

Wolf Ludwig: As far as I can see we've received three apologies for tonight from Oksana who is in, somewhere at a conference.

Male: She's in (inaudible) in Odessa.

Wolf Ludwig: Odessa, exactly, which is actually Yulia's birthplace to my memory.

Yulia Morenets: Yes.

Wolf Ludwig: And Bill Drake is still occupied with the ongoing business meetings, [CSTT], etc. in Geneva. And the third apology we got is from Christopher who is not available as well.

So as far as I can see from the notes from Gisella on the Adobe Connect we have Olivier on the call. We have Adela, we have Yulia, we have Vladimir. We have Siranush, Rudi and Sandra. And I am pleased to welcome you at this call. I see Olivier has raised his hand already – yes, Olivier? Or was it just by [auto selects] or by mistakes? Some of you have been at the At-Large call this afternoon; Olivier at least was chairing it.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond: Yes, I didn't have my hand up; I've just got into the room, that is why it came up.

Wolf Ludwig: Oh okay, you just came into the room, okay. Probably later.

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Yrjö Länispuro: Wolf, this is Yrjö.

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, Yrjö?

Yrjö Länispuro: I'm on the call also.

Wolf Ludwig: Okay. I see you in the Adobe Connect. You still have to be listed... Yes, it's just happening now. So as I do not expect any more participants for tonight let's start with the agenda, and I think amongst the standing issues, the roll call and the apologies we are through already; and if somebody would join us at a later stage he or she can be added.

The second point is a review of action items from the last call, not the last one – this is still the 27th of March and not from the April call. Well, as far as I can recall most of the decisions taken at our last call was on the points later on our agenda regarding the planning [Point #7], the planning – we will come back to this one. There was a working group created in the time between to prepare the General Assembly at the eve of EuroDIG Stockholm and of the At-Large anniversary event in Prague, but we will come back to this point later on. And I cannot recall any further points from our last call.

Are there any questions so far from your side or comments? If this is not the case let me continue with the third agenda item, which is the briefing on ALAC consultations and initiatives, material for public comment. And this is usually Olivier's part and Olivier, you have the floor.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond:

Thank you very much, Wolf, it's Olivier for the transcript. We have several, well we had quite a few ALAC statements that were approved in the last month or so. In fact, we had more than we ever had before – there were eight or nine. We (inaudible) a few but the six last ones that we have here, and I really thank those people who have helped in putting those together – it's been very good. Of particular note is the one on the draft advice letter on consumer trust, consumer choice and competition which Wolf has had a good hand at and held the pen on; but all of those have taken [everyone] into account.

We've got a number of statements being reviewed by the ALAC. One is the FY13 Operating Plan and Budget. Tijani Ben Jemaa from AFRALO is drafting the statement at the moment. The comment closes in a couple of days' time. I have not just checked now, let me just see because we were supposed to put it on the Wiki but it might be just a matter of hours... No, it's not on the Wiki yet; it should be on the Wiki very soon and then we'll open the comment period. And we'll probably submit that statement a little bit late since we somehow ran out of time.

The WHOIS Policy Review Team final report, the ALAC call took place a little bit earlier today and Carlton Samuels has advised us that he will be having a statement on the Wiki and sent out for public At-Large comments by the end of the day or within the next 24 hours. The draft statement on the ICANN role and remit in security, stability and resiliency of the internet's unique identifier systems is something that didn't bring so much excitement in people – it's highly technical. Cheryl Langdon-Orr suggested that if we were to prepare a statement, maybe a small one should be prepared.

And so because we have a new SSAC Liaison – Security and Stability Advisory Committee Liaison whose name is Julie Hammer, it was decided that she would be looking at this report and advising us whether we would be writing something or not. We could possibly just be writing something supporting the report. And then finally the draft ICANN Language Services Policy and Procedures: this is something which has been around for a very long time. It's

taken a very long time for the Translation Department to deal with this, the Language Services Department to come up with the support.

Some regions are more proactive I guess in pushing for translation services because they run primarily on maybe two main languages – the African continent speaks English and French, and of course the Latin America and Caribbean Islands speaks English and Spanish – forgetting of course that Brazil is there and also speaks Portuguese. And of course in Europe we have many, many more languages but we all speak English as this call proves. But the intent is to actually have more languages – so the five UN languages. And so far Cheryl Langdon-Orr will help the ALAC to prepare a statement.

I have asked for participants in well primarily LACRALO and AFRALO to come together. You will notice the closing time for the comments is the 2nd of July which means that it will run throughout our time in Prague, and I also invite those on the call here who will be in Prague to join for a coffee at some point which will be determined, probably in Prague, to discuss what should be in that statement that ALAC will make because it is a particularly important statement. We definitely are the part of the community that is most affected by ICANN's Language Services policies and procedures; and we've been battling for more translation, for more interpretation.

And with this we have three current open policy forums which are the proposed devised process for handling requests for removal of cross-ownership restrictions on operators of existing gTLDs. It's a little complicated. Of course we have a GNSO Liaison. He's going to read through this and will provide – well Alan Greenberg is. He's going to tell us whether a statement will be required or not.

Then the WHOIS Policy Review Team final report, and in fact I can see that we've put in both of these statements [as] being currently reviewed further down. I've mentioned that earlier – in fact, we've actually gotten both that and the other one, okay. There's a small problem on the agenda but that's fine. The other three: WHOIS Review, draft statement on the role and remit of security,

stability and resiliency, and the ICANN Language Services policy and procedures are the three that we've just read through just now. I'm open for questions if there are any; if not then I thank you for listening to me for a little bit too long, perhaps. Back to you, Wolf.

Wolf Ludwig:

Thanks a lot, Olivier, for this briefing and update. Are there any spontaneous immediate comments or questions regarding Olivier's elaborations? If not I have just additional short comments regarding the points you have mentioned already, it's Roman Numeral IV: Language Services policy and procedures – it was an At-Large monthly call agenda item as well. And I've seen in the chat room some comments from Cheryl.

What I would like to underline from my perception, from my perspective and view: it's always the same story that NARALO with the least problem regarding language diversity, versus LACRALO, and try to pinpoint it again to the fact that's actually it's APRALO with the strongest diversity of languages in the world – there are over 50% I think, maybe even over 60% of the languages spoken. And I think even Europe is closely behind Asia-Pacific and probably Africa. If we consider diverse native languages, etc., like Swahili it's still implementing a number of languages, but I think Europe is very close to this.

And I must admit during the briefings over the last couple of years which is more than five years since I attended an ICANN meeting, I'm getting a little bit bored about this point because it's always the same ritual, it's always the same routine. There are certain opinions that the Spanish is not properly reflected, regarded even though all sessions are translated into Spanish. ICANN remembers calls where Spanish translation was offered but as there was no participation from that side, etc., etc. And I would wish that there would be a little bit more pragmatism at least from the people who are actively involved in the ICANN policy procedure to make some efforts in regard of English.

I perfectly agree on the point that for the end users and for people who are not so closely, who are not [inside of a closely involved] session there should be

translations available in as many languages as possible but not across the community itself. I think this is enough and it's getting boring. This is my personal point of view on this subject and I referred to it I think during the last two ICANN meetings. Any further questions or comments regarding Olivier's briefing on current At-Large consultations and initiatives?

I see no hand raised in the AC room, just forgive me my last personal comment on that. The next point on the agenda is actually more or less what we said at the last call already: ALS applications. And we are only directly concerned with the recently approved ALS applications; you probably have seen it on the list, it was communicated. Our recent new members is Wikimedia Austria. It's the second Wikimedia chapter at EURALO after Wikimedia Switzerland, and I'm looking forward to have some more of these national chapters joining EURALO and At-Large.

And the second one listed here is Media Education Center from Armenia; and we had some repeated discussions on this because formally according to the ICANN regional model, Armenia is considered as part of the Asia-Pacific region and as Siranush and many other people and friends of ours in Armenia, we considered them somehow informally being part of Europe because they have very close cultural and whatsoever, historical connection with the European region than they actually do have with Asia-Pacific. And at the moment the Media Education Center [Navine] applied for certification. She expressed a strong interest to participate on the European level and we exchanged and somehow agreed with her but we cannot change the rules at the moment; that she will be part at the moment they are certified of AP but she is welcome to participate at the EURALO level.

And some of you may have realized that [Navine] is also closely involved in the work process of the EuroDIG next month in Stockholm so she has very close interests and connections with the Council of Europe, [the] European Institutions, etc. And we will try if she is willing to include her here in our region as much as possible. And last comment, we will bring this point up again at the upcoming Secretariats' meeting at the ICANN Prague conference at the

end of June, where one of the agenda items will be this cross-RALO exception in cases like Armenia and the ALSes concerned.

I see in the meantime Avri has joined our call. Welcome. This time I didn't mix it up like before with Olivier; I just was notified that Avri has joined us. Are there any questions regarding these recent ALS certifications or comments? If this is not the case let me continue with our next agenda item: what is the briefing on the ICANN Academy Working Group process. As Sandra and Avri are on the call, the two which are the closest involved over the last few weeks and who are the driving forces I give the floor to first Sandra and then Avri, please.

Sandra Hoferichter: Thank you, Wolf. Can you hear me, all?

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, you sound good! Not overtired.

Sandra Hoferichter: Perfect! [laughing]

Wolf Ludwig: But I know you are.

Sandra Hoferichter: The ICANN Academy, we actually are more or less in the proposed timeline we agreed to during the Costa Rica meeting, which was to send out the invitation during April and having a response from all the stakeholder groups by the beginning of May. So far we have more or less a [firm] cross-community expanded working group and Olivier might correct me – only the GAC has not responded so far. We've had Olga Cavalli in our group from the beginning and she had also a seat for Argentina; and it might be a possibility to think in this

direction. But Olivier might correct me if I am wrong and there has been another response from them so far.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond:

Thank you very much, Sandra, it's Olivier for the transcript. Yes, you're right. In fact, we received a reply from the [ITC] which was the other committee that did not respond – we just received one this afternoon. So we've got a full house now apart from the GAC, but as you know the GAC is real special and so they might have a look later on but not right now. At least there hasn't been a volunteer for that just now, thank you.

Wolf Ludwig:

Okay, back to Sandra.

Sandra Hoferichter:

Thank you for the update, Olivier. (Inaudible) and I mailed an updating email to all the members of the ICANN Academy Working Group and I actually can only repeat that email briefly during this call because most of the members [were noted]. And it is actually that the group is now more or less complete. We will have one, hopefully two conference calls with this expanded group prior to the ICANN meeting in Prague. We will not invite all the ALAC members to this working group because this call is more or less to bring the expanded group, the new members on the same page, and we won't discuss any new issues; we will just update them, pass the curriculum through them which has been agreed by the ALAC already. So there is no need to include the whole At-Large community because this would be a group of let's say, 17 people then – this is not (inaudible) anymore.

However, during the Prague meeting join the open meeting event which will be for all members and all individuals, and which will be held on the morning of Wednesday. I have not in my mind which date it is right now but it starts at 9:00 and we will have one and a half hours to discuss this. And well, I'm very curious about the response from the community – is it more positive, is it more

negative, are there any other suggestions? So I think it is a very interesting approach that's starting right now, thank you.

Wolf Ludwig: Okay, thanks a lot, Sandra, for your update and explanations. I just want to ask Avri whether you want to add something on this?

Avri Doria: Hi, this is Avri. Can you hear me?

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, speak up a little bit.

Avri Doria: Okay, I'll try to speak up a little. I have very little to say even though I've said a lot in the background. We haven't touched anything ever since we [stashed] campaign to include everybody and their brother from every constituency and its daughter in this process. I congratulate Sandra on maintaining her optimism. I am not so optimistic about the next meeting or how it will go, or to what extent the curriculum will stay as it is; but I'll rest on her optimism and hope. Other than that I think we're entering the funny season, the circus season with the Academy process now having had to include a member of-

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Male: Hello?

Wolf Ludwig: (Inaudible), Avri? I get the feeling that her line is interrupted because I cannot hear her anymore. Hello?

Avri Doria: Hello, I was done. I basically congratulated Sandra on optimism and said I don't have any.

Wolf Ludwig: Okay, thanks a lot for this comment, Avri. It's also part of my perceptions that it was a very protective process so far on the At-Large level over the last couple of months where we could find a lot of common understanding, a lot of common grounds – even respecting some particular expectations that other members thought ICANN Academy would be a broader-based approach including all sorts of remote participation levels, etc., etc. And we had to point out that on the first pilot step it is made like it was demanded by ICANN staff to be oriented on the first hand to the incoming leaders. And this was always more or less the basis of discussion to run the pilot; and even when we could find this understanding on the At-Large level I share Avri's concerns that at the moment we go out to other constituencies it might become more difficult and we will be constipated with all sorts of diverging expectations and ideas, etc.

And maybe this meeting in Prague will be a very complicated one but I still try to share Sandra's optimism that we can continue with this flowchart and that we will have the first pilot like we planned at the October meeting in Toronto. Are there any further questions or comments from your side regarding our agenda item #5 on the ICANN Academy process? Any questions, any comments?

I see no hand raised in the AC and I hear no voice speaking up, so let me continue with the subsequent agenda item, what is Point #6: EuroDIG preparation process. This is a standing item on our agenda over the last call and at the last call we informed you that we are proceeding with improving the program. There have been several updates from the preliminary program now; it's almost at its final stage. There are still some details – people, speakers who

need to be concerned or are missing; but if you have a look at the EuroDIG website under the “Program” then you will see that there are [in time now] most of the session templates uploaded and you can get a more precise idea of what a program is and such, what a program will be like; and you can also get an idea about the sessions.

Sandra, you would like to add something on the preparation process or the program outline?

Sandra Hoferichter:

No, the program is yours, Wolf, you know. I was more [apologizing] to the noise in the background as my girl is just going to bed. Actually I'd like to encourage everybody to register or at least to follow online if he or she is not able to come to Stockholm because I think you will really make a big step forward to an inclusive and [accessible], open platform for discussions. We will have less [speakers], you can count on that. We will have very interesting high-level participants like the Swedish (inaudible), like Hartmut, the Vice President of the European Parliament or Lenny (Inaudible).

And I really think it will be a very, very... Also thanks to our host, the Swedish Post and Telecommunication Agency. We will have a very, very nice meeting and very happy time in Stockholm, and I really invite everybody to think about coming to Stockholm just as soon as possible because the deadline is coming soon. We will close the registration on the 31st of May. That's it from my side.

Wolf Ludwig:

Okay, thanks a lot Sandra. I do not have any complementary information except underlining that the registration process will close on the 31st in the middle of next week, so everybody who's still intending to come and has not registered yet please do so over the next days. I just tried to follow up on some questions raised in the chat. It was Yulia asking if the date for the Academy call was picked already. To my knowledge the extended Doodle is still going on and the final date was not confirmed yet.

Dana, you could participate in the Doodle. May I just ask staff to either post a final call on the EURALO list for those EURALO members still interested in participating or to send it to Yulia? Thanks for following up on this. I see Sandra's hand raised – yes please, Sandra?

Sandra Hoferichter: Am I on voice already? Can you hear me already?

Wolf Ludwig: Yeah, we can hear you.

Sandra Hoferichter: Okay. I just want to underline the two following calls with the ICANN Academy, I think it was about the Doodle, now, or am I wrong?

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, it was about the Doodle. As I understood-

Sandra Hoferichter: Yes, the Doodle was only sent to the new members of the expanded working group, not to anybody else. We did not invite the whole Academy Working Group because this would be too much and we wanted to bring those who are new in this group from the other constituencies on the same page as the ALAC community, as the existing Working Group already is. So [ALAC people] don't feel excluded. We won't start any new things; it is just to bring the new members on the same page. Thank you.

Wolf Ludwig: Okay, okay. So this is still not let's say public in At-Large. We had repeated calls at an earlier stage where we tried to include, be as open and inclusive as possible but we realized that the working procedure was not necessarily easier; and a lot of people who expressed interest finally didn't participate. But I think,

Yulia, if you want to ask any background information on that please feel free to ask Sandra or myself. And I see that Heidi's staff will post a recording and transcript of the Extended Academy Working Group – thanks a lot.

Are there any further questions regarding the last two agenda items either on the ICANN Academy or on the EuroDIG web process? Just let me underline here again how pleased I am that several EURALO members on this call were very closely involved in the whole preparation or programming process, particularly Yrjö who is one of the plenary program points; Yulia, who is offering [flashes] and is part of several work teams for our Stockholm sessions; and Olivier I have seen today will be part of the working group, will be one of the speakers of Workshop #5 on how to improve user protection online that is organized by the Council of Europe. And Olivier will be a part of the speakers.

And while I am confident as Sandra mentioned already that Stockholm will be a sort of breakthrough or point of no return that after the fifth EuroDIG we will have EuroDIG on the European level being the established regional IGF, etc.; and I'm really pleased and looking forward to this next event. Yrjö raised his hand, and Yrjö, you have the floor.

Yrjö Länispuro:

Yeah, thank you, Wolf. I just want to second your and Sandra's optimism and enthusiasm for this EuroDIG 2012. I think that judging from the program, I think it's live now [and with] all the names. We already have oh lordy, I think that this will be the best ever and the real (inaudible) as I said as a precedent for EuroDIG establishing its position as the main European regional [think tank].

Wolf Ludwig:

Yes, thanks a lot for your additional comment, Yrjö. And well I'm looking up with a certain mixed feeling and I'm confident it will be another highlight in the EuroDIG (inaudible), the EuroDIG history. But we will face the certain types of dilemmas that will become more and more difficult [every season] and every year to make it better, to improve it, etc. At a certain level there is an end, but

compared to previous sessions we have really high-level participation. It's been the Queen of Sweden who is bringing a speech in the morning of the second day. We have Carl Bildt, the Foreign Minister of Sweden. We have many ministers from Telecom, etc.; we have [Viak Long] from the (inaudible) Channel, the Council of Europe. We have [Nelly Coors] and really the big shots on the European level, and this is also a kind of a confirmation that EuroDIG will be the platform in Europe over the next years regarding the internet governance discourse.

So for any more details please have a look on the updated website and you can find a lot of interesting things there. If there are no questions regarding agenda item #6 any more let me suggest to continue with our Point #7, what is the EURALO planning – a standing agenda item as well, a continued discussion. And the first point is, well, no – let me put it the other way around. The action items from the April call were now updated in the meantime, and there was one point where we decided to create an org team.

Among us, what was done in the time between, we had two [organizing] calls already where we discussed essentially two points of preparation for the next General Assembly on the eve of EuroDIG. This is going to be on Wednesday the 13th of June from 6:00 to 8:00 at the EuroDIG venue which is quite central in downtown Stockholm. And as you may recall the first announcement and invitation for the upcoming General Assembly was sent on the 13th, four weeks before the General Assembly according to the Bylaw regulations. So the members can be considered as being informed, and now we still have to prepare the Board report for the period between the end of May in Belgrade and the Stockholm GA – that will be drafted next week and sent to the list prior to the General Assembly.

And I would like to ask everybody on the call, or we would like to have a listing of members who intend or can make it to Stockholm to have an idea of how many people or members, representatives we can count in Stockholm itself. And we also discussed the modalities to offer remote participation for the event.

I see Siranush's hand is raised. Please, Siranush, you have the floor.... Or did you just reenter? I think she just reentered the Adobe Connect.

Siranush, are you talking to us? She has a connection problem. Yeah, she has just entered the space, okay, so it was no hand raised. Are there any questions regarding the planning process for the EURALO General Assembly in June? This is a kind of a routine work because as you know, it will be our fifth General Assembly and it's not the most diverse one regarding the agenda. A draft agenda will be circulated as well prior to the meeting; and if you have any points you would like to add onto the agenda you can respond to the draft. And the draft agenda will be confirmed or approved at the opening of the meeting in Stockholm itself.

From my point of view there are no urgent information to be added regarding the General Assembly. What is the most or what is the biggest highlight in my opinion is the second part of the org team mandate to prepare the ALAC Anniversary party at the ICANN 44 meeting at the end of June in Prague. And as you can see under the agenda item there is a link to the workspace where we published the concept, the timing, etc., for the potential participants – the info part of the anniversary event in Prague.

And as I mentioned before we had two calls on this already. The concept was approved at the last call with the speakers we will have at the info part on Monday, the 25th of June from 4:00 to 6:30 or 7:00. The info part will be introduced by Wolfgang Kleinwächter giving an introduction on the vivid and exciting history of At-Large from the early days. So there's some preliminary attempts already before the official creation of At-Large in April, 2002, and we thought Wolfgang Kleinwächter is the best person – with his broad knowledge about most details of the history, the best person to introduce and to give the participants of the events an update. Because I realize the insiders, well, they are about the contemporary period over the last couple of years but not really informed about the first steps and the beginning of the whole procedure when At-Large was becoming besides the GAC one of the key Advisory Committees

at ICANN, etc. And this is a great opportunity to have a look back at the early days, including previous ALAC chairs.

Two of them have already confirmed. Cheryl has confirmed; Jacqueline Morris has confirmed. There is unfortunately no response from Vittorio Bertola who was the first one, and (inaudible) some responses from Annette Muehlberg but Annette indicated timing conflicts, etc. So at the moment I guess she won't make it to Prague but there will be enough people from the community who can fill up the info event. The last part of it will be Olivier's role to make an assessment about the present state of the At-Large community and the visions and key challenges in the future. So for any further details please have a look at the workspace; there are many details on that. And if you have any further comments or questions please let us know.

Are there any questions regarding the planning and org process and the details on the concept, the participation of panelists? If this is not the case, as you may have seen amongst the co-moderators it will be Yrjö and myself, and to finalize the planning for Prague for the Prague anniversary event we agreed on the last call of the org team that we will have after the General Assembly in Stockholm a meeting with all EURALO members who will be present – kind of a dinner – and then Yrjö, Olivier and I will take the opportunity to make the last decisions and to do the last work regarding the selection of slides, etc.; and to prepare a storyboard for this event.

So whoever will be can make it to Stockholm you will be also invited for the post-General Assembly meeting somewhere in a restaurant in Stockholm. Any further questions, comments? Disapproval? Seeing no hands raised, nobody wants to speak up. Is there anything new from the staff side? Well, there was a pin prepared for this anniversary event which was drafted by some graphic designers at ICANN and approved by Olivier, etc., and myself, and we still do need to do some promotion for the event. And I really do hope this will be a kind of Prague highlight and I do expect a lot of people who may attend this anniversary party afterwards. After the info part there will be a part afterwards of course, a cocktail party.

Heidi, you raised your hand. Please, you have the floor.

Heidi Ullrich:

Yes, thank you Wolf. This is Heidi just to update you on a couple of the promotional ideas. The pins have been approved as Wolf noted and they are being produced – I believe we'll have approximately 300 of those pins. The lanyards are being produced as well – we will have 150 of those. The idea of a postcard that will be in the same design as the pins, we had a high bid come back in so we're renegotiating with the graphic artists on that, so we're hoping to have those produced as well to go into the bags in Prague.

And also on the issue of the pins that there was a request to get a bid for those. We did get that but the cost was approximately between \$480 to \$750 depending on the quality of the pins so we are holding off on that until we hear more from you whether there is going to be a sponsor. So if there is more information on that that would be very good to know as we do need to make final purchases or contracts very shortly.

Wolf Ludwig:

Yes, thanks for reminding us on this, Heidi. This is still a very critical point in the Prague anniversary event planning, that the cost for such an event at the Hilton are tremendously high, not to say far accelerated; and we need to find an additional sponsor. And this is still one of the weak and open points in our planning for this and I hope we can find the solution very soon to get at least one sponsor who is willing to contribute an amount of money that will help to cover the costs for this anniversary event.

So just a reminder, if any one of you has an idea of which organization or enterprise, etc., could be approached.... Yrjö on the last call suggested to contact [a brewery] in Prague, in Czechoslovakia. I do not have any contact with these breweries but if somebody of you has an idea or knows somebody who would know such people please let us know via the list or via direct emails so that we can follow-up on this. I think it will be an attractive event that could be

interesting for sponsors as well, but this is an important point that still needs to be sourced. Any further questions, comments regarding Agenda Item #7, the two key points in our planning of our General Assembly and our anniversary party?

I see no more hands raised anymore so we are almost at the end of our agenda. Among these I see “See EURALO Regional Events,” “See EURALO Secretariat Monthly reports” – yes, that needs to be updated next week as well so it will be part of the drafting of the Board report for the General Assembly.

Among any other business I would like to raise one point: as you may remember we changed the timing of our monthly call – the monthly call is normally the third Wednesday of the month, and we modified the time due to demand of some of the members who indicated if it would be another time they could join us more regularly. But as a matter of fact the person who suggested it or who demanded it and after we modified it, in fact he didn’t participate neither so the whole thing was a bit useless or in vain in my opinion. And I do not know what you think about the present timing.

For me, 8:00 is normally fine. At 7:00 it’s a bit more difficult coordinating so many commitments, etc. Should we try to launch another Doodle poll for this and to just retry whether there would be another time option, what would be more suitable? I’m not sure about it but I think every year we can at least make a trial that lets us be more enabling for other EURALO members to participate? I know from Manuel that he told me bilaterally that the present timing is not favorable for him neither, so it would be probably worthwhile just to make another attempt.

What do you think about it, any comments?

Yrjö Länispuro:

Yeah, it’s Yrjö here, can I come in?

Wolf Ludwig:

Yes please, Yrjö.

Yrjö Länispuro:

Yeah, I think it would be good to have another Doodle. Personally Wednesday 8:00, even Wednesday 7:00 would be fine – we’re talking about Central European Time. But I mean having a new Doodle sent out would be a good idea.

Wolf Ludwig:

Yes, I think it was difficult enough to find a day some time ago so I think Wednesday is still the option that I perceive will be the most suitable day; but at least we can always re-discuss the exact time of the call and perhaps we will just get a confirmation that we actually have the best timeslot or others may join and say “Well, there would be a more preferable one.” So I think another Doodle poll on this could be helpful.

I hear a lot of silent approval and see no objection on this so I think we should add this to the action items of today’s call. From your side are there any points for Item #8, any other business? Any information you would like to share? I see no hands raised. Then I would like to thank you all for your time and participating in our May monthly call, and I think the subsequent calls then should be scheduled in between at the end of the EuroDIG in Stockholm. This means from the 16th of June and then probably before the ICANN meeting in Prague – or does anyone prefer to have our next call in line with the Prague meeting?

I see no preference. According to my experience we tried it at least twice – we had a monthly call in line with the Autumn meeting in Seoul; we had another one in line with the ICANN meeting in Brussels, and there was not a much higher participation during the on-site calls we organized with remote participation. So it does not really help to encourage or [support] our participation. So I think the week before the Prague meeting if this is not getting

too difficult for At-Large staff because they are at the final stage of a very stressful period?

So I think we can discuss this bilaterally. As long as the call is in the early part of the week... Yes, it will be a Tuesday like now, I guess. I see “Okay” from Heidi so we will go on as is planned. Thanks a lot for your participation and your contributions tonight and I wish all of you an excellent evening. Enjoy the summer night.

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