Trimestrial Report EURALO (September – November 2010)

Over the summer time until September, EURALO was busy preparing its annual General Assembly in line with the 5th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 14 – 17 September in Vilnius / Lithuania. Main issues of EURALO's 3rd General Assembly were suggested modifications of our Bylaws to better include individual members in our Regional At Large Organisation (RALO) activities and community. Other important matters were the reelection of one of the ALAC member (on the outgoing place of Sébastien Bachollet). Sandra Hoferichter from our German ALS Medienstadt Leipzig was unanimously approved. The new EURALO representative at the NomCom, Yrjö Lansipuro, was unanimously approved as well. It was further agreed that EURALO's 4th GA would be organised in line with the next European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) at the end of May 2011 in Belgrade. Like in previous years, five of our members are again on the organizing team for the next EuroDIG.

As decided at the very beginning of the At-Large Board Director selection process in early 2010, EURALO wanted to include its members by direct consultation on the candidates. The directed vote of the Chair was intended being based on the advice and preference of our At Large Structures (ALS). Soon after the BCEC voting slate was published, EURALO consulted its members whether to launch a petitioning in favour of more candidates (Avri Doria and Jean-Jacques Subrenat). The EURALO petition was supported by APRALO but didn't find further endorsement by a third RALO. When the voting on the Board Director candidates started, EURALO conducted two more consultations within one week with a remarkable level of response (19 in the 1st round, 24 in the 2nd round out of 27 members). This was an affirmation of EURALO's mobilisation capacity and a vivid bottom-up discourse culture (not just lobbying for its "own" candidate). Besides EURALO's satisfying consultation results, we believe that the At-Large Board Director selection process proofed to be another maturity step for the entire At-Large community.

In the course of our preparation for the ICANN AGM in Cartagena, we had to settle some more pressing issues. One of our ALAC members, Patrick Vande Walle, announced his early resignation due to changed professional circumstances (with effect from the Cartagena AGM). For the completion of his term EURALO nominated Olivier Crépin-Leblond and this needs to be approved by our members until 10 December PM. EURALO is proud that Olivier was nominated for the next ALAC leadership. With the Board selection (Seat 15) of Sébastien Bachollet two EURALO representatives will fulfil key roles at ICANN over the next years.

Cartagena, December 2010. Wolf Ludwig EURALO Chair