
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly teleconference call on Tuesday the 19th of May 2020 at 16:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Sébastien Bachollet, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet, Ephraim Percy, Erich Schweighofer, Joanna Kulesza, Matthias Hudobnik, Ricardo Holmqvist, Roberto Gaetano, and Yrjö Lansipuro.

We have tentative apologies from Bastiaan Goslings, or he will be joining us late. We have Natalia and Filina and Christopher Wilkinson joining us now.

From staff, we have Gisella Gruber, Adam Peake, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and to also keep your lines muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: My Internet connection is not stable. If I have trouble, I'm sure that you will find a way to follow on with the meeting. Thank you very much. We have two parts in this meeting today. The first part will be to go through our usual items to update the EURALO participants to what's happened and what will happen, and the second part is linked with the election. As you know, it's Olivier Crépin-Leblond is in charge of taking care, and he

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will be taking us through the meet with the candidates and everything linked with the election.

Therefore, if there is no question about the agenda, please let us know if you have some ideas or [inaudible]. Okay, let's go to the first item, and it's action items from the last meeting. There were two action items. The first one, community to send a mail to staff or EURALO leadership to join production of the t-shirt for the face-to-face. 2021 general assembly, we have not received any inputs, but I am trying to take care of that. I will come back to you as soon as I have new information. Therefore, I suggest that we close this action item for the moment. The second, from Gisella was in charge, it's done.

Then let's go to next item on the agenda who is giving the floor to Gisella to tell us about ICANN 68. Please, Gisella, the floor is yours.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you, Sébastien, and thank you for allowing me to give you a quick update on ICANN 68. Claudia, thank you for putting the link for ICANN 68 Wiki page on the Zoom for those who are in the Zoom. Please also note, for those who are not, that it is on the agenda page of today's meeting.

So that is a brief overview of the ICANN 68 and all the useful information for the meeting running from the 22nd to the 25th of June. Note that the meeting will be running in Kuala Lumpur hours, so it will be in the middle of the night for EURALO and AFRALO. But again, we are sharing pain, so hopefully, many people will be joining us at the meetings that they are interested in.

We are still very much in the building stages of the At-Large schedule. However, we have come to the agreement with the ICANN 68 planning committee that we will have one 60-minute and one 90-minute session each day. So what I would like to share with you now is what we have prior to starting to share the schedule with you, the ICANN 68 prep sessions.

So the ICANN 68 prep sessions, I will put the link into the chat for you, these will be running from the 8th to the 18th of June. We have a draft schedule as it stands now. And please do go to the link to register for the sessions that will be posted fairly soon. Please bookmark this page to make sure that you're able to access this information and also get an update as and when it is updated by Org.

The schedule, which will be very brief. This is just to give you an overview of what we are currently planning. The ICANN 68 planning committee meets every Tuesday, and we have a call later today to convene and to finalize the At-Large agenda. We already have the topics, if we could possibly share the Google document, please, Claudia, under 3(b), At-Large schedule. Thank you very much.

So you'll see that the Monday, we have actually got three sessions, although the third session running from 07:00 to 08:00 is yet to be confirmed, subject to interpretation. And on that day, we have the joint AFRALO-AFRICANN meeting.

On Tuesday, we have two sessions running in yellow, if we could kindly move up to Tuesday, please. And I have put a green session in, again,

which is placeholder should we need additional time. And this, again, is subject to interpretation availability.

On the Wednesday, we have two sessions, if we could kindly move up, please. Thank you very much. And then on the Thursday, we have two sessions, to include the wrap up, and again, another session which is a placeholder, should we require any additional time. But again, subject to interpretation.

So as you can see, we have put the topics in for the At-Large policy sessions, and we will be developing the agendas on these as well as the guest speakers for the other sessions. It is all still work in progress. So we will keep you updated on the next EURALO call. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact staff. that is all from me. Thank you very much, Sébastien, for your time.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Gisella. Any questions, comments? Just a brief comment from my side. we have, I guess, a schedule for the meeting itself, the four days. It's okay. I still consider that we may have tried to organize a specific session open to everybody on the day where there's no blue bars, but it seems that I was the only one to request that, because it was a policy meeting, therefore no plenary session, no public session, no whatever.

and I think it's a shame, because when we are using—to be online, we need to open some doors for newcomers or for people who are not speaking so much for some specific issue.

But never mind. It's the way we are going. The second is that ICANN Org decided that they need two weeks of prep, and therefore no interpretation during two weeks before the meeting. And I really think that too much, but once again, they have their will and they drive the truck. Therefore, let's go with that. I hope that you will be able to participate even if it's from [03:00] UTC to—I don't remember, but seven or eight hours later. I really think that it's important that we as European end users, we participate, because it will turn, the time. Next one may be in Europe or will be in Europe., whatever, if it's a face-to-face or if it is online. Therefore, we will be in the good place at that moment. Thank you. Joanna, please

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you, Sébastien. Just a brief note to emphasize as much as we will be missing the live interpretation, the prep week will also include a series of webinars. The topics of those webinars are still up for grabs, so we're still accepting as the Capacity Building Working Group suggestions of topics we would like to have discussed before the policy meeting. If there are any topics that come to your mind, please be sure to let us know. If there are any specific topics that are of interest to EURALO we not thought of, please be sure to reach out. There will be a session that's focused on effective outreach in these challenging times, and Natalia has been providing wonderful input. We are focusing on DNS abuse and there has been one webinar already. Another date is likely to be set on June 1st. There is a webinar on geopolitics and cybersecurity, something that is close to European hearts as well. But if you have ideas of something that needs to be discussed in terms of both capacity building and better understanding where end users' interest lie, please

be sure to reach out. You can reach out to me directly, put it on the Capacity Building Working Group mailing list, or just let our wonderful staff team know and those will be attended to. Thank you so much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Joanna. And that's very useful. Any other questions? Okay, let's go to the next agenda item, it's update on some specific topics. The first one is ALS mobilization working party, I guess I will give the floor for this one to Yrjö, and if Natalia, Bastiaan or Roberto want to add something, it will be—okay, sorry, I didn't see that Ephraim wanted to have the floor. Please go ahead.

EPHRAIM PERCY KENYANITO: Yes. Sorry for that. Thank you so much, Joanna, for that, and just a topic which I think is important. And maybe just to reiterate, some of you might have seen the blog by the ICANN VP in charge of stakeholder engagement regarding [inaudible] implementation. That can be a topic of interest regarding the next steps, because if you look at the blog, it seems as though there is expectation that the community has started implementing and should be implementing, because ICANN Org was reporting through the blog on its steps. So maybe this can be something to capacity build and ensure that interest of the users is still kept at heart even as we go forward. That's just a suggestion to Joanna and the Capacity Building Working Group.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Joanna, you want to add something?

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Sébastien. Just a brief note. I will reach out to Ephraim through the chat box and through e-mail and I'm happy to attend to that idea to better understand it and put it into a webinar topic. Thank you very much, Ephraim, for raising your hand and for sharing the idea. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. Please, Yrjö.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Sébastien. We had a mobilization working party meeting yesterday. They were still talking about accreditation procedure. Two items that occupied most of the time. First, the question whether an ISOC special interest group which is not in any particular ICANN region could become an ALS, and long discussion, and then most people supported an idea that yes, it could become an ALS but without being appended to any particular RALO. So the RALO-less ALS.

The other topic or other thing that is important for us is that I raised at the previous meeting the question whether this document should stipulate in great detail who in a RALO will be involved in the decision of giving advice on the certification of a new ALS. And this formulation was made more flexible. So that is now up to the RALO itself or RALO board or RALO leadership council, whatever their names are, to decide who will be part of that decision. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Yrjö. I think that's a good step ahead, I guess. Still, we need to understand how it will work for the ALS not RALO members and how they will participate and where they will participate. I will be happy to understand that, but not today. We will wait for you and your working group to go ahead with that idea and to come back with some more detail on how it will work. Thank you. Any comments from the other members? If not, I will give the floor to Natalia and she will talk about the other topic and outreach and engagement activity. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Sébastien. So about our outreach and engagement activities, we can talk now just about our plan, and I would like to ask to show us the diagram on the screen.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Natalia, I guess we can't project anything because Wiki page are in maintenance and therefore you will have to run without image. I know you like images, but this time, you have to do it without any images to tell us [inaudible] about what you think.

NATALIA FILINA: Okay. I understand. I will be boring again. So once again, I can say our community shortly about our priorities during upcoming fiscal year 21, and we will work on uncovered region and absent audience. We will work on understanding our local situation and our local activities, and we will support the interaction between ALSes and between ALSes and state institutions on the ground.

Oh, great, this is my picture. Yes, I think it's better. Thank you very much. So you can see that we defined to work on increasing knowledge and competition throughout wonderful capacity building programs. And I would like to thank Joanna and team, because I think it's something new, it's very interesting and great capacity building plan for upcoming year, and some great webinars were realized.

So if you can see, we look at our individuals association like our central ALS, EURALO, because this is the place where we have a maximum number of members who are involved in our processes in discussions, and we have possibility to invite and to meet At-Large people from other ICANN regions. And as Roberto said during previous EURALO call, we can share our experience with other RALOs too.

We will continue to work on closer cooperation with our partners and we look at our ATLAS III ambassador with maximum attention because it's great opportunity to build our mentoring programs and to help our ALSes on the region to be more active and to be more involved. And okay, there are our common milestones, and how we will implement our plan. I think we understand it depends not only on the leaders of EURALO but also on each member and each ALS of EURALO.

So that's all I think about this picture. We can close it. And if I can continue my ICANN items, and talk about IGF and upcoming EuroDIG. I can say that we don't have any defined plans for the IGF because we have I think now a lot of time to prepare and we will wait for the answer about session with interested for us topics. And I think, about upcoming EuroDIG, Roberto can give us some updates and we can only remind our

members about possibility of participation because this meeting will be fully virtual.

So if I can go to our project, welcome package which we developed in our individuals association, I can say that we believe that we have done a very good collaborative work, and now we will discuss how we can merge our efforts with the same project on the At-Large level. and we will continue our discussion with Joanna and Dev, and I'm sure the result will be excellent and we will create a very useful tool for our current and new potential members.

And I can add to this topic that our capacity building work is very important now, and we can say that interesting, useful webinars attracted a lot of interested At-Large and ICANN people, and we are looking for new speakers and new topics for our webinars. Very welcome. I invite you to—maybe, I don't know, to write Joanna e-mails and to say us about your ideas and we are going to work together. Thank you very much, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Natalia. Yes, Roberto, go ahead, please.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes, just a couple of words. The EuroDIG is now in full preparation of all the sessions and so on. I don't think it's the place and the moment to make a long report. Maybe I can send some notes to EURALO. But there are two things that I would like to say. First of all, since the meeting is fully online, the possibilities for outreach in terms of contacting people

are a little bit reduced because we don't have the social events and the social part, and the possibility of meeting people face-to-face outside the meeting room, that we have in a face-to-face meeting.

So that is a minus. On the other hand, and that's the second comment, the plus is that since this meeting is fully online and it's in Europe so our time zone, that will give the possibility to people to attend sessions from home and without the problem that we usually have about traveling and so on.

So I would encourage people to just pick up, to register for EuroDIG, and pick the session that might be of interest to you. And then from there, during the session, maybe in the chat and so on, there's a possibility of exchanging some information and maybe get people's interest beyond EuroDIG. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Roberto. Any other comments? If not, let's go to ALS engagement taskforce. May I ask Yrjö to tell us where we are? Shortly, please, because we're a bit late.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yeah. Thank you, Sébastien. Well, some of the answers have come in, but not very many. And just by previous experience, I think that there is a need for a reminder from you, the chair. I remember that Olivier had to send a few reminders before we finally compiled the previous list. And if you want, I could actually draft a reminder for you. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Yrjö. It'll be very welcome. If staff can add an action item for both Yrjö and myself to follow that, it would be great. Thank you very much.

Let's go to the next item, it's April newsletter. Natalia, do you want to say a few words, please?

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Sébastien. Very few words. I would like to thank all EURALO members for your attention to this newsletter and your question and your comments which I received. And exactly because it's our most important tool for now as some of our colleagues said, to explain the At-Large processes, and sometimes to remind us of our goals. And I think it's great that newsletter encourage some of us to determine the specialization of our work in EURALO and At-Large, because some members asked me about how can we join to Capacity Building Working Group for example and we are very welcome to know about [inaudible] information inside and outside of our community. And I think our newsletter may be better. Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Natalia. Next item, I guess I'm now going to ask Olivier if he can give us a short summary of where we are about policy. He's the co-chair of the CPWG. Go ahead, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sébastien. We got a lot of policy done this month yet again. Some of the recent statements ratified by the ALAC include

the phase one initial report of the review of all rights protection mechanisms in all generic top-level domains. That was a very long policy development process that started after the last round of new generic top-level domains and it was to try to see if the rights protection mechanism that that were in place, things like copyrights, trademarks, trademark rights or trademark names were suitable or not suitable for the purpose that they were designed for. And it took a long time. This was an initial report or a phase one report on this, and it's been several years. So the ALAC commented on that.

There was also a comment on the addendum to the initial report of the EPDP, the expedited policy development process on the temporary specification for the gTLD registration data team phase two, another very long name to basically talk to you about the changes that were made to the WHOIS system, identification of domain name registrants where you check who is the registrant of a domain name. And this was all brought in because of the General Data Protection Legislation.

Phase one seemed to be such a long time ago, year, year and a half, even more maybe now. And phase two has also taken a long time now. and in addition to that, there were—so phase two dealt with matters which couldn't be dealt with in phase one in the time that was allocated for phase one, and then this addendum was added after they ran out of time for the phase two reports. So they've done a little addendum, additional amount of work on it and the ALAC has commented on that. It's a very long process. I should probably take an hour and a half to explain what it's all about. But it was basically registration data on one side of the phase one, so what data should be there, and phase two was about who would have access for this.

The third statement that was recently supported by the ALAC and drafted was the revised community travel support guidelines. A bit strange, I guess, in the time when the majority of the world is confined and very few aircraft are flying around. But obviously, life has to go on, and at some point, hopefully we'll be able to open up travel again and be able to go and meet face-to-face at meetings. So this is all about commenting on that.

There was also an APRALO and AFRALO joint statement regarding the Middle East and Adjoining Countries strategy. It's important because it got two RALOs to work together. And we might, as EURALO, be asked to work on something like this in the future if there is a strategy that ICANN defines for the Russia and ex-CIS states, because some of the countries in that part of the world are both relating to EURALO and relating to APRALO. So there might be a need in the future to draft a joint statement between EURALO and APRALO. Hopefully, RALO collaboration will continue.

At the moment, we've got some public comments or consultations that are being worked at. There's one that's up for decision. It's a proposal for the Malayalam script root zone label generation rules. That's all to do with internationalized domain names. I guess the remit of EURALO, that doesn't have much to do with it. But in general, the ALAC hasn't commented on this specifically. IDN working group has been working at these. They're highly technical topics, root zone label generation rules.

The other work that's been going on, there's the ICANN Africa regional plan for fiscal year 2021 through 2025. That's being reviewed both by the Consolidated Policy Working Group but also by the newly formed

Organizational Finance and Budget Subcommittee, so OFBSC, I think it's called now. Maybe it's changed, it's not a subcommittee anymore, it could be a working group.

Anyway, it's been reviewed by both and it's in a transition phase, so we'll have more of these policy discussion that relate to organizations, to strategic plans, to financial plans that will be passed on to the OFB organizational and finance subcommittee. And it would be important, I guess, that this group has now become open, so it's important that we also have a good EURALO following on this so that we get our say in organizational matters as well.

Draft PTI 2021 to 24 strategic plan, again, at the moment, has been passed to the OFBSC, as you can see. The name collision analysis, NCAP study, was all about those names that were applied for. So strings that were applied for in the last round of generic top-level domains that we certainly found out were clashing with strings that people were already using internally in their local area networks, and often because computers that you purchase have a default or manuals that go along, how to do this, how to connect your computer onto the Internet, have examples and people for some reason when they see example.com or when they see example.home, decide to actually name their computer example.home. So you end up with .home and .corp being two of the most requested strings that were not allocated yet and were requested from DNS resolvers. And there were many others as well. So big study has been done, and this is the final report. Good to comment on this. It's until the 17th of June. If you've got a bit of a technical streak in you, you like this sort of thing, it's quite exciting to see that ICANN has done such a good and thorough study on that.

And then there's the ccNSO, the Country Code Name Supporting Organization PDP. Now, it's not often that the ccNSO does any policy development, because these country code top-level domain operators usually do policy at a national level. They're all sovereign, they don't have much to say about ICANN. The only thing, when the ccNSO has policy development, is when they need something that is global that applies across all country code top-level domains. And it's quite amazing to think that until now, there had been procedures on how to create new country code top-level domains, by having to first check if it's in the ISO 3166 country and territory names list, etc. These processes had been in place since even before ICANN existed.

But actually, closing down a ccTLD was never something that had been looked at, would you believe it. So this is what they'll be finally working on, 20 years too late—this is my feeling—namely because there have been some that have disappeared in the years. .yu for example for Yugoslavia disappeared after Yugoslavia was parted into several countries. And that was before ICANN existed, so they just decided one day, “Okay, no more .yu” and that was it, boom done, gone.

But now of course the Internet is completely different, so you can't just flick a switch and say goodbye. So that's why there's now a proposal for a process to retire ccTLDs, one of them being .su, Soviet Union. I think that's still around, still in the list, and now of course there's .ru for Russia that has pretty much replaced it. But how do you then delete this?

And there are a few other names that evade my memory that also need to be on their way out because they're neither used or the country or territory doesn't exist anymore as such.

That's the work at the moment. I've been a little too long, but it's quite exciting work at the moment. Obviously, it would be good if everyone took part in policy. And looking at the names that we have in the penholders, I shed a tear. Yes, one big tear of sadness because I don't see many Europeans there in the penholder slide. So it'd be great to see more people from this part of the world involved. Thanks very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. And no, you were not too long. It's always very useful to have your report and what is happening about the policy issue within ICANN. And I would like to underline what Olivier suggests, more European involved in policy and as a penholder will be great. That's also very interesting that we have—it's very occasional, ccNSO PDP, and it's also just for the fun, we were talking about PDP 3.0 within the GNSO, the way the PDP will be organized in the future, and the ccNSO is coming with PDP 3. We may make mistake on both of them. Any comment, questions? Annette, go ahead, please.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG:

Thank you. Thank you for this information. I just have a question of the first part, this study. There were two strings you mentioned, that was .home and the other one which is now so super important. Can you just repeat this, please?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, I didn't say that. Thank you, Annette. It's .corp. Many computers were shipped out with either .home, but those that were meant for a corporate network often said, "Oh, do you want to set up your corporate network? Just call it nameofyourcompany.corp." And obviously, that clashed with a company that has applied for the string .crop.

the difficulty specifically with .corp is actually more important, I guess, or more serious than .home in that companies often have servers with confidential information using domains that are only internal. So .corp being one of them. So imagine opening the door for hackers to be able to set up a server under .corp if .corp was now released internationally and being able to siphon off the data that you think you're saving into your private secure server and ending up saving it on some hacker site. Yeah. Thanks goodness they caught this one in time. Thank you.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay. Thank you for this information. This sounds like really interesting study. Thank you, Olivier.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Annette, thank you, Olivier. Any other comments, questions? Okay, let's try to rush for the final. We are supposed to have only two minutes, but we will take a little bit more. May I give the floor to Ricardo to tell us where we are with the Operation, Finance and Budget whatever, committee, working group? Please go ahead, Ricardo.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Thank you, Sébastien. Yesterday was a call for the meeting for the Operations, Finance and Budget Subcommittee. I think it will be the last, because the next one I guess it will be the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group instead of subcommittee, and leaving the Finance and Budget Subcommittee as it was.

As Olivier mentioned earlier, that was a closed subcommittee. The working group will not be. In fact, you received the invitation to join the subcommittee because we are accepting participants. Yesterday, we discussed the PTI strategic plan for fiscal year 21 to 25, Holly Raiche that is the penholder. Also, we hear from Seun Ojedeji the Africa regional strategic plan. So we're beginning our work. The idea is to have there all the non-DNS-related policies. And you're welcome to join.

Fortunately for Europe, both the co-chairs for the policy [inaudible] and I'm the chair for this group and in Europe. So we are not penholding, but at least we are chairing this. Thanks.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Ricardo. And yes, definitely, we are happy to have you, both Olivier and Ricardo running those two very important groups. That's great. Any question, comments on that? If not, let's go to Erich if you want to give us a short update on the NomCom since the last meeting, please.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: [inaudible].

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Erich, if you're speaking, we can't hear you. Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think he's just some distant from the mic, needs to speak a bit louder.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I'm not sure that he's talking to us. I have the impression that he's talking to somebody else. Okay, we will come back if needed. Let's go to next agenda item, the next face-to-face—or not—EURALO meeting.

This year, we will have to organize one in 2020 with the board who will come with proposal for a date, and for the 21, who will be funded meeting if it's face-to-face. If not, it will not be very costly. We have to decide if it's go along to ICANN 71 or to EuroDIG 21. One is more for engagement and the other for outreach. I suggest that I will discuss that with the board and put a survey to the members to decide which ones we prefer. Like that, we will not take time here today, because we are already three minutes late to give the floor to Olivier to run the discussion about the election.

Okay. If there is no other question on that, I would like very much to give the key of the meeting to Olivier and now he will run the meeting. Olivier, thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sébastien. Thanks for handing the key over to me. Just to mention, so Sébastien has basically passed on the key to me to run not only the call today but the whole election process, and that's because there were a couple of his family members that had been nominated in the process to start with, and just to avoid any conflict of interest or anything like this, he's passed this over to me.

So we have two positions that are up at the moment for an election and we've got for each one of the two, we received a number of nominations and a number of nominations were declined by people who were very, I guess, honored to be nominated, but at the end, we ended up with two candidates for each one of the positions. So as a result, we have the current positions. So at the moment, the current holder of the ALAC seat is Bastiaan Goslings, and he was eligible for reappointment but because we don't actually have any term limits in EURALO when it comes down to appointing members, NomCom has a two-term limit. You can be appointed twice by NomCom to a position or you can be appointed to the NomCom twice in a row, but when it comes down to our ALAC members as selected by the RALO, there is no limit as to this.

So Bastiaan was eligible but mentioned that he wouldn't want to ask for a reappointment. So we had Joanna Kulesza who was nominated by Yrjö Lansipuro, and Wale Bakare who was nominated by David Mitchell, and each one, as you can see on the screen, has submitted their statement of interest. The term would start at the annual general meeting of this year, so we're talking November of this year, until the annual general meeting in 2022.

Now, you know both candidates. Joanna has been on the ALAC as selected by the Nominating Committee in recent years, and Wale Bakare was the EURALO secretary for a number of years as well. Both are here on the call and are ready to answer your questions. But what I was going to suggest first is to go through the list and get each one to introduce themselves and say a few words about themselves. And then afterwards, I guess we can go straight into the questions and answers. I don't have any specific questions for them at the moment, so we can just leave it at that. But yeah, I guess we can just start with Joanna who by the way is a vice chair of the ALAC as well at present. Over to you, Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you very much, Olivier. I'll be brief. I've tried to put my statement of interest on the website and I encourage you to give it a look. I would be honored to represent EURALO as designated representative on the ALAC. I wanted to thank Yrjö for the nomination.

I've tried to support the entire At-Large community over the last two years, and if I was able to win your trust to keep on the work that I have been trying to do, I would do my best to not disappoint in that trust.

I've been involved with capacity building within At-Large as indicated during this call earlier on, we together with Alfredo have been trying to enhance participation within At-Large through a number of initiatives. As briefly mentioned previously, there's a series of webinars. We're working on [fueling] the database, the repository of resources to be used by the entire At-Large community. We're working on a policy

platform that will provide easily accessible answers to those who are curious about what it is that At-Large does and where it stands in terms of representing end users within the ICANN community.

I would like to support At-Large further when it comes to implementing the At-Large review. You will find more details on that specific plan and the statement of interest, not just this website but you'll also see the document that is added to the election Wiki that was just on your screens a short while back. And I think I'm going to stop here. If there are questions, I'm happy to answer them. I would do my best to try not to disappoint your trust, should you choose to put it in me. And I'm happy to answer questions. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Joanna. Next we're going to have Wale Bakare and then we'll open the floor for questions for both candidates. So let's go over to Wale. You have the floor.

WALE BAKARE: Thank you so much, Olivier. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everybody. My name is Wale Bakare, as you know. I previously served as EURALO secretariat between 2017 and November 2019.

The reason why I'm trying to get your support to represent EURALO for the ALAC [inaudible] to give me the opportunity to represent EURALO at ALAC.

The [main] reason why I would love to serve EURALO is just basically due to some emerging issues which are directly, indirectly relating to

ICANN, and these issues are meant to be served and that they need a new perspective, new energy, and new vision in order to be able to put in a strong contribution into the ICANN board.

So if you give me the opportunity, I believe I've got the experience and I've got the knowledge and I plan to bring new energy in order to be able to contribute to these overarching issues.

Today, ICANN is facing a lot of challenges, so the next three to five years, these challenges are going to be tenfold. So when you look at ICANN governance, unique identifier system, geopolitics, all these are becoming into one big challenge. So these will need At-Large and ALAC to put in a strong contribution into giving the direction of ICANN [inaudible] face these challenges in the coming years. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wale. So now let's open the floor then, if there are questions, to Joanna Kulesza and Wale Bakare. And I hope that there are—I'm not seeing any hands up at the moment. I know it does take a little while for people to think of something.

So I was going to ask, since I'm not seeing any questions at the moment coming on, I was going to ask a question regarding the direction—because this is an ALAC position—by which you believe that the ALAC can be better heard by the ICANN board on the one side and can listen more to end users on the other. So, how can the ALAC be a better channel for channeling input from end users into not only ICANN's processes but towards the ICANN board? I'm not sure who wishes to start first. Shall we start with Joanna first and then we'll have Wale?

And then I see there a hand up from Erich, and then answering Erich, it'll be Wale first and then Joanna. Go ahead, Joanna Kulesza.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you very much, Olivier. That is a wonderful question. I think it goes right into the substance of At-Large and effectively of ALAC. Just to give you practical examples, there are numerous endeavors targeting that challenge, which is not an easy one.

Just during today's meeting, Yrjö and Natalia have been kind enough to present the efforts that are already unfolding regarding ALS participation. So that's definitely step one, work on the ground. And I feel very strongly about working on the ground.

So on one hand, it is ALS participation, trying to know your users, so to speak, and understanding where the ALSes come from, what they mean, what they stand for, what is the message that's coming from them.

I would argue it's not just ALSes. As EURALO has proven across the years—and I'm a very good example of that as well. I've come here not as an ALS but as an individual end user. I think the opportunity that Roberto has given us with setting up the Individual Users Association is wonderful, because it allows us to work together with this diverse community of end users, often represented through ISOC chapters, through businesses, through NGOs, but also, if you were just simple end users like myself, you can come into At-Large, you can participate, you can listen in, and if you think you understand where we're coming from, you can try and speak up for the average end user out on the street.

And that takes us to my second point. Listening is one thing, and then trying to navigate that discussion to provide tangible outcomes. And that's something that you, Olivier, together with Jonathan, have been doing a wonderful job on. So the Consolidated Policy Working Group is exactly that channel, that tube that we need to navigate those discussions. And the outcomes of the Consolidated Policy Working Group discussions seem to have already caught the board's attention.

Let me just bring to your attention the lovely Valentines letter that was sent to the board who liked it so much that, although looking sort of like a joke, it actually had a very tangible effect on the policy outcome and the decisions that were taken.

So on one hand, it's listening to your end user. On the other hand, it's stimulating discussion that is something that the Consolidated Policy Working Group has done tremendously well.

But I feel there is a third pillar to that, and that is capacity building. That is something that I think we can do better on, and that's where I've been trying to support the community in. I believe we need to inform the end users on both the threats and the opportunities.

When we talk about DNS abuse, it's an ambiguous term, and everyday on the street end users rarely have an idea about what it is. Us here within the ICANN bubble, we use DNS abuse as if it was our middle name. But the end users we're aiming to represent know very little about the acronym itself, less to speak about the content.

So informing those we claim to represent about what those policy acronyms actually mean, what it is that can be done to protect them

from the technical challenges or online threats that they do not necessarily need to know the technical aspect of, is something I feel very strongly about.

On one hand, I want to know what those individuals think, but on the other hand, I want to make sure that they have a good grasp on the facts surrounding their everyday use of the Internet.

So my emphasis would be on capacity building and outreach in terms of getting more users to be vocal about what it is that they need, about them being aware of their challenges and of the opportunities. The pandemic has proven a wonderful testing ground for this narrative. COVID cures, the mysterious vaccinations you can buy for coronavirus online? That is pure DNS abuse. This is something where ICANN goes a long way trying to protect end users, businesses, us, those who are using the Internet every day.

In that sense, I want to focus on capacity building, outreach, getting more folks onboard, and that will help us to better fuel the policy processes. That will give us more voices to be heard. That will give us a better presence.

I think it's already happening and it is to a large extent thanks to the individuals we have here in this chat room, let's say, in this Zoom room. But I think that there is a better job that we could still do, and EURALO is one of the stronger voices that need to be heard in that discussion. And I would see that there's an opportunity for us to build on that.

I'm going to stop here and I'm going to give Wale a chance to respond as well. Thank you very much, Olivier. That's a wonderful question.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Joanna. Next is Wale Bakare.

WALE BAKARE: Thank you so much, Olivier. Thank you so much, Joanna, for that great response. The perspective that I would like to bring into the question raised by Olivier is twofold. One, you asked how will At-Large, ALAC, contribute to ICANN in terms of contribution, and on the other hand, about the ALAC [issue with regards to At-Large and how ALAC be coordinating] At-Large.

So let me put it this way. First, we have to look at what is stakeholder about. The multi-stakeholderism being practiced by the ICANN community is based on what we call bottom-up model process. That is the way it is.

So when we look at that, it is a way—I will have to agree with Joanna. So there are certain areas we have to look at in At-Large. First, we need to identify our capacities. So, what are the capacities we're looking at within the RALO? Especially EURALO. EURALO is just one of the key members of RALO within ICANN community.

We need to identify these capacities so when we are able to [inaudible] capacities, then we'll be able to build and be able to develop on these capacities. And how do we achieve this? The very best way to achieve this is to identify the individuals that will be able to contribute and put in input. For instance, from researchers, from the academics, from the

technical community, from the rights advocates, and the people from other nongovernmental organizations.

We're talking about over billions of people. So this is At-Large. What are the issues that are pertinent, that are very germane to individuals with regards to the [inaudible] of Internet?

So when we talk of domain name, how many users are out there who recognize what domain name is? In At-Large, we need to build on this, even just to expand the capacities that we've developed and identified, and we need to build a kind of mutual understanding on how people can gain knowledge to understand what is ...

One pointer to this is the recent issue with regards to ICANN and ISOC about the .org. That is one thing that At-Large and ALAC should build upon in terms of the [different ICANN] to understand what people are really after, what are the issues people want to identify with.

So we know that the privacy issue is one key thing. DNS issues, another thing. we're having other emergent issues with regards to the cloud. The cloud encroachment, cloud is going to engulf every aspect of Internet in the world we have today. But how do we identify the issues that are going to affect the Internet infrastructure, the workloads? Everything is becoming online today. We have to two types of worlds. We have a virtual world and real world.

Definitely, right now, we are living in the virtual world rather than in the real world. So, are we experiencing a kind of impact on the infrastructure of the Internet? Definitely, yes. What about security? How do we address this? These are these issues that are very pertinent

and we need to start building awareness and letting ICANN understand this is no longer business as usual. Then how will ALAC put on the [advisory cap?] Because if you look at ALAC, ALAC is about putting advisory to the ICANN, not developing policies. That is one big challenge to the At-Large community at the moment.

I would like to stop here. If you have any questions, please, I welcome them. Thank you so much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wale, for this. So now we have someone in the queue who has put his hand up and been very patient. Erich Schweighofer, you have the floor.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Thank you, Olivier. Joanna, Wale, you are both quite strong insiders. Wale for a longer time than Joanna, but Joanna has done an extremely good job in joining the ALAC leadership. Everybody agrees on that. Very appreciated. But I see two sides of this job. On one side, being part of the leadership team, and doing extremely important work of handling all the demands of ICANN for comments and considering what to do for the ALAC community, [on the other side,] what's difficult for ALAC is the outreach. So, how to connect to these two billion people that you somehow represent? How do you consider it could be improved?

I must also say that I have checked. [And Olivier, may be better that EURALO is the biggest region. Considering territory, Africa is the biggest. But also numbers, we are quite strong.] So there's still a lot to do, and

maybe you have some ideas about that. I know it's extremely difficult, particularly when you are heavily engaged in ALAC work, but somehow, we'll have to improve it. Maybe you have some ideas. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Erich. We'll start answering the question with Wale Bakare first. Wale, you have the floor.

WALE BAKARE: Thank you so much, chair. I'm sorry, Erich, I didn't get to understand your question quite well. My assumption is that maybe [inaudible] if you can repeat your question, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Erich, did you want to summarize your question?

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Yes, I will do. Sorry for being not so precise. And maybe I use another microphone, maybe easier understandable. Just wait a moment. So now it works and maybe it's easier. The question is outreach, how to connect to the people you represent. So that's very difficult task of ALAC. There's not much input, that's the problem also, but still, how to reach out, how we can improve that, that you say, "Yes, I'm representing so many millions of people as Internet users and would like to speak and my voice is heard." Because that's also important for ALAC. [inaudible] yes, billions will be active if we're not heard properly. Thank you.

WALE BAKARE:

Thank you so much, Erich, for that question. There are a few ways to get connected to the billions of people in the world. One way is just to identify the ALS. So the ALSes that we know through the leadership of these ALSes so we can start to build on, to get input from the Internet end users. So there is one way.

Then another way is just a way of identify the capacities that we know are very important within EURALO. So by getting to know these capacities, then we'll be able to build on the competencies and the knowledge and understanding. So, how do we do this? We can do this [inaudible] webinars as one way. Then we can also via e-mails through the ALSes, and also, in the public meetings as well because one way we should build on extending public meetings to different parts of the world, is just a way of getting to get the outreach to thousands of users around the world.

So by having these meetings be rotated to every part of the world, that is one way that'll get us to the Internet end users. And also, the outreach activities as well can be done with the internet ecosystem community. So when we have partnership with some of these technical community members, then through that, we [inaudible] in touch with these end users.

So these are the ways, I think, we can get ourselves feedback and get input back and forth. So we have to create what we call a kind of feedback system. So when we have your input from the activities you get involved in, then you pass it over to the end users through the ALSes

and through the capacity building activities we get engaged in. So whatever issues they might have, we'll get that as an output and that will enables us to be able to build and continue to reach out to the end users around the world. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Wale. Next is Joanna Kulesza with the same question.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you very much, Olivier. I think Erich is asking this question because he has a wonderful experience in actually getting the people on the ground and listening to them and making them speak. So thank you very much for raising this issue, because I understand that both myself and Erich know how challenging and difficult it is to find the right audience, to get them to speak, to get them to speak on issues that are within ICANN's remit—which always is challenging—and then to be able to make out of that conversation tangible policy inputs that we can put forward.

As much as I agree with everything that Wale said—I already said I'm a strong believer in capacity building. We need to have informed users to be able to better represent them. And when you're having that conversation, when you're trying to build capacity, you get the feedback that you need and that is part of the process that I appreciate most.

I'm going to put in three examples in the chat box here. The first one is actually Erich's work. He's been wonderful in doing the IRIS conference

for quite a few years. And he's been wonderful in actually doing what he's asking about because Matthias Kettemann that's now running for the NomCom position is one of his prodigies, is someone that he's trying to more actively get involved within ICANN, which I think is wonderful and it's something that we need.

At the same time, I'm a strong believer in working on the ground, and the GSE team, I know we have Adam Peake on the call today so I'm going to use this opportunity to say thank you to Adam. The GSE team have been wonderful in supporting that work on the ground just earlier this year in April, even though we had the COVID pandemic and even though it proved quite challenging, we managed to set up a month with ICANN with remote participation from the GSE team and my students here at the university, doing exactly what Erich is asking about.

We would have young Internet users getting informed, getting the information, getting the capacity building exercise about the Internet, how it works, what it is that ICANN does, as Alan likes to refer to it, the Internet plumbing. And then we would get feedback from them, what it is that they would expect, how important is privacy, how important is security, what is DNS abuse when it comes to the time of the pandemic?

So I strongly believe in working on the ground. I know this is something that's happening in various areas, and Europe is very strong on that. We've had the wonderful summer schools on Internet governance spreading, multiplying around the region. Working together with the GSE also proved quite wonderfully effective.

We have networks here. I know that there is the memorandum of understanding we have with RIPE I believe was completed just a few years back.

My personal focus is on getting young researchers, academics also well represented and well visible, specifically within EURALO. I would like to use this year's opportunity with the IGF coming to Poland, coming to Katowice, to support a network I have a history of working with, which is the GigaNet. That is also my initial network for meeting folks around ICANN.

And I would like to use a specific network to get more people who are already informed about Internet governance on ICANN's ground and try to better use their capacity in terms of informing our policies.

So I know where this question is coming from, Erich. I know it's challenging. I think I have a few ideas where we might want to improve that representation. But I think it comes down to a more dogmatic and political question, and I know that is a discussion you like to have on legitimacy.

So when we have democratic processes, how do we know that those who actually get elected, get the votes, represent the nation, the people, the majority. It's a very political discussion. I know it's accurate for Austria, for Poland, for the US. So there is that question of legitimacy, and I know it's innate into democracy, but we haven't come up with anything else.

So if you do want to make the claim of knowing where the people stand, I strongly believe in listening to them first, and for them to be able to

tell you what it is they want. You might want to give them the appropriate information.

I think that's the gist of my answer, but thank you, Erich. I think that's a very good question. Thank you for putting it on the ground. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Joanna. So for those people who are keeping track of time, you might be wondering if we're running overtime with this discussion. Unfortunately, Both Bastiaan Goslings and Matthias Kettemann haven't yet made it on the call. And it might be that they don't—I understand there are a couple of other factors involved. So we will just continue our discussion in the meantime with Joanna Kulesza and Wale Bakare.

In the queue, we have three people. I'm going to ask everyone to be a little bit more brief in their questions, and also, the candidates to be a bit more brief in their answers. Although it's fascinating to listen to the answers. Very interesting, listening to both candidates' answers. But I just want to try and get more people to have a chance to ask questions. And we've only got ten minutes left.

So Matthias Hudobnik is next in the queue.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello. Thank you very much to both candidates for the very interesting words. My question would be obviously more related to the younger generation. Since I'm the youngest ALAC member and a millennial, I

would be very interested, what is your opinion or plan to reach out to the younger audience, like new potential Internet end users?

I mean we have a lot of people or folks from other areas like bloggers, influencers, and people which are for example using services via apps. So we all know that this is already changing the domain name system, and I also think that this is, or even it will be in future, a very important audience. And I would be curious to know a little bit more about your opinion on that, what you think about that, what would be your future plan to make, so to say, Internet governance sexier for the younger generation. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Matthias. For this, we'll have Joanna speaking first and then for the question that Sébastien will be asking later, we will have Wale speaking first. So then we swapped the order. Joanna Kulesza.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you very much, Oliver. Following your suggestion, I will try to speak slowly but be brief. So I'm going to give a very brief answer to Matthias with just few lines of explanation. Come to the next virtual ICANN meeting and see what we have planned.

Trying to address your concerns seriously though, I rush to assure you that all of those concerns are well taken onboard. You as an ALAC member know best that there are very intense activities and initiatives taken to make sure that Internet governance is sexy, remains sexy, or that we get the message across. If I was to give you buzzwords or

keywords that you might want to use or hashtags for your tweets, I'd say that the hashtag would be gamification, and it would be interaction, and it would be visual capacity building.

Jonathan Zuck has been doing wonderful things in providing brief videos. We're experimenting with quizzes for the webinars. the next one is already announced. It's on June 1st. We'll have three speakers and we are already reaching out to them, making sure that this is not just a webinar but rather that it is an interactive capacity building exercise. In that sense, I would say that there is awareness of those challenges, but Internet governance remains a complex topic. It's quite difficult—and believe me, I know what I'm saying, I've been trying to get my young students to understand how exciting and fun, but at the same time, complex Internet governance is for a while.

So we're trying to keep it simple, we're trying to keep it mobile friendly and open. I'm not going to use this opportunity, but I've been trying to advertise this as much as I can. Come join the Capacity Building Working Group and just help us, because there's so much work to be done. We're doing it step by step. All of those observations that you shared here, Matthias—thank you for doing that—are well taken onboard. We're making it more fun, I think, but it is a work in progress, so we need as many hands on the back as we can get. Thank you very much, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Joanna. Next is Wale Bakare.

WALE BAKARE:

Thank you so much, Olivier. Thank you so much, Matthias, for the question. Let me put it this way: one of the tasks in the last three years, I came up with a workshop proposal for EURALO. It's about the IoT and governance challenges ahead. That is the title of the workshop.

And the idea behind that is that we basically wanted to get to reach out to the people. So that workshop was to be held at the United Nations annual IGF that takes place in Paris.

So basically, to reach out to the younger generation, we have to go through many ways. At the moment, I have to tell you this: [I am a tech lead,] so I work on one of the UK government agencies' digital transformation agenda. So I lead a group of engineers, and younger ones as well. I'm also STEM ambassador for my organization. What STEM means is science, technology, engineering and mathematics. That cuts across secondary schools and primary schools.

So what we do, we teach people across secondary school just to let them understand the engineering, mathematics, science and technology aspect. So that is one of the experiences that I have gained. So At-Large, ICANN community, we could replicate this in terms of getting to the younger generation. At the moment, everybody is using Internet. Everybody's [just in] laptops. They're working from home. There are all sorts of things online. We are virtually living in virtual world, not in the real world. What that means is we are working online.

At ICANN, the EURALO, what I would propose to EURALO is just that while we're at EURALO monthly meeting, not just based on a meeting only, what we could incorporate into the meeting, we could build a kind

of monthly webinar on how to reach other EURALO members and At-Large members as well.

So through this way, we will be able to get more people to attend the meetings. So we will need to have a kind of selective topics. So that is [my thought on the] capacity building anyway.

So In that process, we'll be able to get younger generation to get ingrained into what ICANN really means, what is DNS. This is not just technical.

Then another challenge is that we need to develop is just to make sure we integrate what we call Internet governance with a legal framework. I know you and I are experts in the legal system. So we have so many expertise within EURALO. So we can build on that. We can also [incorporate] the public policy into how are we able to develop this, not just the technical part of the Internet, not just the infrastructure, not just the DNS.

This is one way we can attract the younger generations for them to be able to understand and be part of the ICANN ecosystem. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Wale. Now we have the final question from Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. Unfortunately, we don't have the two other candidates for the NomCom. If not, we are already late. I have a

very short question. Ten years ago, I was elected first board member from At-Large. Ten years later, we still are waiting for a second one. What is your plan to get the second board member from our community? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sébastien. For this, we'll first have the response from Wale Bakare.

WALE BAKARE: Thank you so much, Sébastien, for that. So your question is about how do we get board member. Did I get it right?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Second board member from our community.

WALE BAKARE: I didn't understand the question. Sorry, Sébastien. So you mean the nomination process, or how do we get somebody from our EURALO to be part of the board member? Is that what you're saying?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I am just asking, we have currently—we select as At-Large one board member. In ten years, we are struggling to have a second one. What is your plan to have this second one board member from At-Large coming to the board? Thank you.

WALE BAKARE: Right. Thanks so much, Sébastien. In order to answer your question, it's just a way for At-Large and the ALAC to be more proactive with the approach into what we are going to be putting into ICANN in terms of the advisory role. So, what are the areas, the key things, the key components that we need to put in in order to put in very strong advice to ICANN board.

So through this way, if we have a very strong input and contribution to the development on ICANN or how ICANN should go in the direction of the issues that are the challenges that are in front burner of ICANN. Through this process, we'll be able to convince ICANN that yes, we are ripe enough to have two board members from our community into the ICANN board membership. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wale. Next is Joanna Kulesza to answer the same question.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Olivier. I'm going to answer along the same lines. So yes indeed, I agree with Wale. The better we do, the more visible we are, and the more pragmatic our input is, the better chances we have of getting that second board member.

But I'm going to be a little bit more precise. That's something I've put in the statement of interest as well. I believe we need to read the guidelines in terms of for example the At-Large review. I know it's challenging, I know it has many contested points and it goes back and

forth, but I think the better we do in presenting At-Large—and there's a huge role for EURALO to play because we have all of those resources and we have all of those experienced members like yourself, Sébastien.

So the better we can do in presenting the way we listen to the community when they tell us we need to do better, I think the easier it's going to be for us to get that point across.

I know that you feel very strongly about the ATRT3, and I know it's challenging, but I think that the only way for us to progress is to listen to the feedback, taking onboard the best that we can, and then try and progress with the quality of input.

And my personal point of view on this is—and that's something I've advertised before as well—I would love for At-Large to become the space for consensus building. Consensus is such a rare quality within ICANN, and if we're going to become the home of consensus and if we can provide practical solutions to challenges that are pertinent to this community, I believe that goal that we've been pursuing for ten years and counting will be closer.

I don't have the sword to cut the knot that is at our hands, but I still have hope and I'm very optimistic that if we follow this path that we've taken on, trying to implement the At-Large review and show that this is actually happening, that we are listening to the community, we're trying to improve, we're being very pragmatic, and your efforts in getting new folks like myself onboard and speaking—as I'm speaking right now and speaking with confidence and feeling welcome and trying to build that consensus, I think that's the way that we should carry on. Thank you

very much for the wonderful leadership, both yourself and Olivier have been tremendously welcoming as EURALO leaders. And I think that's the way for us to move forward.

I'm going to stop here, we're out of time. But thank you, that is an inspiring question. Thank you Olivier and Sébastien.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Joanna. So we have pretty much run out of time for today's call. I wanted to thank both our candidates. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to send them to the EURALO mailing list, and I'm sure both candidates will be able to respond in good time. And this is what we're going to have to do also for questions relating to the NomCom position.

Just reminding you that the NomCom position is a little different in that the vote will take place and then a preferred candidate will be brought here. Oh, I see that Matthias Kettermann has just made it. We've kind of run out of time, but maybe a few words from Matthias. I know that Bastiaan is known in this community. Perhaps Matthias could say just a few words, a quick intro from Matthias Kettermann who managed to make it to the call, and then we're going to have to close the call because we really are late. So Matthias, you have the floor.

MATTHIAS KETTERMANN: Hi. Terribly sorry that I'm a bit late, I had to teach a class on Internet [inaudible], so it was kind of the same subject. And I talked to my students about the importance of these new forms of transnational

cooperation where we are able to really make a difference. People like us, we can impact how standards are made. and this usually resonates with them quite a lot and I'm very happy to be able to bring that to the table, also to the table of our RALO and ICANN.

I'm a professor at the University of Vienna right now. I've been involved in Internet governance issues over the last decade or so. I have a strong academic background and I'd really like to get more involved in the practical side. I think that the time we have here to reflect during the corona crisis on some of the premises of our work has really allowed me to come to the conclusion that it's important not only to write about stuff but also to do some stuff, and this is why I've been happy to accept the nomination and I'd be happy to be able to represent your interests and I'm here for any questions. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Matthias. I wonder—I'm going to ask staff now if we have time for just one or two questions maybe, because we are beyond the end of this call, and I'm not quite sure if there's something after this.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi Olivier. I do not have a call, so I'm free to stay on.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Claudia. So maybe I could just ask if anybody has questions. It's good to see you, Matthias, for the first time I guess,

[we're] your new face, should we say. So thank you for joining even at this time.

I see Roberto Gaetano has put his hand up. Roberto, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes. Thank you. It's interesting, I'm picking on one sentence, and Matthias has said it's important to do things. So, what is your plan? What are you planning to do? Thank you.

MATTHIAS KETTERMANN: I'm planning to do a lot of listening. I don't want to sound like a politician, but my plan is to do a lot of listening within the community, especially regarding also younger people. We have some really great younger people here, and I want to make sure that the whole process is future proofed. And in order to do that, I think we have to get even more involvement from the younger generation in light of the evolution of digital cooperation architectures. We still need to secure the input of regional and local bodies. So my idea would be to ensure that within the EURALO community, we channel the voices of the young people and of regional and sub-regional bodies more directly into the work of ICANN.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Pardon me, I was not clear. I mean you are candidate for the position at NomCom. So maybe [inaudible] specific, what are you going to do at the NomCom?

MATTHIAS KETTERMANN: Well, represent these ideas and interests in the selection of the people which come before the group. I thought you were talking more about my future planned involvement within the community.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Roberto. We have Erich Schweighofer next.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Okay. Matthias, [inaudible] for a long time. In NomCom, there's now the question of diversity. So now North Americans and Europeans are too strong maybe. So, how do you consider how we move some seats to other regions? And also, who is the best [represented] community? For a while, we were [more managers,] now we're more on community organizers. Who will be the best to represent the At-Large community? Because there are strong interests now involved, and you're very aware of that, it's not so easy to find a consensus in the NomCom. Thank you.

MATTHIAS KETTERMANN: I totally agree that in any international body, it is extremely difficult to find a balance of geographical, of gender, of stakeholder interests.

What I would do is to particularly pay attention in all those processes to have the voices of those who were traditionally not represented so

strongly heard by also making sure that the nomination processes are really encouraging to those who wouldn't traditionally nominate themselves.

I know that from sitting on a number of candidate selection committees that there are so many different forces impacting individuals' decision whether or not to participate. And I would support structures of nomination that make sure that we can transcend some of the established power structures.

In the larger, long-term frame, I think it would make much sense to ensure much more participation from non-western and non-North American communities.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this, Matthias. And I realize we are running out of time, but I did want to ask, I guess it's the elephant in the room type question. It's a question that's often been asked within At-Large as to what type of person the community should send to the Nominating Committee.

There's a discussion always that says, well, should we have new people, so newcomers going to the NomCom, or should we have old timers, people that have been in ICANN for quite some time?

There are two schools of thought. Some are saying, well, it's a very good introduction to ICANN to be named on the NomCom. And others say, no, if we want someone effective on the NomCom, they need to know things inside-out, they need to know ICANN, how it works.

What would make you as a newcomer more effective than an old timer?

MATTHIAS KETTERMANN: I think what would make me more effective would be that I would look at people without knowing all of their history and without having any long—well, dependency relationships. I perhaps offer a slightly more objective and perhaps ahistorical approach to seeing things. I could take people nominated probably a bit more at their face value than somebody with a very long history of involvement in the process.

At the same time, I would be very conscious of my lack of involvement in the past, and would try to remedy that by talking widely and broadly to be sure that I know all I need to know. At the same time, I see this also more as a step into the community and the start of a longer involvement with the community. So any kind of knowledge gaps I'm sure are going to be filled very soon by talking to all you great people.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, thank you very much, Matthias. Thank you for joining us on this call. And as I mentioned with the other candidates earlier, if anybody has other questions, additional questions, then please send them to the EURALO mailing list, and Matthias will be able to answer them. And of course, the other candidate, Bastiaan Goslings will also be able to answer these questions.

Now, with regards to timing, the bylaws say that the elections need to start no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances, and end no later than two weeks after that deadline. So the next steps are for the elections to start on the 22nd of May, and

they will last until the 29th of May 2020. And those elections of course are all taking place online.

And I wanted to just remind you, as I said, that when it comes down to the Nominating Committee, the choice of EURALO will be sent to the ALAC but it is the ALAC that appoints people on the NomCom.

So the ALAC might appoint the person that EURALO has chosen by the election process, the voting process, or appoint the other candidate, or indeed appoint neither of those candidates and appoint another person altogether. And I'm telling you this because it has happened in the past. Maybe not in EURALO, but elsewhere. So it's a possibility for any of the regions, and it's down to the ALAC to make the appointment because it is an ALAC appointee. With regards to the EURALO appointments to the ALAC with Joanna and Wale, that is a decision made by EURALO and not by the ALAC.

So that's where we are. Starting the election on the 22nd. Please look out for the ballot in your e-mail. It's important that you vote on these because I know that people are a bit slow voting, but please get this done.

And I think that's all. I've rambled enough on that. I can hand the floor back to Sébastien Bachollet. And thank you for all the candidates who have spoken today, and thanks, of course, for all the questions that have been asked.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Thank you for the candidates. It was very interesting and informative session. Thank you for running that on behalf of EURALO.

There is no time for any other topics, any other questions, therefore, we will end the call now. See you in one month. You will receive the information on your mail. But I would like to underline what Olivier just said: please vote. It's very important. It's one of the things you need to be involved in, is to decide who will be representing us, EURALO, at ALAC, and who might be the one in the NomCom. Please vote.

Thank you very much. Have a good evening. Take care of you and of your nearby, and talk to you soon. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi everyone. Thank you very much. Please enjoy the rest of your day.

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