BOARD
During retreat dedicated to new gTLDs we have dealing with all issues related to new gTLDs and some decisions were made and published as Board decisions at ICANN page.
The retreat report we wrote is partially copied here in order to make it more easy to follow
a) GAC’s new points about Geographic names came just during our debate and we decide to give some time to work on it. Board will consider UNESCO list - ISO 3166-2 list – no translations will be added to this list.
The OCT 28th board meeting will debate the document and may reach a conclusion or, more probable will be sent to face to face retreat meeting, Nov 3-5 in San Francisco, CA
b) Budget About - $300,000 was included in the budget for outreach, education and training. Financial support shall come from external sources – a list will be published. Direct financial support will demand the development of specific criteria, and for that the working group shall continue to work.
There is no more relevant issue related to budget
c) Vertical Integration - It was decided to ask to each one to state that will keep confidentiality regarding part of this debate. All in conflict of interest left the room during the debate. Board decided to publish a letter to the GNSO since it would be relevant to have some degree of certainty from the GNSO that consensus is not going to be reached on this issue in the near term. Board expected the feedback from the GNSO from its meeting on OCT 7th, which was done. The next move will be the board to decide independently probably during the retreat.
Since GNSO, as stated above, will not pursue consensus, board has to decide and due the complexity involved in this issues probably will be decided at retreat F2F meeting.
d) Morality and Public Order – the board received the WG document a couple days before the retreat, making it quite difficult to review deeply the report, but we worked on it, with high recognition that of the work of WG was a cross SO&AC, bottom-up and stakeholder model to be kept. Staff will frame the issues and make recommendations.
The same applies to this issue.
e) Similar strings – GNSO has asked to consider similar strings when they belong to the same owner. But additional policy work is required to establish the rules by which similar strings could be allocated.
Similar strings will certainly need more dedicates and constant effort. Probably this will demand case by case analysis.
f) Background materials – was agreed that before the Oct 28th meeting additional info and background material from the retreat will become available.
Publication of the rationale for each board decision was supposed to be done till Oct 27th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE – PPC
The PPC faced lack of constant support from ICANN staff since June when Nick Aston-Hart quit, but finally we have a quite brilliant woman - Filiz Yilmaz, the new Senior Director for Participation and Engagement. The PPC will meet on Nov 3rd in San Francisco. During this period PPC publish the results of the survey. Next ICANN March meeting will be in San Francisco, CA, USA, but PPC was not involved in such decision, though we consider a good one among others in the North America.

OSC - GNSO Operations Steering Committee (OSC)
A new report about outreach was posted by a sub group to be analyzed by the OSC group. It was a quite interesting document focusing in the alternatives for GNSO’s outreach actions in developing
world. The document was not approved yet. When done will be published at GNSO page. Our liaison with GNSO certainly will come with this report when available.

**ALAC**
The final approval for ALAC BOARD SEAT 15 was in the already consensus agenda for the OCT 28th Board meeting. Now it is in ALAC’s / At- Large hand to come with the elected person. I would like to advise how important is to elect a very qualified people with the capacity to perform well as be committed with ALAC principles and work, as well as act as privileged liaison in order to give ALAC better opportunity to participate on the relevant decisions for Internet community.

**SSAC** – I have attended the SSAC retreat in Washington DC OCT 20-22. Since our Liaison wasn’t able to attend I am posting the agenda below and inform that the presentations will be posted at SSAC wiki for information. Patrick will come with more information in his report.

**Security and Stability Advisory Committee Retreat / 20-22 October 2010**

**Program**

**Wednesday, 20 October**

**Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia**

6:00 to 7:00 pm Reception: Salon C Foyer, 2nd Floor
7:00 to 9:30 pm Dinner: The Gallery, 2nd Floor; Speaker: State of the SSAC – Steve Crocker

**Thursday, 21 October**

**Hyatt Arlington, Senate Salon B & C, 2nd Floor**

8:00 am Convene
8:05-8:30 am Review Agenda
8:30-11:00 am Systemic Weaknesses in DNS; Speakers: Rodney Joffe and Paul Vixie
Registrant Protection; Speaker: Rick Wilhelm
Law Enforcement/E-crime: Speakers: Jeff Bedser and Duncan Hart
11:00 to 11:30 am Morning Break
11:30 am to 12:15 pm Internationalized Registration Data; Speakers: Jim Galvin and Steve Sheng
Key Issues From a Security and Stability Perspective with Introduction of IDNs; Speakers: Patrik Fältström, Sarmad Hussain, and Xiaodong Lee
12:15 pm to 1:00 pm High Security TLDs; Speakers: Duncan Hart and Dave Piscitello
1:00 to 2:00 pm Buffet Lunch
2:00 to 2:45 pm Compliance from the Perspective of Security and Stability
Speaker: Stacy Burnette, Director, Contractual Compliance, ICANN
2:45 to 3:30 pm TLD Registry Failover; Speakers: Jim Galvin and Dave Piscitello
3:30 to 4:15 pm Afternoon Break
4:15 to 6:00 pm SSAC Membership and Structure; SSAC Succession Planning
Speaker: Ray Plzak
6:00 to 7:00 pm Open Time
7:00 to 10:00 pm Dinner, Vantage Point, Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N Fort Myer Drive, Arlington

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**Friday, 22 October**

**Hyatt Arlington, Senate Salon B & C, 2nd Floor**

8:00 to 9:30am Routing Security with RPKI; Speaker: Danny McPherson
RIRs Status; Speakers: Alain Aina and Mark Kosters
9:30 to 10:00 am Morning Break
10:00 am to 1:00 pm Mapping SSAC’s Future Work: Moderator: Ray Plzak
  • ICANN’s Security, Stability & Resiliency plan;
    o Speaker: Patrick Jones, Senior Manager of Continuity & Risk Management [10:00-10:30 am]
• Who Should the SSAC Advise? [10:30-11:30 am]
  o Balance Between Advice, Best Practices, and Binding Contracts
• Alignment of SSAC Program of Work to ICANN’s Strategic Plan;
  o Speaker: Rod Beckstrom, CEO, ICANN [11:30 am-12:30 pm]
• Wrap-up [12:30-1:00 pm]
1:00 to 2:00 pm Lunch and Wrap-up