Internationalized Registration Data Working Group (IRD-WG)
Summary of Discussions

20 December 2010

IRD-WG members attending: Bob Hutchinson, Jim Galvin, Steven Metalitz, Avri Dora, Owen Smigelski, Rafik Dammak **Staff attending:** Dave Piscitello and Steve Sheng

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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.

> **Action item:** Staff to invite Tina Dam on our next call to discuss about the use of language tag in IDN guidelines, and see if that could serve as an experience in WHOIS.

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?

WG asked about why the public comment period closes on March 14.

> **Staff response:** The Interim Report is out for public comment in the six UN languages as requested by the IRD-WG. The English version was posted first and, as requested by the IRD-WG, the comment period was set at 60 days. When the translations were ready, the comment period was extended by 60 days to allow the full 60 days for consideration of the translations. Note that the public comment period is based on the review of the Interim Report – a single document in multiple translations. Thus, there is only one comment box in the forum for this document and one set of start and ending dates. For this reason only the ending date was changed – to March 14 – to allow the complete 60 days of comment on the translations.

WG discussed about what changes to be made to the Cartagena slide for the targeted presentations? It was suggested the slides to be more basic (void of technical jargons), and focused on the feedback needed.

> **Action item: Staff to take a first pass at the slides for discussion by next meeting.**

Regarding the time for next meeting:
WG agreed that the next meeting be held on January 10, 2011 8am PST, 11am EST.