

Dear friends,

I have the pleasure of having met many of you for several years and of forging new friendship with others who have just come to our organization. Just over a year ago, I took over the position of Communications Director for our large and diverse region of Latin America and the Caribbean, and every month that goes by, I find a new challenge that leads me to continue to grow along with our relentless Internet community, and I learn from its leadership and vision.

In this fifth edition of our regional newsletter, we wanted to inform you and elaborate on two issues that have caught our attention during recent weeks: the discussion on the IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition at a global as well as regional level, and the outreach efforts on various issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS as per its acronym in English).

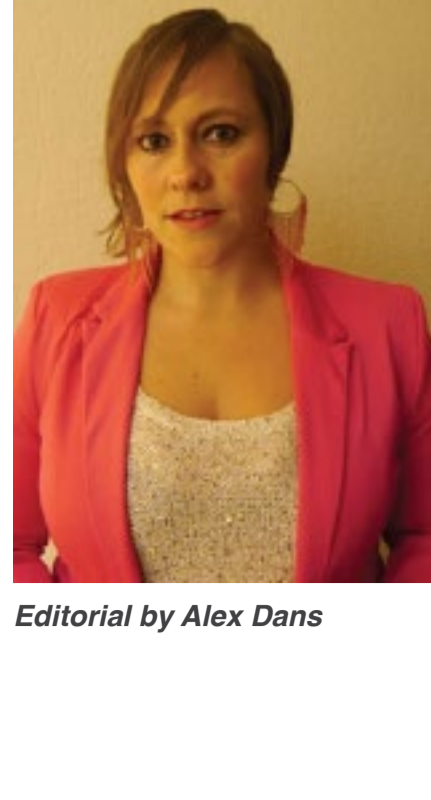
We will particularly focus on the news related to ICANN 51 held from October 12th to 16th in Los Angeles, and the Mexico / Central and South American editions of our LAC-i-Roadshow, a project within the Regional Strategic Plan as detailed below.

We encourage you to read the media highlights and our collaborations in other regional bulletins and other important news from Latin America and the Caribbean, and do not forget to schedule the upcoming events that will close a record year in terms of involvement and strengthening of our work in the region.

Have a nice reading!  
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Editorial by Alex Dans

**ICANN News**

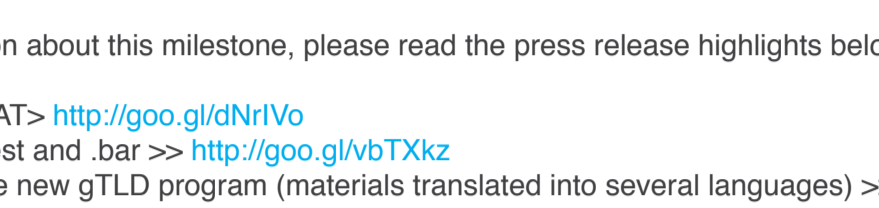
ICANN 51 in Los Angeles gathered more than 2000 participants from around the world together! Please visit the meeting website to access audio files, transcripts and presentations (<http://la51.icann.org/en/>) and look for the hashtag # ICANN51 on Twitter which was active throughout the week. Below, we highlight some of the latest news and activities developed.

**LAC Space - a regional activity within ICANN events**

One of the activities proposed in the Strategic Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean, is to organize a space for our region as part of ICANN's global events. The success of the "LAC space", as it was finally named, has increased meeting after meeting. It was in a crowded room where Rodrigo Saucedo, Project Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, made a brief introduction to the proposed activities framed under the Regional Strategic Plan (see the plan here: <http://goo.gl/PkVYKJ>). On this occasion, the space also included the participation of several keynote speakers who addressed issues such as e-commerce, trends for Internet service providers and new gTLDs in our region. Click here to see session presentations and audio files: <http://goo.gl/v0KYt>

We greatly appreciate the leadership of Vanda Scartezini, Gabriela Szlak and Celia Lerman and their work and tenacity, first in the development and then in the implementation of this proposal.

**Key Singing Ceremony for new Latin gTLDs**



Due to its relevance for our region, we cannot fail to highlight the Key Signing Ceremony of new Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) that took place on October 16th, during ICANN 51. In this completely Latin American ceremony, .lat, .rest and .bar representatives joined Akram Atallah, President of the Global Domains Division in celebrating their recent addition to the Internet root zone, joining more than 400 new gTLDs in world. It is worth mentioning that there will be new gTLDs from Latin America and the Caribbean such as .AVIANCA, .BANAMEX, .BRADESCO, .GLOBO, .RIO, .BOM, .FINAL, among others.

For further information about this milestone, please read the press release highlights below.

Learn more about .LAT >> <http://goo.gl/dNrlV0>  
Learn more about .rest and .bar >> <http://goo.gl/vbTXkz>  
Learn more about the new gTLD program (materials translated into several languages) >> <http://goo.gl/2iUgo0>

**Caribbean Lunch**



Twenty-six Caribbean participants from different stakeholders came together to have lunch and discuss their experiences in ICANN and how they can expand their participation in the Regional Strategic Plan as well as in ICANN global issues such as the IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition (for more information, please see: <http://goo.gl/1ze4SL>). In total, eleven territories were represented: Belize, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Granada, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. This session was led by our colleague Albert Daniels, ICANN Stakeholder Manager in the Caribbean Region, and LACNIC representatives as well as LACTLD Board of Directors were present.

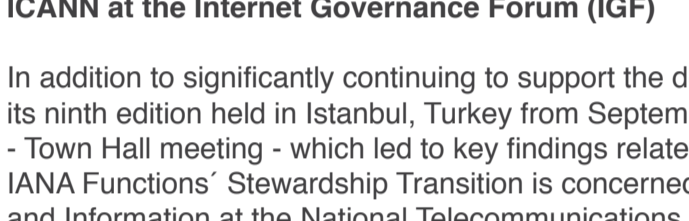
**2014 Nomination Committee announces the selection of ICANN Board Member**

After the announcement of Olga Madruga Forti's resignation as ICANN Board member, the 2014 Nominating Committee (NomCom) has announced the selection of Wolfgang Kleinwächter as member to the ICANN Board. Meet Wolfgang Kleinwächter and learn more about this announcement here: <http://goo.gl/0HT1ET> We would also like to thank Olga for her contributions to the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, and we wish her success in her new endeavors.

We will be announcing the call for candidates to ICANN leadership positions through the NomCom. It is very important to have candidates from our region!

**Governmental Advisory Committee's Communiqué**

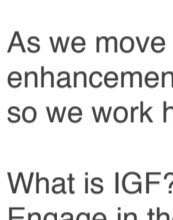
The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC as per its acronym in English) issued its usual communiqué during the ICANN meeting in Los Angeles. Click here to read the document and learn more about the GAC: <http://goo.gl/lepcFz>



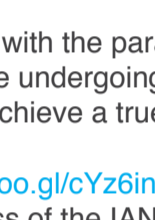
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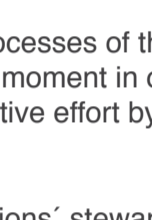
Henni Kassen



Genia M. Campillos



Vimalak Anikuputra



Brian Durkin

**The Governmental Advisory Committee elects new Presidents and Vice Presidents**

From our region, we specially congratulate Olga Cavalli, representative from Argentina and now Vice-president of the Governmental Advisory Committee.

Click here for more information: <http://goo.gl/kNOV1>

We will be closely working with GAC representatives from our region and in coordination with the GAC Secretariat to continue delivering online webinars before ICANN meetings.

**ICANN at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)**

In addition to significantly continuing to support the development of the Global Internet Governance Forum, in its ninth edition held in Istanbul, Turkey from September 2nd to 5th, ICANN hosted a successful public meeting - Town Hall meeting - which led to key findings related to the processes that are being carried out. As far as the IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition is concerned, Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA as per its acronym in English) within the United States Department of Commerce, stated "We should do it well, ... The United States has stepped aside ... there is great concern about what this decision implies".

As we move forward with the parallel processes of the IANA functions' stewardship transition and accountability enhancement, we are undergoing a key moment in our organization and in the entire Internet community, and so we work hard to achieve a true collective effort by means of a multi-stakeholder approach.

What is IGF? <http://goo.gl/cYz6in>  
Engage in the process of the IANA functions' stewardship transition: <http://goo.gl/1ze4SL>  
Engage in the ICANN accountability enhancement process: <http://goo.gl/WLy679>

**Latest posts by Fadi Chehadé in the ICANN blog.**

The President and CEO of our organization usually shares with his community at least one monthly article, whether on ICANN internal issues or about important news to the Internet ecosystem as a whole. Therefore, we want to share with you the links to the last two posts:

September: Internet governance is in your hands: <http://goo.gl/2KVauI>  
October: Counting down for ICANN 51: we celebrate our vibrant and (very) busy community: <http://goo.gl/Mrj1vi>

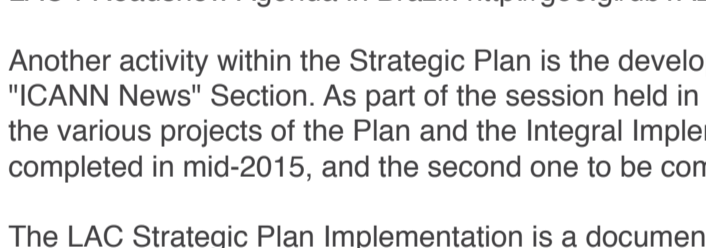
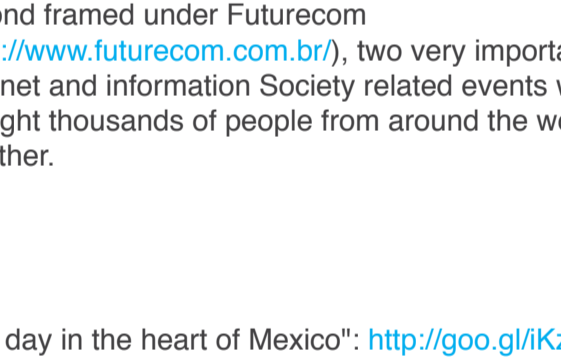
**Policy development update.**

Since our last newsletter, two ICANN policy development updates have been published. We invite you to read about the latest ICANN policy development activities in the ICANN Policy Update newsletter:

September: <http://goo.gl/HwuPM5>  
October: <http://goo.gl/xkNoLs>

**LAC Strategic Plan News**

One of the most important activities within the Regional Strategic Plan is the development of LAC-i-Roadshows. This series of workshops is designed to raise regional awareness about key topics related to the critical infrastructure of the Domain Name System (DNS) as well as the transition to IPv6, Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR as per its acronym in English) and the impact on the new gTLD program. To ensure a well-distributed set of events, four editions of the LAC-i-Roadshow will be organized annually in: Caribbean, Mexico / Central America, South America and the Andean Region (this will be our last edition for 2014, in La Paz, Bolivia in December).



We encourage you to read the press releases on the most recent editions held in Guadalajara (Mexico) and Sao Paulo (Brazil) in the media highlights. Both editions were held in October, the first one within the WCIT in Latin America (<http://wцит2014.org>) and the second framed under Futurecom (<http://www.futurecom.com.br>), two very important Internet and information society related events which brought thousands of people from around the world together.

LAC-i-Roadshow Agenda in Mexico: <http://goo.gl/ttKbNp>  
Related blog post "Always up! A networking and engagement day in the heart of Mexico": <http://goo.gl/fKzgfI>  
LAC-i-Roadshow Agenda in Brazil: <http://goo.gl/db1A2a>

Another activity within the Strategic Plan is the development of the LAC Space that we mentioned in the "ICANN News" Section. As part of the session held in Los Angeles, Rodrigo Saucedo presented an update on the various projects of the Plan and the Integral Implementation Plan in two phases, the first phase to be completed in mid-2015, and the second one to be completed later in 2016.

The LAC Strategic Plan Implementation is a document that groups the projects into categories to facilitate their implementation. Likewise, it states which projects will be implemented during the August 2014- August 2015 period. It also lays down the procedure for implementing projects hereinafter.

Link to the Strategic Plan (Spanish, Portuguese, English, French): <http://goo.gl/PkVKJl>  
Link to the Implementation Plan (Spanish and English): <http://goo.gl/QFJ8Wd>

We are working very closely with the ccTLD community led by Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD General Manager to begin implementing all projects under the ccTLD development category in the Implementation Plan which will directly benefit this community.

**Regional News**



That activity was no stranger to this period of significant activity for the Internet community in Latin America and the Caribbean. We have participated in the several meetings listed below, in order to support the work being done throughout the community, to raise awareness on the issues we deal with from ICANN and to strengthen the ties with stakeholders from multiple sectors.

We would like to specially highlight the LACNIC 22 meeting held in Santiago de Chile, Chile, on October 27th to 31st, and particularly the Panel on "Introduction to IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition" and the public session with the community on said process (access the event website here: <http://goo.gl/ce4XzI>). Gonzalo Navarro, member of the ICANN Board, and Rodrigo de la Parra, Regional Vice President participated from our organization. As part of these sessions, the LACNIC community is distinguished by presenting an interesting proposal on the oversight role in relation to numbers. Learn more about this proposal here: <http://goo.gl/oXJzAu>

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the LACNIC community for their involvement and generation of proposals for this process.



On the map you can see our presence in different countries of the region during the months of September and October. We have participated remotely and face to face in the following events:

**SEPTEMBER**

- CITEL Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina: <http://goo.gl/e17qvJ>
- RIO Info 2014, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: <http://goo.gl/KODmf>
- Capacity building event with the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, St. Georges Internet Governance Forum in Ecuador, remote participation: <http://goo.gl/mcVmkC>
- TIC Week, St. Kitts: <http://goo.gl/W96Sxg>
- EGI Event, Caracas, Venezuela: <http://goo.gl/fXeB7a>
- W3C Web, Sao Paulo, Brazil: <http://goo.gl/fkRRQe>
- WCIT Latin America, Guadalajara, Mexico: <http://goo.gl/BtAKJj>
- LACNIC Caribbean/CaribNOG, Curacao: <http://goo.gl/YwfhNl>
- W3C Web, Sao Paulo, Brazil: <http://goo.gl/YKEHjS>

**OCTOBER**

- Talk for Foreign Service officers, Caribbean, remote participation.
- Latin America Domains, City of Mexico, Mexico: <http://goo.gl/yjoxbrz>
- Futurecom, Sao Paulo, Brazil: <http://goo.gl/hg69UY>

**Press Highlights**

**About the launch of the NETmundial Initiative**

NETmundial: new Internet governance initiative | <http://sco.lt/8RN0in>  
WEF launches Internet governance initiative | <http://sco.lt/8RN0in>

**About the Roadshows (Guadalajara, Mexico and Sao Paulo, Brazil)**

ExcelsiorTV Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra | [video] <http://goo.gl/9VZGX6>  
ICANN will carry out roadshow 2014 in Mexico | <http://sco.lt/8LBKlj>  
"Frictions" limit Mexico's digital economy! <http://sco.lt/69hTST>  
Internet Control Centralization, a risk: ICANN | <http://sco.lt/59slmr>  
LAC-i Roadshow 2014 in Mexico and Central America | <http://sco.lt/500jJR>  
LAC-i Roadshow 2014 begins in Mexico and Central America | <http://sco.lt/500jJR>  
ICANN community launches LAC-i-Roadshow 2014 in Mexico and Central America | <http://sco.lt/5tu9uD>  
Internet em discussão: ICANN faz encontro no EUA; Brasil recebe roadshow | <http://sco.lt/406TC5>  
México e Brasil recebem evento da ICANN em outubro | <http://sco.lt/85dpzd>

**About the activities during ICANN 51**

Dot lat, the most Latin Internet domain | <http://sco.lt/8cmkXx>  
Dominican Republic was accepted in ICANN | <http://sco.lt/6dDV4L>  
The most Latin domain is coming | <http://sco.lt/8ja3bV>  
The global Internet community will focus its attention on the future of Internet governance during the ICANN meeting in Los Angeles | <http://sco.lt/6Mqh8r>  
.Lat, the domain name that will identify the region in Internet, is launched! <http://sco.lt/5DcclLR>  
ICANN debates on the future of Internet Governance | <http://sco.lt/8h2vDd>

**Contributions for other newsletters**

The Latin American and Caribbean technical community says "present" at the Regional Telecommunications Congress II | AHCIET Newsletter- September | <http://goo.gl/CjnDrp>  
Learn about the Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework | LACTLD Newsletter - September | <http://goo.gl/3yF9SL>  
Report on digital economy: the story behind our visits around the world | AHCIET Newsletter -October | <http://goo.gl/5X32DQ>

**Upcoming Events**

- November**
- Preparatory meeting for the eLAC V Ministerial Conference, San Jose, Costa-Rica, 05.11.2014 - 07.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/KGWWhuX>
- Legal Workshop and LACTLD extraordinary meeting, Aruba, 6.11.2014 - 7.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/8vwmmO>
- InternetSul retreat, 14.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/pf8xFU>
- Regulatory Plenary Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 16.11.2014 - 18.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/l5do4D>
- CETO Cybersecurity Program, Barbados, 17.11.2014 - 18.11.2014
- IV Week of Internet Infrastructure in Brazil, Sao Paulo, 24.11.2014 - 28.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/9nTiQO>
- 5th Seminar on Privacy and Personal Data Protection 26.11.2014 - 27.11.2014 | <http://goo.gl/M2h3ns>
- December**
- ITS 2014 RIO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30.11.2014 - 03.12.2014 | <http://goo.gl/0JLqdm>
- COTC Commonwealth Parliamentarians' Workshop, Trinidad & Tobago, 2.12.2014 - 3.12.2014
- Multistakeholder dialogues in Mexico - Date TBD.
- LAC-i-Roadshow, Andean Region, Bolivia, 04.12.2014
- Local Content Development Workshop, Grenada, 8.12.2014 - 10.12.2014
- Public Policy Forum, 9.12.2014 - 11.12.2014

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