James Seng (IDN expert), Hiro Hotta (.JPRS)

Summary of Discussion:

Edmon Chung presented the interim report to the WG and the audience. The WG engaged discussions on the following topics.

Language tags:

Currently ICANN IDN guideline asks registrants to provide a language tag at the time of registration for the purpose of checking which language table to use. The WG discussed whether it is useful to have a language tag indicating the language for the rest of the domain registration data is in.

People participating the discussion felt such a tag would be useful for the purpose of identifying the language/script of the domain registration data, thus it is useful to include it in the output of WHOIS query.

People participating in the discussion also felt that the current WHOIS protocol lacks the ability to signal encoding/language.

Regarding the scope of the working group:

Participants asked about the scope of the working group? For example “is exploring the suggested solutions for WHOIS within the scope of the working group?”

The consensus is that it is in scope for this working group to define requirement for data elements for WHOIS presentation as well as service requirement that meets the needs for IDN. Part of that is to choose amongst the four models.

Along those lines, the WG could have a finding that the existing WHOIS protocol does not meet the requirement. It does not have a data representation model nor meets the service requirement. Therefore a recommendation that says that WHOIS protocol exists today needs to be replaced, either by enhancement or by replacement protocol, and suggest what specific mechanisms to do that.

Regarding the next steps on reaching decision, and the process for moving forward.

Participants agreed that it is a good idea to get feedback of the interim report by:

- 1) Collecting comments received in the public comment forum.
- 2) Making targeted and focused presentations to registries, registrars, commercial stakeholders, and law enforcement. Questions to ask at those presentations are what do you use the WHOIS information for? Which / if any of the model satisfy your needs?