GISELLA GRUBER:	Welcome to everyone on the EURALO November Monthly Call on Tuesday, November 20th. On today's call we have Wolf Ludwig, Siranush Vardanyan, Adela Danciu, Yuliya Morenets, Narine Khachatryan, Oksana Prykhodko, Roberto Gaetano, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Yrjö Länispuro. Apologies noted from Christopher Wilkinson, Sandra Hoferichter, Bill Drake, Lutz Donnerhacke, and Manuel Schneider.
	From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisella Gruber, and if I could just please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you, over to you Wolf.
WOLF LUDWIG:	Okay, thanks a lot Gisella for this roll call. And let me just add among the people who sent their apologies for tonight that Manuel Schneider is representing Wikimedia Switzerland and is also in close contact with one of our latest member ALSes, Wikimedia Austria. And he indicated today by private mail that he has changed his regular schedule that made him occupied for our monthly calls over the last weeks, and he will join us soon again starting from December this year I guess. And I'm looking forward to have Manuel more frequently on our calls again.
	I have to approve Sebastien…
SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:	Yeah, it was just to say that I am online, too, and to add me on the roll call please.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Please, Gisella, add Sebastien amongst the participants, and as always you are welcome, Sebastien. Thanks for joining us.

Let me continue with the standing issues, agenda Item #2 – Review of the Action Items from our last monthly call from September 18th. Action Item 1: Heidi to follow up with the Slovenian and Crete ALSes that were among remobilizing our existing ALSes. This will be part of our agenda item "Planning for the Next Year" so we can come back to this, which is an important issue by itself.

The next action item was EURALO to start planning the next General Assembly at the end of the year. This has already been started by sort of a master plan I drafted for us next year, and particularly pointed at our next General Assembly in June in Lisbon which we will discuss later again. And Wolf to send email regarding working group participation – this was accomplished immediately after our last monthly call in September.

If no questions or comments for our action items from September are raised I will continue with the subsequent point, which will be as usual the briefing on current ALAC consultations and initiatives – materials for public comments. And as every month and every year this is Olivier's part and Olivier will give us this briefing. Olivier, you have the floor please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf, it's Olivier for the transcript. Can you hear me well?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, you could be a little bit louder.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I'm in a hotel room so I'm on the cell. Is that better?

WOLF LUDWIG: It is better.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so we have a number of recently approved ALAC statements that you will see on the agenda page. I'll quickly read through them. It's quite a large number of them for the past two months or so.

The first one is the Community Input Draft for the 2013-2016 Strategic Plan – that was approved and I do have to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this work is done primarily by the Finance and Budget Subcommittee of At-Large, and I invite all those who are interested in being in this Subcommittee to take part in it. Tijani has been holding the flag for a while with very little help unfortunately because we've had so much work, so much other work to do. And so any of you that are interested both in the finance side of things but also in the strategic part of things are very encouraged to join. And anyone can drop us a note that they would like to join and we can add them.

Next, the Views of a Drawing for Prioritizing New gTLD Applications – as you know, ICANN came up with another idea than using the previous item which they had started for prioritizing the applications. The draw

is a case of a lottery where participants purchase tickets, etc. What we basically said there was to make sure that IDNs and applications from developing countries would be given priority in being launched. There are not many of them and it is only fair for them to come to the front of the queue because there's so few of them to start with.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments to Align Board Terms – again, it was a very short message saying that we agree with this. But this is just a system where the Board terms are not staggered and everything is essentially synchronized. So that was approved as well on the 8th of November.

Draft Recommendations for the Overall Policy for the Selection of IDN ccTLDs – again, one statement which was drafted by our IDN, internationalized domain name working group, very good work. And so that was approved as well.

Then the Trademark Clearinghouse Document – now, this is an ongoing story because the trademark clearinghouse was found to be too expensive to implement by ICANN staff. And so a number of changes have had to be made to the trademark clearinghouse. In fact, there was a meeting earlier last week that was meant to deal solely with implementation issues but in fact it also looked at the policy again. You might have seen the updates from Alan Greenberg on this and I do have to thank, put it to the record and thank Alan Greenberg for sitting through, I think it was a twelve-hour call – which if you think the one-hour EURALO call is terribly time consuming imagine sitting through twelve hours of this.

Next, the ALAC Statement on Community Input and Advice Process – that actually, let me just check on this because I'm not really sure what happened to this. It doesn't say on the… Yes, so here we go. We have a statement also which was voted for with eleven votes for and one abstention. That statement deals primarily with finding out the, well improving the community input and advice process.

And then the R3 was…

WOLF LUDWIG: Hello?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: …the Future Challenges Working Group and this whitepaper if you have not read it is very basically a discussion paper to start off a discussion throughout ICANN that is basically looking at a way to improve ICANN, maybe change the structure of it, etc. There will soon be a consultation, an ICANN-wide consultation will be launched shortly so you will see that come up in the news again.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, this is Heidi, just quickly – that public comment is going to be launched today, later today and that's only the second ALAC statement that has ever gone out for a public comment. So that's really something, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Super, thank you very much for this update, Heidi. And I have noticed, Wolf, that I should try and make my mic louder. I've now changed the direction of it so I hope you can hear me better.

The statements currently being developed, of course we've done many but we have some more if we want to break all records this year – not that we want to make more but there are just so many things to comment on. The ICANN Consolidated Meeting Strategy Proposal is a proposal by the team that deals with finding locations for meetings to try and consolidate those locations because it is hard to find suitable locations. With the meeting sizes getting larger and larger it is hard to find suitable locations in some parts of the world.

So the way that it's been redesigned is to have the first and the second meeting of the year allocated to Europe and Asia-Pacific and the third meeting of the year being rotated between Africa, Latin America/Caribbean, and North America. The response which was given was one of a cautious yes, although we do frown at the fact that Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and North America would be shortchanged on this. Actually this is only for the next three months…. I'm sorry, I have someone at the door – can I just pass the microphone back to you for a bit?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, pass it back and open your door. I hope somebody enjoyable is joining you?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, it's my food.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, that's even better.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I just ordered room service and it's very quick here. Okay, with regards to the Consolidated Meeting Strategy, what's basically happened is that only North America and Africa would be losing a meeting in the next three years because they are looking specifically at the next three years. Latin America/Caribbean would still be okay, would still have its one meeting that it was going to have anyway so they wouldn't be losing on this. And as I said, we understand the fact that it is difficult to find suitable locations in some parts of the world so we'll just have to keep a watch over this one, and I think that LACRALO is issuing a separate statement; but as far as Europe is concerned, it's going to bring more meetings to Europe because we'll have at least one every year.

The next one: APRALO Statement on Prioritization of IDN gTLD Applications in the New gTLD Program – I'm not quite sure why this is in the agenda because that's an APRALO statement. So we'll keep that on the side. This is one, I think the ALAC had a statement a while ago and this one is still lingering behind.

IDN Variant TLD Program – Interim Report Examining the User Experience Implications of Active Variant TLDs. Now Edmon Chung, the Chair of the IDN Working Group is going to write a draft statement and you will soon be able to read it, I understand in the next couple of days. I know that the comment period closes on the 22nd of November but we'll probably file this a little bit late during the reply period.

Of course I have to thank all of the people who have taken part in the IDN, internationalized domain name Variants Program who are still involved in this program. I know that in Europe we have Oksana who has been very active for all of the Cyrillic character sets. I'm sorry if I missed anyone else but it's been a very, very good show from many members of At-Large in this working group.

The Expired Registration Recovery Policy – now this is actually an implementation side of the Post-Expiry Domain Name Resolution Working Group which was a cross-community working group that Alan Greenberg actually chaired, and it took several years to reach a point of equilibrium between the needs and requirements of registrars, registries, and the rest of the community. Now that we are in the implementation stage there might be a couple more things to check on.

Originally we were not going to draft a statement because no other statements had been drafted by anyone else. I understand that someone has drafted a statement from the registrar side inquiring about one point, and Alan Greenberg, knowing the subject extremely well is now suggesting that we might wish to respond to this. There is an Executive Committee conference call taking place tomorrow and

we'll probably decide to draft something short and sweet to make sure that our point of view is known on this.

The IDN Variant TLD Program – Procedure to Develop and Maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in respect to IDNA Labels, and that was quite a mouthful. Again here Edmon Chung and our IDN Working Group will be able to let us know shortly if a statement is necessary.

Then I see with shock that there are more underneath there – the currently open policy forums. The Proposed Modification of GNSO PDP, which is policy development process, Manual to Address the Suspension of a Policy Development Process. Now that's a very GNSO thing, quite technical in nature. I gathered that Alan, who is our GNSO Liaison, will be able to let us know if something is required there, but as in prior times when we are looking at procedural GNSO work we often try to avoid interfering in the GNSO's work primarily for political reasons. They know better what they need for their own tools, and I gather that we'll probably not want others telling ALAC what to do – we probably know better what to do in our own house.

Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy Part C Policy Development Process Recommendations for Board Consideration – we have decided in the last ALAC call, or I think it might have been in Toronto not to produce a statement. It's again one of these highly technical things, technical as in legal and procedure, etc.

Expert Recommended Improvements to ICANN's Accountability Structures – we had produced a statement in the past to improve ICANN's accountability. Dare I think short of saying "Yes, fine, we

agree" we decided not to draft a statement. There are so many other statements in the pipeline.

Application for New GNSO Constituency Candidacy – the Public Internet Access/Cybercafé Ecosystem. I have asked around if anyone wanted to draft a statement on this one. This is for the creation of a new Cybercafé Public Internet Access constituency in the GNSO – again, highly political. I'm not quite sure what you would gain from this. It really is down to the people already in the GNSO, the other constituencies, to decide on whether they would like this one to be created or not.

And then finally the Preliminary Issue Report on the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D – again, very technical. The comment period closes a while from now. We will ask Alan Greenberg yet again whether something is required for this but I have a hunch that it probably is not, except if something really stands out that we need to speak out against or for. And that concludes all of the work at the moment.

I'll just remind you all that with regards to drafting statements you don't need to be an ALAC member. It can be anyone from an At-Large Structure, and you know, it's a lot of work as you will see so volunteers are always welcome to hold the pen. And of course if you hold the pen you can draft a first statement and you'll get a lot of help from all of us who have been holding the pen on several occasions if you do need the help. And with this I pass the floor back to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot, Olivier, for your briefing and all your elaborations. If I haven't misunderstood I saw Sebastien's hand raised already, and I give the floor to Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Wolf, it's Sebastien just to say a few words about the Consolidated Meetings Strategy which was proposed today and it was commented. We can't say that it will be the policy that will be adopted or the implementation that will be adopted. The PPC and the Board will work on the comments, and just to let you know don't take as a done deal what is inside this proposal. It's important not to have too much inference that it will be the final decision.

And the second point I wanted to raise is something quite new, it's a decision taken by the Board about the WHOIS Review Team report. But more importantly I will say I guess for At-Large is that we suggest to open a new cycle of discussion and work on what is the need and how WHOIS could be replaced by directory services for TLDs. And that's something very important for At-Large to be involved with at one stage or the other. For the moment it's under the hand of the CEO but it will come one day to the general participants and then it will be a good time for us to be involved. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot Sebastien for your additional comments. I've just another question regarding Point B.1 – ICANN Consolidated Meeting Strategy Proposal which you just referred to, Sebastien, and just a question for the planning stage at the moment. Will there be any

consequences for the European region as far as frequencies of meetings are concerned?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You want me to answer this, Wolf? It's Olivier.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, either Olivier or Sebastien yes, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, I've done the calculations and looked at it – it's Olivier for the transcript. With regards to the Europeans, because the first meeting of every year will take place in Europe we are actually going to have more meetings than if you apply the strict rotation. There would be at least one meeting in the EURALO region per annum, so it's actually more positive for Europe. For the next three years, and it's looking at the next three years, Africa would stand to lose one meeting; North America would stand to lose one meeting. Latin America already, if you looked at the strict rotation system would only have one meeting anyway in the years '14, '15, and '16, and so Latin America would not lose any meetings; and Asia of course will gain a meeting because they would have one meeting every year as well, Asia-Pacific. And that's it, thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot for this additional clarification, that actually according to the preliminary planning which is not confirmed yet as Sebastien told us, we would more or less benefit from this change compared to Africa

and Asia-Pacific. Are there any further questions regarding agenda Item #3? And I see Sebastien has raised his hand again? Please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Wolf, it's Olivier – I just need to correct you. It's compared to Africa and North America.

WOLF LUDWIG: North America, yes, sorry – it's Africa and North America, not Asia-Pacific. Thanks, Olivier, for this clarification. Okay?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It's Sebastien again, it's just to insist that it is the current proposal on the table and I can't say anything but we are working on that and at the level of the PPC, and then we'll work on that at the level of the Board. How can I say this… I have doubt that this proposal will go like that straight to the end, and don't make any assumption on what will happen. I will say that there is a year two and a year three of this proposal.

But as I am recorded I can't say anything else more on that, but it's also important to see that we will come to a proposal to open a dialog within the constituency or within ICANN participants to decide not just the place of the meeting but the layout of the meetings for the next year – and then all that is taken into account in our discussion today. And I have a question somewhere on the chat or a private chat but it was only a three-year proposal because prior to that we wanted to have and we still want to have a community working group to work on the

organization for the next year. And maybe it will not be for the years four, five, six but it will be earlier. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot for this additional remark and clarification, and we understood it well that everything is preliminary and needs to be decided afterwards. Are there any further questions from your side, remarks regarding this agenda Item #3?

I see no hands raised in the Adobe Connect. If there are no remarks, questions, or whatsoever regarding this agenda item let me suggest to continue with our agenda Item #4 which is Briefing from the Toronto Meeting and the recent IGF in Baku. And as far as I could recapitulate from the participants on tonight's call there were at least four people present in Toronto or in Baku. There was Siranush who intended to go to Toronto but was not allowed due to some visa difficulties, and I've seen Oksana who has made already some remarks in the chat.

So first of all let me suggest to continue what was to my perception a major problem regarding the Toronto meeting, and for the case of Armenia was still a case for the IGF because potential participants from Armenia wouldn't get any visa for attending the IGF in Azerbaijan. So Oksana, you would like to say something about the visa problems for Toronto; and afterwards, perhaps Siranush regarding Baku, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Wolf. Do you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you clearly.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Okay, great. Really I continued to discuss the visa issues in Baku with the Canadian ccTLD representative – unfortunately I don't remember his name. He said that he received unofficial information that three visa refusals were unjust, so it was unfair not to give a visa to them. But he did not remember surnames of such persons. We have to follow this issue and he said that there were some problems with dates of publication so any formal justification could be found to justify these refusals. But for example, the son of [the Russian] representative [gave his professor] to the Canadian Embassy in Moscow and did not receive his [visa] until Baku. I don't know about any follow-up procedure. So we have to follow this issue and we have to collect all information on this issue, not only regarding the members of any ICANN constituency but regarding their family members.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot Oksana for this additional information. Siranush, from your part on the (inaudible) you would like to add something?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes please.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah, actually you'll know that people from Armenia were not able to go to Baku for IGF and we had a real issue for the first day to even follow remotely. So we just simply didn't have the opportunity for remote participation even because they were neither web broadcasting nor transcripts of the sessions and workshops – they were not available to us. So there were several people here who were arguing, and we had a working group here led by Nominet who sent the statement of our working group raising the issue that we even cannot follow remotely. But it was good that we expressed it directly to the secretariat and remote participation team.

They at least did something and took measures for responding to our statement, and on the second and third day we could follow remotely. It was really difficult – I even did some presentation, brief but with a lot of problems because the sound was doubling, so that was also a problem. Anyway, we could follow a little bit the work of IGF in Baku so hopefully the location for the future will be selected in accordance. And in Toronto you know all the issues so hopefully everything will be settled for Beijing. That's all.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot for your briefing, Siranush. I saw Adela's hand raised and Yrjö's. Please, Adela first, you have the floor. Hello, Adela, can you hear us?

ADELA DANCIU: Sorry, it must have been a mistake. I haven't raised my hand but I had some problems with the computer so I had to restart. So please go ahead.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, so I will give the floor to Yrjö. Yrjö, are you muted?

YRJÖ LÄNISPURO: Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, now we can hear you.

YRJÖ LÄNISPURO: Yes, sorry. So this is about visa problems in Toronto, and I'm sorry to say that when I chaired my first meeting of the NomCom there were three people absent due to visa problems and they were all ALAC representatives – Siranush, Veronica, and Mohamed El Bashir from Sudan.   And I think that, I would propose actually some sort of demarche from ALAC to ICANN to the effect that when ICANN agrees with a host country, potential host countries about the meetings, that the host countries are made to promise that they do their utmost on the level of Ministries of Foreign Affairs to actually get access and visas to at least those participants of the ICANN meetings who have official business to do there – like for instance members of the Nominating Committee. Of course I mean if we have three people, we're missing three people from the NomCom that is certainly a problem for the balance on that committee. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:	Okay, thanks a lot, Yrjö, for this additional information. Let me put your question or your proposal forward to Olivier being the Chair of ALAC, whether you see any possibility? And I see already his confirmation that it might be useful or helpful to send an official demarche from ALAC to ICANN. We discussed these kinds of issues already on the EuroDIG level where we said we will make it part of the host country agreement with any new host, that we need assistance from the host country for any kind of visa formalization as far as it is needed. And this could be also a useful procedure for ICANN as well.
	I saw Olivier's hand raised and Sebastien's. Olivier first, you have the floor.
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Wolf, it's Olivier for the transcript. A very good point, Yrjö, and I'm in it. If there is an interest from EURALO I would suggest that you send the suggestion over to the ALAC list and I think you will get support all around. The next step is really to appoint someone as the penholder, so if there are any volunteers for this…
YRJÖ LÄNISPURO:	Well, I guess… This is Yrjö for the record. I could volunteer because I raised the question.
WOLF LUDWIG:	Okay, this could be a first step and then it will be handed over to ALAC to be followed up. Sebastien, you have raised your hand as well.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes please, this is Sebastien. Just to say that it will be very welcome if you can write something but just to be sure that both the PPC and the senior staff engaged in the future meetings are already taking that very seriously. And we started to work before the end of the meeting in Toronto about Beijing to make sure that we will not have any trouble on that, and you will see quite quickly already some steps further on that – for example, ICANN staff will start well in advance and prior to the current way it was done work on the issue of the visas for participants. Then your paper will be welcome but just to be sure, I want to ensure you that we are taking that very seriously. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot, Sebastien, for this additional information. And as far as I can see from the chat room there was plenty of approval for Yrjö's proposal to make an official demarche on behalf of ALAC. If there are no further comments we are slowly by slowly running short of time.

If there are no other comments and remarks for the visa issues just to accomplish this agenda item, I think besides the known visa problems Toronto was a productive meeting with a lot of good outcomes. I followed most of the ALAC meetings and I think we have done some good work over there.

I cannot unfortunately say the same in my conclusions on the IGF in Baku. To my personal experience it was the worst IGF conducted so far with a lot of serious problems like internet connectivity even for participants on the spot. What Siranush said before – I cannot judge for

the remote participation but I can imagine that there have been some excess problems as well. But even for people on the spot, most of the time I had no internet connectivity at all so I couldn't as I usually did do my mails in between, etc. And from an organizational point of view there were a lot of very serious shortcomings.

On the content side I've attended a lot of good meetings organized by At-Large members as well. From the EURALO level it was Yuliya who has organized a workshop on vulnerable groups which was well attended and was a very productive meeting. And there were plenty of other ALAC-based or ALAC-organized meetings as well, and there was a very good representation from the ICANN community. ICANN had a booth in Baku which was managed by Matt. And from this point of view, in the whole surroundings there were a few highlights but this was not due to the host country and to the organizers.

Are there any additional comments regarding Toronto and Baku? Maybe some who have attended Prague who have had some different experience or observations? If there are no comments made let me just continue with our next agenda item, which is only a short update on the ICANN Academy follow-up from Toronto. Sandra has apologized for tonight's call – it's the birthday of her daughter, and we can make it rather short.

There have been two more meetings in Toronto upon the continuation of the ICANN Academy Project. There were a lot of additional inputs collected from the broader community; broader community means beyond ALAC, also from the business constituency, etc. There was a new working group, an enlarged working group created now to follow

up on the project proposal until Beijing. And there is still a discussion in the working group whether it is realistic or useful to plan the first pilot for Beijing or probably afterwards.

I am not involved in all the details but the discussion is still continuing, and I'm looking forward to our next call when Sandra can give us a short briefing on the continuation and the work to be done at the next opportunity. Are there any further questions? Yes, I see Yuliya's hand raised?

YULIYA MORENETS: Yes, thank you Wolf, do you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please.

YULIYA MORENETS: Yes, it was actually – thank you, Wolf – it was concerning IGF in Baku. Sorry, I raised my hand later on. I wanted just to say that I completely agree with you – there was some logistics problems, well a number of logistic problems.   But still I would like to underline the level of discussions and the quality of the workshops here during IGF in Baku was very high. And it's actually a discussion which is going on between MAG members now, and really the discussion workshops were well-attended. And concerning their presentation of ICANN and At-Large I think as you said it was a bigger presentation and very active discussions even during the workshops with the participation of At-Large members.

And also from my point of view as a newcomer, in the physical meetings, the ICANN meetings I have to underline it was very interesting meeting with a few of the ICANN and At-Large members, but mainly Olivier and the other members who attended could briefly give some information on this. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot, Yuliya. I have just one additional question to you. As a matter of fact, you are a MAG member and I was wondering whether the issue of logistical and organizational shortcomings regarding the host country, if this issue will be raised in one of the upcoming MAG follow-up meetings?

YULIYA MORENETS: Well, for sure because there is a number of people underlining the same. We faced all the same problems, like with internet connectivity, like with logistics problems, so it will be discussed during the next MAG meeting in February in Paris. It's already under discussion on the MAG list and there was a spontaneous MAG meeting, an official MAG meeting actually in Baku so it was really one of the points. But well, we have to underline as well that the host country, they… Well, the second day and the third day they'd done their best in order to solve this problem, even if there was a number, as I said, of logistics problems still going on; and to underline the quality of discussions as well which is quite important and maybe could balance the logistic problems we face. So to answer your question yes, for sure it will be on the agenda.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot. I saw Olivier's hand raised?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf, it's Olivier for the transcript. I've just put a link over to the At-Large activities at the IGF in Baku into the Adobe chat room, and you will see on that list we had a huge number of people from At-Large and the different RALOs that were present (inaudible), and that took part not only in the workshops, the two workshops that we had been allocated funding for – there was one AFRALO workshop and one APRALO workshop that were funded to send some participants. But as you can see on that page there were many other workshops that other people from At-Large had managed to set up.

It's really great to see so much of a vibrant community running so many workshops. The only concern I had apart from the fact that we didn't have any internet and a few other logistical issues was that there were eleven workshop rooms plus the main session. Now, I understand that up to 1500, 1600 people attended the overall conference; however, I do have concerns about having so many parallel sessions. I have to run between different sessions, missing half of them.

And because as Yuliya said the quality of the debate and discussion has really risen this year it was heartbreaking to have to leave one session because I knew there was something great happening in the session next door – the problem being with the internet out I couldn't actually be in the two sessions at the same time, by having one in one ear and one in the other ear. So running around was really hard and I do hope that in the future, and perhaps Yuliya can relay this over to the MAG –

less parallel sessions so as to be able to have more people in the session and be able to have less clashes between the sessions.

YULIYA MORENETS: If I can maybe just quickly react to what Olivier was saying?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes please, Yuliya.

YULIYA MORENETS: Actually it's now in the discussion between the MAG members and it will be raised on how to better organize the workshops, because it's true that we had a number of workshops running on at the same time with from time to time a similar subject. So how to merge and how to better organize workshops, and specifically how to better organize the main sessions because it was an issue of this IGF from my point of view and the point of view of a number of MAG members – how to relate actually main sessions to the workshops and to relate to the main subject of the year. So it will be on the agenda for February for sure. But I do take your comments and I will bring these comments from the At-Large community to MAG members in February.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot Yuliya and Olivier for the additional information. I think we could easily continue with this agenda item to wrap up the last IGF in Baku, not only on logistic and organization but also on the program level. And I share the impression that was raised already –

there was too much overlapping of workshops, etc., at the same time and sometimes missing links to the main sessions.

And of course it may not be justified to compare EuroDIG with the IGF which is far more complex, but these are some of our major concerns in our EuroDIG program planning – to avoid too much overlapping, to avoid too many parallel sessions, etc. – which is [causing] falling back on the overall event and some frustrations for participants. But I'm confident that the MAG is aware about this issue and they will analyze and discuss it further at the next IGF Consultations in February in Paris as Yuliya said already.

If there are no further questions let me continue with our next agenda item, the last one which is supposed to be a major one. Due to some time constraints, just let me suggest to have a look on the EURALO Planning 2013. I've drafted sort of a Master Plan already of what I would like to submit for discussion at this monthly call and the next one in December. And as you may be aware and recall, I think one of the next challenges EURALO has to face is our next face-to-face General Assembly in Lisbon.

As I said on previous calls already, we were lucky for the next year that our project proposal to have a next General Assembly face-to-face again, the first one after March 2009 in Mexico City was approved by ICANN and we can count on ICANN support and funding for our members to come to Lisbon and to join us for our next General Assembly on the eve of the next EuroDIG – the 6th and 7th of June in Lisbon. On the eve means the preliminary date for the General Assembly would be on the afternoon of the 5th of June. You can more

or less know the date already. It's in line with the last two General Assemblies we conducted in Belgrade in 2011 and in Stockholm this year in 2012.

Having a face-to-face General Assembly I can assure you is much more work for preparation and as we discussed various opportunities. One of our key problems at the moment is the lack of participation from our members and there is an immense challenge for mobilization of our members for next year in Lisbon. And as such a big task for mobilization cannot be done in the course of only a few weeks we have to start with this planning and mobilization as early as possible.

Therefore, I drafted these milestones for how we can handle such a challenge. As you can see from my draft, we have to discuss this Master Plan now in October/November until December latest. In December we should be in a position during our monthly call to approve this planning or to modify it in between. Any further suggestions are welcome: to start with the first circular of our members via the list by the end of the year and to make a first announcement for the next GA in Lisbon. This is meant to be a kind of an early advertiser and I'm ready to prepare a first draft for this kind of a circular mailed to our members.

And from the beginning of next year we on a very concrete level need to go for the first mobilization steps, because I don't count in circular (inaudible) so much. And I have suggested some focal points for contacting our member sections like the ISOC chapters, I suggested Yrjö for this task. I suggested Annette and myself for reaching out to the German ALSes. We have more than nine at the moment for the ALSes in Austria, in Switzerland. I could also together with Sebastien or Olivier

try in France, we have ISOC France and we have E-Seniors. In Italy we have two members, ISOC and CLUSIT, in Spain, etc. And I suggested Oksana for the Eastern European members besides mobilizing our individuals I've mentioned here. And I suggest that staff, for the Consumer Orgs of Slovenia and Greece, as I've mentioned already at the beginning of this call under the action items. I am aware that Heidi has some special contacts to consumer orgs and probably Heidi can be of help for this.

This is as I said before just a first draft of a suggestion. By March latest we have to sort out responses and then we have with staff and ICANN Constituency Travel to organize the travel support. As we will have our first EuroDIG preparation meeting in Lisbon at the end of January, I will have a look on the spot in Lisbon in January to verify and find a reasonably priced hotel where we can make early reservations hopefully for some favorable rates where we can bring all and accommodate all the ALS representatives at the spot.

And this phase, January/February/March, will be in my opinion the most important and decisive one really to remobilize our members. And my aim is to get at least 80% of our members mobilized for joining us at the next General Assembly in Lisbon. So according to the list these are my suggestions. You are welcome for any further comments, and I would like to have this draft of planning re-discussed either on the list afterwards, in between our next monthly call to December. And I think we should approve this planning roughly in December so that we can continue with this work that needs to be done from January onwards.

Are there any questions?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Wolf, this is Heidi.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, just a quick question, just to confirm – I think that you've already discussed it but to confirm that EURALO will also try to organize a reception and maybe an outreach event combined?

WOLF LUDWIG: A reception, well it could be a good idea at the end of the General Assembly to invite the EuroDIG community to join us for a reception or a cocktail party or whatsoever after the General Assembly and to combine this with an outreach. This is actually a very good idea. If this can be done not costing too much it's a great idea and it would be a best opportunity because I'm confident that a lot of people may already arrive in the evening before the opening of the EuroDIG and therefore we could circulate this invitation via the EuroDIG mailing list. And I think it's really something we should further discuss and consider, and if approved organize.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: But we should possibly add this suggestion and this idea, Heidi, to the Master Plan.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so Silvia, if you could add that as an additional item to the Master Plan, please?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sure, will do.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Are there any further questions regarding this Master Plan, etc.? Maybe some or most of you first need to see it in detail or need to digest it a little bit. If there are any first ideas like the idea from Heidi to be added to this, especially under the outreach perspective… For me, the main focus for this next General Assembly was inreach because I like to discuss outreach activities but my first priority at the moment is to improve our inreach – to succeed with the remobilization of our existing members.

And the face-to-face meeting in Lisbon will be a sort of litmus test for EURALO as such, whether we will be able to re-motivate, to remobilize our existing members to get them together to create some new dynamics, etc., to increase participation of our membership, etc. And Lisbon will be in my opinion the next to last opportunity for this. If we

won't succeed with this we will be really in trouble, etc., and inreach, this consideration is my first priority. But if we can combine it with an outreach event at the end of the General Assembly it's a great combination and both ideas go very well together.

I see Oksana's hand raised here? Please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Wolf. I have three points to draw your attention to. First of all, financial support for participants – how many participants can be invited from the nontraditional ALS if they are participating in every teleconference or every General Assembly. The second one is about [tense ALAC] (inaudible). It was really amazing and you have to support this spirit and this idea. And the third one is awareness raising and education, literacy – what information? For example, Russian-speaking internet users need more support in Russian language. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, yes, you may have seen in the chat room that Heidi posted information that NARALO received three ALS applications from their General Assembly outreach activities this last time in Toronto, which is magnificent I think and a very good result. Informally let me just tell you that as a consequence from the ALAC Anniversary Event in Prague we at least have another ALS applicant in the pipeline. I re-discussed it in Toronto. I have it already on my computer; I didn't forward it because they asked me for verifications because they have still some open questions and I still hope that we will have another applicant at

the end of this year already. And of course it would be great if we organized a face-to-face General Assembly in Lisbon in the summer of next year.

One of the key goals would be to attract more interested organizations, etc., from the EuroDIG broader community, etc., or from the host country, etc. because we are still missing members from Portugal, which is still a white spot. Unfortunately this doesn't work very well with the Swedish host country as the Swedish host country this year where Olivier and I and others I think had a lot of talks with local organizations from Sweden, etc., but they were rather hesitant towards ICANN which is another issue to be discussed. But [inreach] is the main objective.

To answer Oksana's question, the funding so far is for existing certified ALSes, so all our members listed at the end of year, certified at the end of year or even to my memory if there will be an applicant with high chances to be certified at the beginning of the year next year – they will be all invited to send one representative per ALS who will be funded. We have a budget to my memory of around $25,000 which is not too much. This calculation was made according to my previous experiences from Paris and from Mexico City. About 80% of our members showed up upon funded invitation so out of the 33 we have at the moment, deducting the dead ducks makes around 30. From 30, so I count in a best case scenario with about 25 to 26 members who may be interested and motivated to join us in Lisbon.

So with this calculation, 25 to 26 and the budget we have we can organize… If we start as early as possible we can organize cheap travel because there are easy jet flights from all over Europe to Lisbon. And I

will try my best to organize a reasonably priced hotel accommodation, etc. So even with a limited budget we can manage but we cannot manage it on a favorable basis starting very late where it's getting more and more expensive. But if we start early next year then we have good chances to finance as many participants from our members as possible.

Is your question is answered by this, Oksana?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Yes, great. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG: But we cannot fund any non-certified, etc. members, which may be an issue.

WOLF LUDWIG: I understand Wolf, but for all the existing participants but those who don't participate every month in our teleconference calls and our other EURALO activities.

WOLF LUDWIG: No, no, this is not a condition for invitation to Lisbon. We had something similar before Mexico City when we conducted a survey regarding the agenda setting of the Summit we organized in Mexico, and we said "Okay, to have your entry tickets for the User Summit and the General Assembly you must participate in this survey." This may be something else but I would not put the entrance barrier too high at the moment. This could be very risky for not having a lot of participation in

Lisbon, so I would be at this stage rather soft – invite them and convince them that we have to get together and we have to discuss in detail, and it should not be only at this formal time of General Assembly.

There should be a content part where I would like to discuss with the members about motivation, about the interest in ICANN, etc., how we can improve our attraction for our members, etc. But the programming part comes after the mobilization.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Great.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, are there any further questions? We are already more than 15 minutes behind the schedule. As I said before this was just a short introduction into the planning, and it's still a draft as you can see from our workspace. And I'm pleased to receive any further suggestions to improve this planning schedule and the milestones, etc. And we have to take a bit more time at our next call in December. I think we at least need about twenty minutes for it, to go through it point by point as we did before for the organization of the At-Large Anniversary Event in Prague – and then finally to approve it in December to start with the hard work in January.

Further questions? I see no hands raised in the Adobe Connect so far. Is there anything for any other business? If this is not the case let me thank you, all of you for your participation at our November monthly call and I'm looking forward to your suggestions regarding our planning, etc. And I think there is a lot of work waiting for us next year because

we have a huge challenge in front of us in revitalizing our Regional At-Large Organization and including the majority of our members, more than we could do over the last two years.

So thanks, everybody, and I wish you a good night. Thanks to At-Large staff for your kind assistance as always and anything else we can exchange via our mailing list. Thanks and goodnight.

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