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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Board teleconference call on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Sebastien Bachollet, Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet, Mate Mester, Wale Bakare, Joanna Kulesza, Yrjo Lansipuro, Erich Schweighofer, Olivier Crepin-LeBlond, and Roberto Gaetano.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, 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 also to please keep your lines muted when to prevent any background noise.

Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Claudia, and thank you all for your participation. We are in EURALO Board meeting. The agenda for today will be review of action items [inaudible]. We will have a discussion about the EURALO election and we will talk about next EURALO calls, discuss about [inaudible] for EURALO and go through a preparation of the EURALO meeting next week and any other business, particularly in the next [inaudible]. Any questions, comments about the [inaudible] on that?

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I'm sorry, I need to change my mind. I was [inaudible] webinar in French about Internet governance and we are just coming out of that. It was useful and interesting.

I don't know if there are any action items from last Board, but I am sure that Gisella will tell us. Let's go to EURALO elections.

One of the reasons the election results was not yet published, I wanted not just Olivier and [inaudible] and so on. We wanted to be sure that everything was okay with the result. It seems that it's the case. I will say at the end what is my [inaudible] about how the election went, but I think Olivier, it's a good time to announce the results in case it will be published as was possible by [inaudible] now that we are clear on what is the situation. Olivier, please, as you were in charge of the elections. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Sebastien. And guess what? I'm very embarrassed because I can't find the link that I had for the results that was supplied to me.

Just going from memory, we had two elections. One was to do with the ALAC position where we had Joanna Kulesza that was going for this and the second person who was going for this position, if I remember, was—no, not Bastiaan. Wale Bakare.

The result was that Joanna was selected. We had a good turnout, by the way, in the election. I think there were 26 or 27 ALSes that responded, and the ones that didn't really are, I'd say ... I'm not going to call them ...

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Well, most of the ones that didn't respond were ones that were having issues. Some organizations are having internal issues. Some are changing personnel and so on, and so it was difficult for them to vote.

So, Joanna was selected on this vote. And on the other vote, we had two people also and that was the recommendation that EURALO makes to the ALAC for a NomCom representative. So it's just a recommendation and it's the ALAC that then picks someone from EURALO. And it could be the person that was recommended, it could be the other person, or it could be someone else that is neither of those people that have gone for this.

So, the person that was recommended on this occasion was Bastiaan Goslings. He won that vote over the one from [inaudible]. So, that's where we're going, basically, and that will be a recommendation that will be made—that should be made—to the ALAC. And then it's down to the ALAC to either proceed forward or to select, make their own selection.

I'm happy to answer any questions. First, I wanted to congratulate, of course, on behalf of [inaudible] election committee, but on behalf of EURALO. It's great to see that we've had contested elections and so on. And thank all the candidates and to congratulate those people that are being chosen.

Just one more thing. You have no idea the amount of work that is coming to you. Or maybe you do. Maybe you do and you've seen what's coming up. I look forward to see you in place. Thanks.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. Thank you for all the candidates and for the winner and the other two. Now we have Bastiaan who will leave ALAC to go to the NomCom. And we have Joanna who will stay on ALAC but with another position, as she was previously by the NomCom. It will leave the NomCom without a very good candidate, but they have now to find somebody else. It's [inaudible] and I hope that they will find a person as good as we have chosen to go to the ALAC.

I see that Joanna wants to take the floor. Congratulations and the floor is yours.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you very much, Sebastien. This is just to briefly thank you for this vote of confidence. I'm looking forward to the work. Thank you, Wale, for a great [inaudible] and I'm certain we can work together on making At-Large even better. Thank you so much, everyone.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Any comments or questions about this election? If not, I will just give you my personal—and really personal—point of view. And I am not talking about the result, but about the process. I am very concerned what three proposed candidates declined to become a candidate. I guess—and I talked with three of them—part of that was the way when somebody is nominated, then immediately a few people were voting and others who are not voting people say, "Oh, this candidate is the best one, so there is no reason for them to run." I think we really need to think about that because I would have preferred to

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have five candidates than just two. Two is better than just one, but why not to allow with a real diverse possibility to choose?

I hope that we will be able to find a way to go and to take that into account in the future, because if not, we will have people who will be very disappointed and not coming anymore of the election and that will be a bad way to go. Therefore ...

Once again, two of them was my family, but it's not at all because it was my family. It would have been I would have the same position for people outside of them. But I know a bit more because [inaudible] they were both [inaudible] we had the opportunity to discuss and I talked with [inaudible] also.

Therefore, I just wanted to take that into account for the future. I don't know what we can do, but I hope that we will be able to do something.

Once again, congratulations. I am very pleased that we will have Joanna with us at the ALAC and even she will be a little bit closer from EURALO as we choose her to be our representative. And Bastiaan, I am sure that we will [inaudible] good work in the NomCom. Thank you.

Let's go to the next ... No, I wanted to cover the next topic. As Olivier alludes, some ALSes didn't vote. The reason is that some are really, as you say in English, dead ducks, but some is because they changed their minds and are not anymore interested. But it gives us also the opportunity to see that change of leadership and the ALS was [inaudible]. Therefore, we have all that to do and I hope that the ALS Engagement Working Group will help us, the Board, to work on that, to find out about those ALSes and if we need to [inaudible] suggest to

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ALAC to decertify some of them. It's a good time to do that. The election is one important, if not the more important, time for engagement. We need to take that into account. Thank you. Any questions or comments about that specific discussion?

Okay. If not, let's go to the next item. It's the upcoming EURALO calls. [It's more on] information. We will have the next week, in one week exactly, a EURALO monthly call. We will have a full set of meetings during in two weeks in June as we will have the ICANN virtual Kuala Lumpur meeting and Tuesday 23, it will be during the Kuala Lumpur meeting. Therefore, a [inaudible] meeting. And the week after, I guess it's time to rest a little bit as the schedule will be quite tough to review the week of the virtual Kuala Lumpur and it will be at the timing of Kuala Lumpur. Therefore, for us it will be from 2:00 AM to 12:00. We really hope that you will be participating. Therefore, I suggest that the 7<sup>th</sup> of July we do our EURALO monthly call normal meeting and no call after that, except if we have really a need, until September and we come back with a date for September.

If there is no question or comment, I will go to the next item. It's the shirts. I just received the last proposal for ICANN about the shirts. I am suggesting that we will buy with the budget 60 shirts with different sizes with the logo of EURALO embroidered on the [inaudible] shirt. I tried to find the blue closest to the color of the blue or EURALO. It's not exactly the same, but close. It will be available for all the participants. Hopefully, in June next year during our General Assembly. I hope that it will be a face-to-face one In Europe, of course. But it's a discussion we need to finalize either in EuroDIG or in ICANN meeting. Any questions or comments?

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Okay. Just to let you know, we tried to have different proposals, but the timing is so short and we will go with the proposal organized and made by staff as the other proposal didn't come fully on time. Thank you.

Okay, let's go to the next item. The next item is proposed agenda for EURALO monthly call. I will go through and read it, and if you have any comments, please tell me. The role call, review of action items, [inaudible] of ICANN 68. It will be just one week before. An update on ALS Mobilization Working Party. I guess that Yrjo said something and I wish to say, to talk about that even if it was not on the specific topic for today, but [inaudible] agenda. Outreach and engagement activities. That I will talk about. I will [inaudible] strategic plan [inaudible] EuroDIG 2020 and IGF 2020. Discussion with the ALS Engagement Taskforce. And the communication with May EURALO newsletter I guess will be almost ready, if not already finished. And then a final date on public consultation. That will be Olivier [inaudible]. And the Finance and Budget Subcommittee Working Group, now the name is Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group and Ricardo is still the chair of this and it will be his show. We will ask Erich for a short update on the NomCom and discuss about the EURALO General Assembly. The one this year will be virtual and to find a date, and the one in 2021 will be either in ICANN 71 or EuroDIG 21. We will have to decide that. And any other business.

Any comment, question about this agenda for next week EURALO monthly call? Natalia, please.

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NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Sebastien. I would like to say two words, not about agenda but about I think maybe our problem about a small number of participants of our monthly call. I think [inaudible] may include some time some of the—from our ALSes in our monthly call. We can make our calls more [inaudible].

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Natalia. It's a proposal I made one year ago to the chair at this time. The problem we face is that we don't have so much ALSes willing to tell us what is happening. And the other problem is that if we want to skip one hour, that it was the wish to some participants, it's quite different. But I would like to suggest that we make an appeal at the next call to see if there are one or two ALSes wishing to give a short update on what they are doing, and if there is nobody, I would be happy to tell you what ISOC France is doing right now, but I am sure that we will have some other way to do that. Let's skip that and maybe we add an item nine on this EURALO monthly call to any update from ALSes if you agree with that. Natalia?

NATALIA FILINA: Yes, Sebastien. Thank you very much. I think we need to think of something to encourage our members and ALSes to participate and I think it's a good idea of time spent.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. Any other comments? Maybe Yrjo, you want to say a few words about the mail you just sent us to keep us all informed.



YRJO LANSIPURO:

Yeah. Thank you, Sebastien. I sent an email yesterday to the EURALO Board list about the mobilization, ALS Mobilization Working Party. The call took place yesterday. The working party is still discussing the accreditation of [inaudible] for ALSes, and in this connection, I noted that EURALO, according to our new bylaws, actually grants the provisional membership to an applicant that is recommended by the EURALO for membership in EURALO and in At-Large. Of course, the decision will be then made by the ALAC.

And there was some discussion after this. Alan wanted to know what happens if ALAC turns down the application and also there were questions about what precisely a provisional membership of an ALS in EURALO entails.

My answer was, as I said in the email, that the bylaws are sort of silent [in response] have not only the protection but the final answer, final definition, will happen when we come to the ROP, to write the EURALO rules of procedure.

This was the whole discussion was mainly I think out of curiosity from other RALOs and other people who don't have this kind of provision. In my opinion, if we have this kind of provision and others don't, it falls under the normal what we call subsidiarity. That is to say, tolerance for diversity among RALOs. Thank you.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Yrjo. Any comments, questions on that issue? Oliver, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. Thanks, Yrjo, for taking us through this. It's interesting because, of course, our rules of procedure have been recently last year, quite recently, redrafted and so on and this looks as though it's one of these things that might have either slipped through and we didn't really take on it or that was there and it does have its use when and if we would require it.

One of the things that we need to take into account or keep in our mind is the fact that the EURALO bylaws were based on Swiss bylaws, the format of which was chosen because for simplicity. It seemed to be more simple than other forms of bylaws.

So, it does have a few things in there, like for example, the seats of the association and so on which are required if you want to use the format of Swiss bylaws.

But you're very correct in saying that, yes, a number of things were kept in there and are somehow undefined and that's because of the rules of procedure which are yet to be drafted and which will have to be used in accordance with the bylaws, and one of the things is that ... The reason why we've divided it is that the bylaws are hard to change for a purpose. They have to provide the stability that's needed by EURALO. But the rules of procedure might change a bit more evenly because things do evolve sometimes and require the rules to advance and to

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evolve. So, I guess we'll just have to see how this gets defined further during the rules of procedure.

I agree with you also the whole thing about diversity. I wanted to note that at least one other RALO has found that the idea that EURALO put forward in having a specific ALS that deals with individual users is a model that they might consider as being interesting, whilst just to give you a reminder, the other RALOs are using a system where the members—the individual members—are directly members of the RALO itself. And that introduces, in our view—or at least in my view and the view of the people that were in the drafting team for the EURALO rules, for the EURALO bylaws—that that looked a bit complicated. But you might have a different view on that. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. If there are no other comments, may I ask staff to add one action item, to ask the [inaudible] member of the group was supposed to work on the new rules of procedures to ask them if one is willing to run the show, and if we [inaudible] one or more candidates to be chair of this working group will be great. If we don't have, I will do it, but I think it's better if somebody else can be willing to take the work on that specific issue. Thank you.

I didn't tell you before, but maybe [inaudible] already spoken, may I ask Roberto to tell us a few words about what is happening in the next three days in Europe?

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ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. It's always hard to find the unmute button when you look for it. And then when you don't need it, you hit it [inaudible].

Yes. In the next three days at EuroDIG, we will have about 20-25 different sessions in three different [inaudible]. The meeting will be completely online. There are three studios set up, three hubs. One is in the Netherlands where EuroDIG has been held last year. One in [inaudible]. That's where EuroDIG in person will be held next year. And Berlin, that's where the EuroDIG is headquartered.

We had today tests with three different studios to make sure that everything works. It's going to be a challenge because one thing is to have one single stream and another thing is to have three different hubs that have to coordinate among themselves for the sessions.

But for the contents, I see that in the chat there's a point—thank you, Sebastien—the point to the site. If you want to participate, there are two ways to participate. One is accessing the stream, and for that you can do that anytime. But if you want to interact, which is what I recommend, that will allow you to follow all those sessions, but also to be able to interact, to ask questions, to put comments in the chat and so on, you need to subscribe by midnight. I believe midnight [inaudible] but it can be midnight Europe. So to subscribe as soon as you can, so that you get the credentials for your personalized access to Zoom without which you will be unable to do it.

So, what else? As I said, there are different sessions in different threads. We will go on with Day 0 that has some specific topics. There's the NRI assembly. There are some topics that are specifically of interest to the

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local community. There's an east-west relationship debate. There's a very technical session [inaudible] technology.

Then, in the other two days, it's more the regular EuroDIG program with the three parallel sessions, plus plenaries. Some of the topics that will be of particular interest, at least having read the comments that we have received in the Expression of Interest. One is track G that has a lot of different aspects beyond the technical aspects. The impact on the users, how this will—what the impact is.

One last comment is that the program has slightly changed in the last couple of months. In particular, because the world's population has been affected by the coronavirus, and even if there was nothing that was planned obviously when the proposals were presented—nobody knew about the coronavirus—there are some interesting changes in some sessions that are now evaluating and having the discussion also on what the impact of coronavirus is having and also how people can see the future evolution of the Internet in light of the fact that now the Internet has become more important than before the event. There are also some social implications. I think it's a lot of things we're changing—are changing—and gives room for a lot of discussion. So, that's basically it.

I know that there are a lot of people from EURALO involved. So maybe other people can talk about those specific sessions. I know that Joanna is involved and others.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Roberto. I will not give the floor about this topic. My [inaudible] please participate the next three days. You must be at EuroDIG and it is virtual. It's easier than to travel [three days]. We miss [inaudible] but let's go all together to the EuroDIG meeting. [inaudible] I guess it's [inaudible]. Any other business? Next EURALO monthly call will be the [2<sup>nd</sup>] of July. We already discussed that.

If there is nothing else, I would like to ask staff. We need to disconnect and reconnect. Claudia or Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes. Just to confirm. Will you be doing a brief summary after this? In which case, we will be pausing the recording and we will come back online after our in-camera session or will you not be coming back to provide a Board recording with any information on the in-camera session, in which case we will just [pause] the recording. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sorry. I will not provide any short. I can't do that just on the fly. We would like to think. This call is closed and we will reconvene in a half a minute together for in-camera session. Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Sebastien. We will now officially stop the recording. Claudia is our call manager on this call and she will just provide you with a brief list of anyone who we feel may not be invited to this in-camera session, Sebastien.

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