
GISELLA GRUBER:

Welcome to everyone to today's EURALO monthly call on Tuesday the 21st of May, at 18:00 UTC. On today's call, we have Wolf Ludwig, Oksana Prykhodko, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Roberto Gaetano, Narine Khachatryan, Dick Kalkamn, Sebastein Bachollet, Siranush Vardanyan, Christopher Wilkinson, Rudi Vansnick, and Sandra Hoferichter will be joining us shortly.

Apologies noted from Bill Drake, Yrjö Länsipuro, Jordi Iparraguirre, and Adella Danciu. And from staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Gisella Gruber.

And if I can also please remind everyone to state names when speaking for transcript purposes. And Silvia Vivanco will be taking the action items as they are stated during the call this evening. Thank you and over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Gisella for this exercise. It was excellent as usual. Let me continue going to next agenda item, the action items from our last call. And as far as I have seen on the [sap 0:01:26] page, on this action item. This is not the action item I had in mind, or I have in my memory.

Because there are some parts mentioned who are not action items anyone. Wolf provided an update, it's not an action item, so this is already finished. Let me start with the start. Action item it was listed,

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ATRT 2, the question of the community on accountability and transparency, this is an ICANN elect considering drafting the statement. Olivier requested EURALO members to take a look and provide input.

I was then reminded then afterwards, but to my memory there was no response. But it's not surprising there is not much on at the moment on such things. And this, among others, will be taken into consideration in our strategic discussion at the upcoming Lisbon GA. And I noted already that it won't be.

And before RALO [? 0:02:52] request information, EURALO [has not 0:02:56] considered, I provided an update. So it's not necessary anymore. Pending [affair 0:03:06] EURALO and mutual ALSs, there has been no initiative. This is a statement but not an action item.

ICANN Academy is not an action item as well, therefore for the next action items please concentrate only on points that a follow-up action is needed and not just noting what has been discussed. So okay. To my memory, the few action items I remember there are more or less concluded, except first one that we couldn't find members for the respective working group, and the drafting of a statement.

Let me continue [coughs] with next agenda item, what is as usual our part three briefing on current ALAC consultations and initiatives. What is Olivier's part? And we have discussed this in between, we'll reconsider this part of our monthly calls at Lisbon, that makes sense, to have extensive briefings on this where a lot of members may probably not follow, or they will be better to reduce on the subjects related to the priorities of our RALO we will develop in Lisbon.

But for the moment, Olivier, you have the floor on this agenda point.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And as I manage to unmute myself. Thank you very much Wolf, it's Olivier for the transcript record. I just wanted first to say one thing, to comment on one thing regarding the action items. With regards to the input on the ATRT 2, the question is the accountability and transparency within ICANN.

Somehow I'm disappointed that we have not had any feedback on this, since this really is the type of input that ICANN requires if ICANN is going to be evolving and improving, and certainly improving to serve internet users. That's what the accountability and transparency of ICANN is all about. So on a matter which is so core to the function within ICANN and certainly so important for end users, for internet users, I am at an absolute loss to see there is no interest in European At-Large structures to provide input into such a matter.

And therefore, if there is any complaining regarding the transparency and the accountability of ICANN during our GA, my response will be that they had the chance to provide this. And the GA and our face to face meeting is not the right location or time for us to address this, address it in writing. That said, by the time the GA at the events take place in Lisbon, the accountability and transparency review team will still be open to input.

So I guess we will be able to say, "Look, here is the email address. Email it. But don't start, don't complain to us because there is a process that

deals with this.” And just bickering about it there and then is not helpful. That was my comment on the previous point.

Now, with regards to the policy advice development page, we’ve got quite a few comments and policy statements that have been recently drafted. But the ones that are currently under consideration are the first one is the draft operating plan and budget. And Tijani Ben Jemaa is writing, drafting a first statement of this.

Yet again, the operating plan and budget are, the process is being changed because as you know there is a new management team in place. So it’s... Unless you follow this closely, it’s going to be very difficult for you to – for end users and for ARLSs to comment on, but I gather that both of you are part of the budget and finance subcommittee of At-Large.

So we’ve got input on that already from you, we will have input on that once the first draft is out there. That should be imminent. The next one is the ALAC statement to the Board regarding security and stability implications of new top level domain. ALAC is commenting on the draft statement at the moment, so if you’re interested in more technical issues, such as the security and stability implications, have a look at that statement and comment on it.

The next one is the proposed final new GTLD registry agreement. Alan Greenberg, our GNSO liaison is still considering whether a statement is necessary. We have commented on the registrar accreditation agreement. The registry accreditation agreement is also something that

has been updated through much discussion and negotiations between the registries and ICANN.

We'll have to wait for Alan to let us know if this something... If there is any point that we need to develop on this. The new gTLD board committee consideration of GAC safeguard advice. Originally, the idea was that the ALAC was not going to get involved in commenting on another advisory committee's recommendations. That said, Alan Greenberg and myself met informally with the chair of the GAC whilst we were in Los Angeles a few weeks ago, and asked whether the GAC wanted to have positive input or negative input, or we basically discussed whether input would be welcomed, both from the GAC's point of view, but also from the Board's point of view.

And it's clear that input would be welcomed if it's constructive. So both Alan and I are currently working to draft a statement, a very short statement in fact. But I would just point out that parts of the safeguard, the GAC safeguard document, and we're just looking at annex one on that.

Annex one, what parts are parts – where the GAC might be overreaching and looking beyond what it should be looking at. The proposed final 2013 RAA, that's the registrar accreditation agreement. The ALAC is currently commenting on the statement which has been drafted. You're very welcome to have a look at it.

I think we've reached a pretty stable statement on this. The trademark clearing house and IDN variance, the ALAC is currently voting on the statement which was drafted. The questions to the community on

accountability and transparency within ICANN, I just spoken about a little bit earlier. And the statement on the world conference on international telecommunication outcomes, that's one which is on my table, and I still haven't been able to address it yet.

I will probably will have to look through the WTPF, the World Telecommunication Policy Forum, and discussions that have taken place last week in Geneva to perhaps have something that we might wish to draft. Currently open public comments, there are two of them, the WHOIS information status policy.

It's one of these more technical things that registrars and registries would have to work out between themselves, and it was decided therefore that no statement from the ALAC is necessary on this. And then the proposed modification of GNSO operating procedures concerning the deadline of submission of reported motions. That's an internal GNSO matter.

It was thought that since, I mean this has to go through a public comment. I think it would be taken quite badly by people in At-Large if the GNSO officially commented on our rules of procedure, let's say, and wanted the ALAC to change its rules of procedure according to what GNSO members wanted. So this is a bit reciprocal. So it would probably be quite unwelcome for the ALAC to tell the GNSO what to do in their internal procedures, except of course if we find there is something that is really out of the way.

But a deadline for the submission of the reports and motion is not something that is important enough to spend any time on. And I've

probably spent too much time on it already, so I thank you very much. And if you have any questions on any of these, then you're very welcome to ask them now.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Olivier. This is Wolf speaking again for the record. For your usual and precise update, I see that Christopher has raised his hand in the Adobe Connect. Christopher, you have the floor. Christopher, can you hear us? Are you muted? You still have the floor. As Christopher is not responding... Christopher?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, it's Gisella. Christopher have you been able to engage the microphone?

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER: Christopher is only on the Adobe Connect, no longer on the phone line.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. So he just told me in Adobe Connect, "Forget it." So I will hand over the second asking is Oksana. Oksana, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you Wolf. I would like to ask Olivier, Wolf, about [ITST 0:14:17] group, via [? 0:14:20] ...and that we would like to inform you that we have filed our official request on the process of deliberation of [? 0:14:30] to Ukraine. And we have received a lot of extremely important for our information, which we could not receive in Ukraine.

So we are really happy with the progress, with transparency and accountability between our two sides.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks for this comment Oksana. Are there any thoughts or questions or comments regarding our agenda item three, current consultations? I don't see any hands raised, or anybody speaking up on the phone. Therefore I guess that this agenda item three can be regarded as completed.

Thanks a lot Olivier again for this precise update. And I as I noted before, I think in Lisbon at General Assembly, we will discuss the usual procedure to work and extend meetings, ongoing consultations must be comprehensive, detailed of – we should better concentrate on some other priorities defined by EURALO, etcetera.

And to encourage more discussion and more feedback in this respect. The next agenda item for tonight is point four, EURALO member's nominations for ATLAS 2, sub working groups. As some of you may have realized already at ALAC, there are first planning draft, etcetera, and first calls organized on the next At-Large user summit.

Next version after the first one which was organized in Spring 2009 in Mexico City. And we finally now have the chance, because it was best for ICANN to have a continuation on this, and there has been several years now a second At-Large summit.

This is now on the table with very high chances, etcetera, with first planning on a budget, on timing. It will be aligned with the next European ICANN meeting in Summer 2014 in London. And we are in a very good position to prepare this ATLAS 2 long before and substantially.

And there are several working groups installed so far, and there was a call for participation among the different RALOs. And as we have seen at the last ATLAS 2 working group call, in some of the sub working groups there are still representative members from EURALO missing. Therefore I would like to encourage you all to have a look on the subpage, to have a look into the different working groups.

There are many more sub working groups then the last time from Mexico, on various details in the context of organization, of such a complex summit. And you are all invited to join the sub working groups according to your interest. And as an action item, I would like to ask staff that we circulate another call for members, nomination for ATLAS 2 sub working groups via the list.

With let's say, a deadline of 10 days. Who is not responding within the next 10 days on the call for more member's nomination, cannot be considered after anymore. At the moment, as far as I can recall, there are a few members. There is Olivier, of course, more or less in his

function. There is Sebastien involved from the Board side. He's one of the key figures in this process.

There is Sandra and I. I think I've seen Roberto as well. And we could, needs to have some broader participation, but we will repeat this announcement at the General Assembly itself. And I hope that we will have some last expressions of interest in June at our GA. Are there any questions regarding this issue?

And I can announce already that this will be in the near future, in the next month, this will be more or less a standing issue on the agenda of our monthly calls, updates from the ATLAS 2 preparations. If there are no questions or comments on this agenda item four, let me suggest to continue on next point, what is the Board pending affair, EURALO's individuals ALS.

As we have Roberto on the call tonight, Roberto can you hear me?

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. Yes I can hear you. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yeah, I can clearly hear you. Just... I was thinking about dropping this point for the monthly call because we discussed it last time, but as you are on the call, the last thing was we have a draft of bylaws for such specific ALS members from Europe. There was an application from [for as 0:22:14] ALS filled in by [? 0:22:18], from the [ExCom 0:22:20].

The only open question was to full contact points to launch the application to At-Large staff. And as we discussed before, bilaterally, etcetera, I suggested you as a focal point for this initiative. The second focal point, [? 0:22:46] later agreed so now this should be done in the near future.

So this is just a reminder to follow-up on this as soon as possible, or to come back to the General Assembly next month and say, “Okay. This was a bad idea from the beginning, let’s forget about it.” I trust for the moment that I don’t do anything in this respect from my side anymore, so the ball is on the side of the individuals.

But I see you have raised your hand Roberto. You have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. I think that it is a good idea, and I think that we have to push it forward. And it has to be necessarily an item for discussion at the General Assembly where I think that this issue should come to a completion.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the General Assembly. But I think that between now and the General Assembly will be anyway in email contact, and I think that the best thing that we could do is to come with a final draft. And so, I would encourage people to comment on the draft so that we have an almost finalized document for the General Assembly in Lisbon.

So that we can lounge the individual PD At-Large structure for the [? 0:24:38]. So I think it’s an important thing, it’s an important sign

because individuals, the issue about individuals has been a hot issue ever since the foundation of At-Large.

And I think that it would be a mistake to drop this issue. So anyway, I still continue to be the focal point, I will solicit comments on the draft from other members of RALO. And I think that we should come to a discussion in Lisbon.

Again, I apologize for the fact that I will be unable to make the Lisbon meeting, but anyway I would be in email and telephone contact if needed. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay thanks a lot Roberto for your comment. I think there are several issues are on it. The first, yes it's unfortunate that you cannot make it, that you cannot be with us next month, personally, physically at the Lisbon General Assembly.

The other aspect is what comment on what draft you talk about or you mean. It should talk about the draft by-laws. I sent this at Christmas already to a list of individuals, we have noted in Europe, for further comment and action. And unfortunately, there was no response. So if you forward this draft bylaw for another consultation round, let me promise you will just lose another week's time, and you will not get a single response.

I think we spent month already, getting people opportunities to respond, ask questions, or comment on the draft bylaws, but it didn't happen so far. So I think there is no more consultation needed on

procedural issues, and I think most people are not very hot following a process for each issue.

So I come to a certain point, I agree with you that having options and opportunities for individual members of EURALO is important from a political point of view, as a kind of complimentary element compared to the regular membership structure, what is ALS based. And also following a long term observation that we always had a number of active individuals before.

One of the most important was Siranush for some time, Olivier was also more or less an individual and we had other examples among individuals being strongly interested in EURALO and ALAC and ICANN issues. So from a political point of view, we have to follow up on this, we have to push this, we will put this on the list and agenda as a kind of recommitment from EURALO that we want this to happen.

But just on a procedural point of view, we did the bylaw modifications and adjustments almost two years ago. We decided two years ago, yes we would like to make this happen. We created a working group on the issue to push it forward. But unfortunately the working group and the people involved didn't do anything.

So I think everything was prepared, what is needed for launching the application form. We need some sort of bylaws, we need a sort of definition, how this ALS should function in the context of EURALO. Some formal regulation and restrictions set all we have, and there were no comments so far.

So Roberto, don't waste your time with enough consultation, just take the documents, adjust them as you think would be useful, and send them. Olivier, you have raised your hand. You have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier for the transcript record. I actually I agree pretty much with you Wolf on this, and I sense your frustration because of the fact that we – it sounds as if though we have been discussing this forever. [Laughs] and there comes a time where you think, "Just get on with it."

I'm very thankful of Roberto picking the ball on this, and I understand that he wants to go through one last round of it, but what I would suggest would be to have a final comment countdown. In other words, from now on set a calendar of the deadline.

So deadline for comment, let's see, we're the 21st this week, deadline for comment the 27th, by the 31st the thing is ready, is basically presented for the vote for the GA. We need to present anything that needs to be voted in the GA, I guess, with enough time.

But that will then become just for a vote, it will not be anything to do with commenting anymore. If there needs to be a vote, it will just be for votes. And if people start commenting at that time, then I'm sorry, they'll just be too late. And you have to hold firm on this, and you do have to have a set timeline that you respect and say, "On that day, no more comments. On that day, nothing changes. On that date, the vote takes place. On that day, if the vote is positive, this thing will be ratified."

And that will be expedited then. So I hope that this is possible. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Olivier for this good comments. I agree again with most of what you said before, except one point. I suggest or I support that Roberto makes a final call setting a brief, short deadline for further comments end of month, etcetera.

If nothing arise, then we consider it as concluded or as approved. This is regular process that we followed many times at EURALO. If you do not have comments, you do not wait for positive action, you just may the other way around. If no objections are raised until then, we consider it as concluded. But it served the purpose for many times and years at EURALO.

I am not very hot about your suggestion Olivier to put this for voting on the agenda for Lisbon. If we do more than a briefing, we can submit for information the last version of the bylaws to the audience. So they will receive a copy, this was discussed until among people concerned, etcetera, but this is more or less concluded already.

If you open a discussion on bylaws at the General Assembly, I promise you, you will wake up sleeping dogs, just stepping in, ignoring the debate we had for two years, but stepping in at a General Assembly just for the pleasure for having a debate, and we will lose valuable time on sub-item.

But it's not justified for any voting, etcetera, at the Assembly. So this is only point where I do not agree, that we can make an info, a briefing, at the General Assembly but not any sort of voting at the General Assembly itself. Next on the list, I have Sebastien and Christopher. First, Sebastien you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. It's Sebastien Bachollet. Just one question, if we want to vote on what? Because we already have our bylaws, bylaw of EURALO to allow this At-Large structure for the individual membership to be created. And what we need is to have people who want to appropriate this At-Large structure for the moment.

I see a lot of names, or some names, but no names to do the work. And we don't create an At-Large structure just for the pleasure to have work. We need to have people, member, and we need to have a very organized discussion. And I think the first thing we will need to see, especially if we have nobody from any individuals participating to the General Assembly, then we don't need to have a the discussion again.

Let's wait for when they're ready to take some action. And the other, my other point is that we need to know who is eligible to be an independent member, because if any of us can be then we are not in the right direction. And the more important point is to know who could be an individual member among the current participants of the EURALO discussion.

And I don't think that we have so much. And if those people don't want to work together, then we don't have yet an ALS. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot Sebastien. Yes, you are summarizing what I tried to say before. We do not need such formalities from our case there, then so far not by the people concerned, except Siranush. And we do not need voting, we can probably discuss in Lisbon.

So all of the individuals and how we can put links and link it to our calendar. This could be for newcomers to understand the difference between regular ALSs and individuals, etcetera. So we will do an update in this respect, but let me suggest to have no voting on bylaws, etcetera.

In my opinion this is not for formal and formal, other good reasons are needed and we only waste time with this kind of voting. But we will discuss what happens on the essentials things. Next one is Christopher and then I have Oksana.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: This is Christopher, good evening.

WOLF LUDWIG: Good evening.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Are we working now?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes we are working...

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Can you hear anything?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Oh [laughs] amazing. Okay. First of all, I thought this was settled a long time ago, that we did decide to have individual members. And I regret the fact that perhaps I missed some of the emails from Roberto, but I didn't know we were going to – we still had outstanding issues.

I think as a matter of leadership and organization, there has to be an individual's ALS before we can get individuals to join it. So my suggestion, which I don't expect you to accept immediately, but we can discuss it in Lisbon. My suggestion would be that half a dozen of us could actually just constitute the individual members of this new ALS.

And if and when, hopefully when, we have a significant number of genuine new members, the founding members could just fade away and return to their organizational At-Large structures which we all are. But I think there is a Catch 22 here. I'm sure that we've decided that we want to have individual members, we want to have an ALS to embrace them, for them to join.

The catch on it on this, so half a dozen of us, and I would volunteer if there are enough other volunteers, we basically have to create this and invite individuals to join. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes, thanks a lot for your comment Christopher. Before I give over to Oksana, just a short issue of clarification. What pops up, and pops up, and pops up again, Olivier raised the question. And I can remember that I have answered repeatedly via mails to this question. The question whether somebody can be member of different ALS. Just to be clear, we can put this as an agenda item or a question of principles, a question of [? 0:40:33] at Lisbon, but so far of course many among EURALO present members are members of different ALSs.

I am at least member of three ALSs at EURALO. Therefore I think, a person who is a member at an existing ALS, I always take EURALO as an example. Siranush is actively involved at EURALO from the very first moment. She is not old in age, but she is an old hand at EURALO. And she is among the most active and supportive ICANN members.

Unfortunately, due to the ICANN regional model, she cannot be a member of EURALO so far by a mail in ALSs, because they automatically get incorporated in a PRALO. But if we now create an ALS for individuals at EURALO, and Siranush desires, becoming a member of this individual ALS at EURALO, I am the strongest supporter of this idea.

I think this exclusion idea, if you cannot represent several ALSs, please make the distinction. I agree according to ALAC rules that you cannot be a leader of more than one RALO. What is clear, but being a simple member of different RALOs, as I am, as Sebastien is, and as many more cases and examples.

Of course this should be possible and I even would say this should be encouraged. So this is my last point of clarification on this issue. And I still have Oksana on my list, please Oksana, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO:

Thank you very much Wolf. It's Oksana Prykhodko for the record. I just would like to draw your attention to the, what we are – what do you want to receive? An organizational structure without any [? 0:43:08] activity from the very beginning.

For example, yes, I understand that Wolf wrote bylaws. Wolf is not the member of this ALS region, ALS. Siranush really receives [? 0:42:24] ...the best way for me, and I said this repeatedly, to make Siranush the contact point. Yes, I understand the problem that Siranush is a representative of another ALS, but in another RALO.

I understand that it's impossible to represent two ALS within one RALO. I am absolutely sure that [? 0:42:49] representative will be in an European RALO, in EURALO. And this way for Siranush would be the best decision of two conflicts. This active individual ALS, and with more ALS involvement of Armenian representative. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thank you Oksana. Sorry, I'm now a bit impatient. I explained this point in length, in repeated... I remember twice emails I sent. That according to the rules of procedure, and we cannot do anything without changing the ALAC rules of procedure, I do not intend and I do not working on the suggestion to change ALAC rules of procedure.

So we have to take ALAC rules of procedure as granted. And ALAC rules of procedure prescribe that you cannot be representative of several ALSs at the same time, inside a region or between two regions. And I think this ALAC rule in its substance, it's a good rule avoiding potential abuses.

But this is another case we are not here talking about representation, we are talking about simple membership, whether somebody can be a simple member of various ALSs. I am an ISOC member, I am a member of various other associations, human rights groups, etcetera. And it happens that I am a member of three ALSs.

I'm a member of Wikipedia Switzerland, I'm a member of New Media Germany, and [? 0:45:54] one I represent, so I can only represent one, but I can an ordinary member of several. So I think this is clear by now, and if you need further clarification let's do it face by face in Lisbon.

But I think this has been discussed in length by now, and what I see is not further discussions needed, I want to see a final action, that the application form is finally forwarded to At-Large staff. Maybe after this, we have a similar discussion to At-Large to get this application certified.

But at this level, I think we have enough decision already. So we are running short of time, so I have to push this, okay, a finally we discussed and not only postpone ICANN as in previous calls, therefore thank you so far, at least we had a discussion on it. Let me ask for agenda item six, compared with our last call where we had a short briefing on the ICANN Academy. Already [necessarily 0:47:21] any news, and if it's the case, Sandra you have the floor.

Sandra are you muted? I guess Sandra is muted. So let me...

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Can you hear me now?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes I can, we can hear you now. Yeah.

SANDRA HOFRECHTER: Okay. Sorry, I was disconnected. It's Sandra speaking for the transcript. I can make it very short. The only uses that the working group agreed on a new proposal to have a private leadership forum at the AGM in Buenos Aries, and we are just in the process of getting this proposal approved or not, in the new fiscal year.

If we get it approved, then we will start our action until Durban to get up a curriculum, a [? 0:48:31]... But at the moment, we are in the waiting position. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Sandra. And we follow this working process, the working group and pushing the pilot project is continuing. So we will have that on the agenda, hopefully for a more intensive discussion at our next monthly call.

The next agenda item, this is briefing on [Eurodict 0:49:16] 2007 preparation process. Sandra, it's back to you again. But there was a

[CROSSTALK 0:49:27]... updated website, so most of the important rules you can find on the website some [proper 0:49:35] over to you.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

It's Sandra speaking. As you mentioned already, the most important information was in the [? 0:49:46] and I will just repeat it here. Please register now for the [Eurodict] meeting to make it easier for the organizers to do the final planning.

You can also participate again as a remote participant, but please register as well as remote participant. And the program is now in the final stage of getting fix. We are just waiting for a few more information on [? 0:50:16] ... as we try for Stockholm already, and we are trying this year again.

We would like to open it up as much as possible. We like to keep [AUDIO CUTOFF 0:50:30] here, the plenaries and the very limited to three or four people, and open the discussion on a very early stage to the audience. So everybody who is not on stage is mostly invited to participate from the floor, and raise their hand, and in any plenary and in any workshop at the time.

And regarding the hotels, most of you are accommodated by ICANN, but those who aren't, the reservation deadline was extended for the second time until the 25th of May now. I doubt that we will get another extension, so if you still need a hotel please do your reservation now. You'll find all the information on the [Eurodict] website. Over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot for this short summary on the current and last [Eurodict] planning. I just have to make a sort of small correction to Sandra's last point, to avoid confusion. All EURALO members who are concerned for the Lisbon GA, hotel reservation has already been done for you for the night of the 19th and the 20th, for two nights.

So you are booked already at the [? 0:52:02] hotel, which is the venue for the General Assembly and the [Eurodict] as well. If you have arranged with ICANN Constituency Travel to arrive in Lisbon before, previous night and post [Eurodict] nights when you want to extend your stay, then besides the two nights we have booked already for you, you are responsible for yourself and you must do on your personal level, respective additional reservations.

But don't worry about your official invitation to the General Assembly and for the [Eurodict] the night of the 19th and the night of the 20th, they are booked already by ICANN. It's all done. Okay? So I have seen, or I guess that, all flight booking, they're done. They are always unfortunately some last modifications like [Day-la] was confirmed until last week, she has found a new job somewhere and she has now to renounce from her participation and she's sending another updated representative from Romania, so we have to go into this modifications again.

Therefore, all the formal requirements are done, but still needs to be done is the final draft of the GA agenda. On the workspace, if you have a look on this, this is still a draft and I'm still awaiting comments. You

can still make suggestions that should be discussed, but always keep in mind that we only have two and a half hours for this.

This means we should not overload our agenda, we should really concentrate on regular things that we have to do according to the bylaws. And the content part we decided before, we have to re-discuss the functioning, how to make EURALO working better, how to make EURALO more inclusive, etcetera.

And we need at least one and a half hour for this content discussion. I will try my best to make the formal part of the General Assembly with Board report, blah, blah, blah, and elections to limited to one hour. But whenever you make suggestions for the agenda, please keep in mind that we have to respect the time from five to 7:30 in Lisbon next month.

Any questions so far regarding the draft agenda? I see Olivier and Sebastein again. Yes, Olivier first.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier for the transcript. Are you accepting suggestions for the agenda now? Or would you prefer that I put it down on the Wiki itself?

WOLF LUDWIG: Let me suggest, make a short notice via the list that all interested members can follow up, who makes what suggestion for the Lisbon agenda. If you only put it on the workspace, only a tiny majority like me, you, and Sandra, Sebastien, will realize suggestions on the workspace alone.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. I'll do that.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Sebastien, you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much Wolf. Sebastien Bachollet. Yes, just to say that I know that the time is five to – half past seven, but if by chance a lot of people are already arriving before and could be in the room before it would be great because as I can almost confirm that the CO of ICANN will be there. And the vice-president for Europe, Nigel [? 0:56:52] will be there too.

And the Board member, I will be there too. Maybe we need to find time, additional time. There will not be any, what we are going to have a session before, that if people are already there before maybe it would be interesting to start earlier. I give that to your thinking, but if it's possible it would be great. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot for this Sebastien. You are running open doors because we discussed a pre-event with Nigel, etcetera, on Wednesday, during the day, etcetera. And I have realized that a formal pre-event is now getting too tight, etcetera.

But let me suggest, let's re-discuss bilaterally, you, me, Olivier, etcetera again. Then we organize before the General Assembly something informal for EURALO members. There is a [? 0:58:14] ...Hotel that offers good informal spaces for meetings, etcetera, and we will announce this on the EURALO list.

There are several people who informally know, who will arrive in Lisbon before. So let's keep those already in Lisbon the day before, let's push them together and we will do something. I find it an excellent idea. Okay. And I have another very excellent announcement.

I learned today from Heidi that Gisella will join us in Lisbon. She will come and support us for preparing final preparation, managing, and conducting the General Assembly. And this is great news for me because at the last moment, there are always a lot of small things to do to make everything smoothly happen.

And just for the record, Gisella, I'm highly pleased about this news, and we are all pleased to welcome you and have you with us in Lisbon. Any further questions? Yes, I think we have done the GR agenda. Please, if you have suggestion as Olivier already, then make short notice on the EURALO list, then we can include it into the workspace.

The list makes small people aware and a short comment, on the respective workspace page. Then you may have seen that I've circulated a draft Board report for 2012 – 13. I circulate it on the list. You cannot go into the details now. I think taken at, have a look at it if you have questions.

If you have things you would like to modify or to add, let me know and I can adjust it accordingly. We have one week for this kind of modifications, etcetera. And I would like to circulate it three weeks before the General Assembly will be opened. Anything else about outreach cocktail party we discussed before? This is concerned, there will be [? 1:01:01] we have to try to be to stick to the timing.

We have two hours and a half for the General Assembly, and then we go out on the Wolf terrace of the [? 1:01:14] Hotel and there will be an outreach reception from and for EURALO. We will try to address and to reach out to interested people of the local community, to people from Lisbon University, etcetera, who will attend [Eurodict] but will remain interested for EURALO as well.

And it should be our goal to attract some new ALSs to join EURALO because we have no member from [Portugal 1:01:52] so far. Open questions? If not, let me go to our last agenda item. This is now part of the agenda, we are bound by our bylaws to have a certain number of formal business dealt with at our regular General Assemblies, and every two years we also have officer elections.

And there is also a procedure combined with re-election or election of officers, and Silvia pointed to this point and made a short schedule and summary, how to handle the procedure beforehand. The suggestion is based on the bylaws. The EURALO region officers election will be held at the upcoming GA, proposed kettle, staff election time table, first nominations open for 27th of May.

Nominations close 14th of June. So we have more than two weeks. This has to be [? 1:03:20], and since Silvia is not an action item, this has to be announced on the list this week. How this... We will prepare a circular mail together, but it has to be announced here. The announcement that we need for reelection, there is a present officers are, etcetera, and then after the nomination, there must be acceptance by the people nominated.

And the deadline is open until the 18th of June, I think this is justified that people can think of the day before, that is to say we go for election. Then we know between the 18th and the 19th, the final list of people who are valid to be voted for, and the site announcement will be at the General Assembly itself.

Questions, comments regarding this formal procedure? There is a chapter in the Board report, the second last point, this is mentioned, etcetera, with some comments. Do you have questions? Further comments? Any impression? This should be clear from the procedural side, etcetera, and while there is still some work to be done, some final work, I think we are on a good way.

Most of the logistical infrastructural point are sold, and so there are only two things. This is the final draft of the agenda, what needs need to be done, and the handling of the nomination procedures. And this we can do via the list. If we have the pleasure of our next face to face General Assembly in less than four weeks' time, we have the chance to meet physically and to sit together and to discuss.

For me, it's one of the highlights of the year. We won't have a monthly call during July – during June when we have just met in Lisbon. We will have our next monthly call in July. And as usual, we don't have one during the holiday seasonal break in August, so the next step is finally Lisbon. And I'm pleased to welcome you soon in I hope sunny and warm Lisbon.

If no further questions are raised, let me thank you all for your active participation, and [? 1:06:59] discussions, and I wish you all an excellent rest of the evening. And as I said before, I'm very pleased to see you soon in Lisbon. Bye-bye.

[Various good-byes]

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