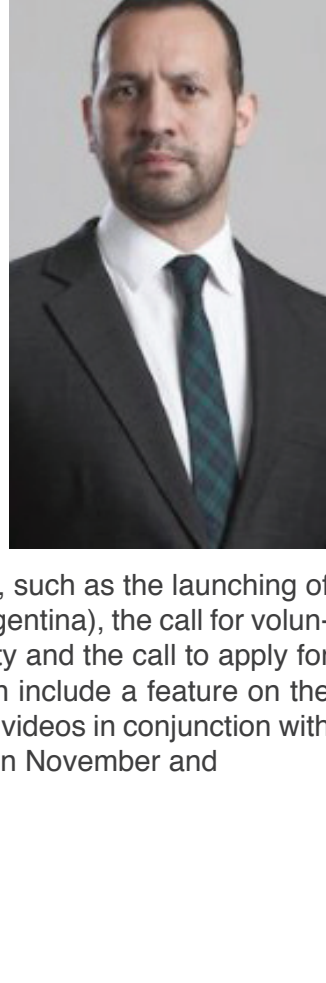


Editorial by Gonzalo Navarro*

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to read this sixth edition of our regional Latin American and Caribbean Newsletter, which brings to a close a year of accomplishments in our community, especially in terms of advancing the implementation of our Regional Strategic Plan.



Let me begin by saying that this initiative to share information in the languages of our region on a bimonthly basis has now been in place for a year, with six published editions. If we add the engagement initiatives with the Latin American and Caribbean press and on social media, together with the production of audiovisual content, among other initiatives, we can see that the Regional Strategy Communications Project is steadily moving forward. Another initiative within the Strategy that has been widely accepted by our communities is the LAC-i-Roadshow, i.e. a series of workshops designed so that everyone can learn more about technical issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS). This year, we visited Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Brazil and Bolivia, engaging more than 250 participants in this initiative and achieving a wide media coverage on a regional scale.

This edition of our newsletter will focus on some of the latest developments at ICANN, such as the launching of the ICANN Fellowship Application Round for ICANN 53, to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina), the call for volunteers to join the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability and the call to apply for key ICANN leadership positions. Further updates from our region and within our Plan include a feature on the LAC-i-Roadshow held in early December in Bolivia, the launching of educational IANA videos in conjunction with LACNIC and an overview of the countries we visited and the activities we carried out in November and December.

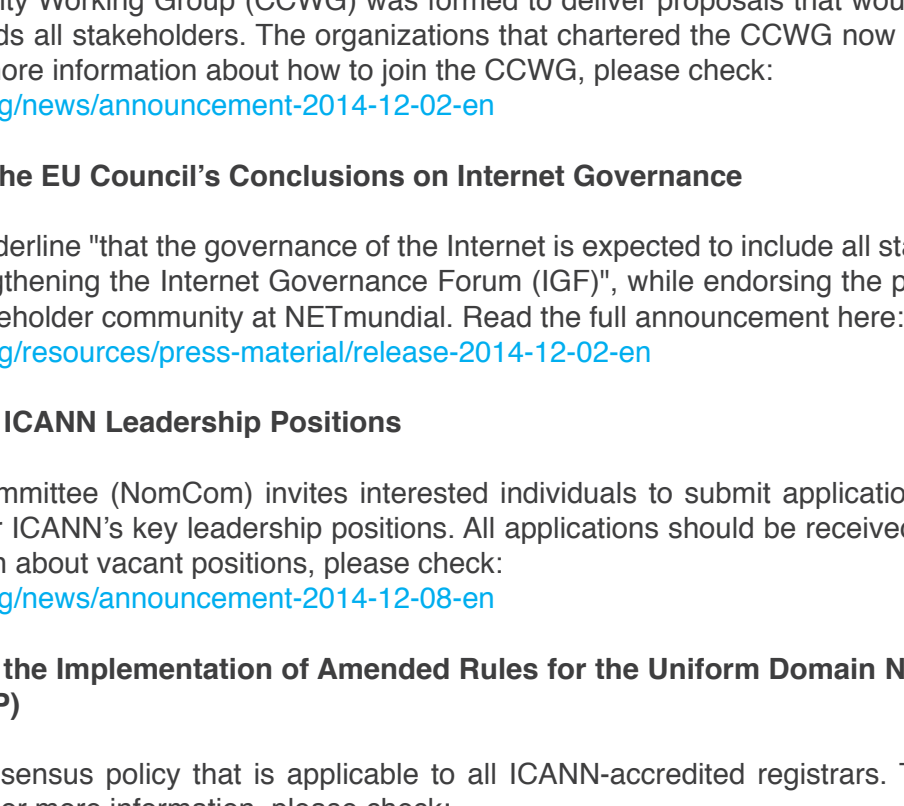
Have a nice reading and happy holidays!

Gonzalo Navarro, ICANN Board.

(*) Gonzalo was appointed for his first 3-year term on the Board of Directors, beginning after ICANN's annual meeting in Seoul on 30 October, 2009. He has been re-appointed for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors, beginning after ICANN's annual meeting in Toronto on 19 October, 2012. At thirty-three years old, Gonzalo was the youngest Director ever appointed to the ICANN Board. However, Gonzalo has already served over six years on the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), representing Chile, with significant experience in international trade negotiations and also Internet governance.

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News from ICANN



ICANN 53 to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina! ICANN 53 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

With its Fellowship Program, ICANN seeks to reach out to participants in developing countries interested in the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier system. The goals of the Fellowship Program are to help broaden the base of knowledgeable constituents engaged in ICANN's multistakeholder process and to encourage the participation of new voices from around the world. For more information about how to apply, please check: http://goo.gl/2gOtpV

Call for Volunteers to Participate in Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability)

The Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) was formed to deliver proposals that would enhance ICANN's accountability towards all stakeholders. The organizations that chartered the CCWG now call for volunteers to join this effort. For more information about how to join the CCWG, please check: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2014-12-02-en

ICANN Welcomes the EU Council's Conclusions on Internet Governance

The Conclusions underline "that the governance of the Internet is expected to include all stakeholders" and "the importance of strengthening the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)", while endorsing the principles adopted by the global multi-stakeholder community at NETmundial. Read the full announcement here: https://www.icann.org/resources/press-material/release-2014-12-02-en

Apply Now for Key ICANN Leadership Positions

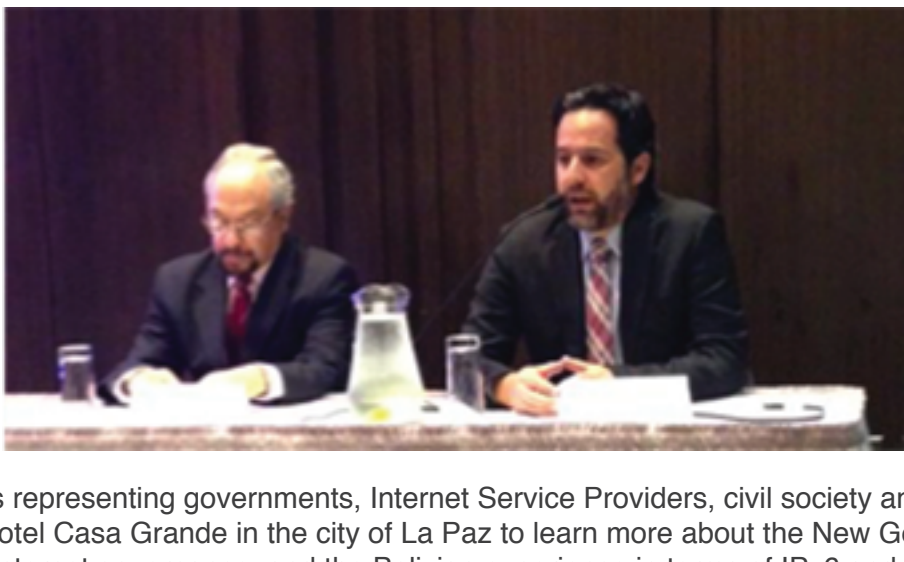
The Nominating Committee (NomCom) invites interested individuals to submit applications and/or to recommend candidates for ICANN's key leadership positions. All applications should be received by 15 March 2015. For more information about vacant positions, please check: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2014-12-08-en

ICANN Announces the Implementation of Amended Rules for the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)

The UDRP is a consensus policy that is applicable to all ICANN-accredited registrars. The updates include several measures. For more information, please check: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2014-11-17-en

Fadi Chehadé's Space on the ICANN Website

The President's Corner is a space created to collect an array of resources, like Fadi's blog posts, tweets, features on the media and videos. To visit the President's Corner, go to: https://www.icann.org/presidents-corner



Fadi's latest blog post "Monitoring the Health of the Organization" is available here: https://www.icann.org/news/blog/monitoring-the-health-of-the-organization

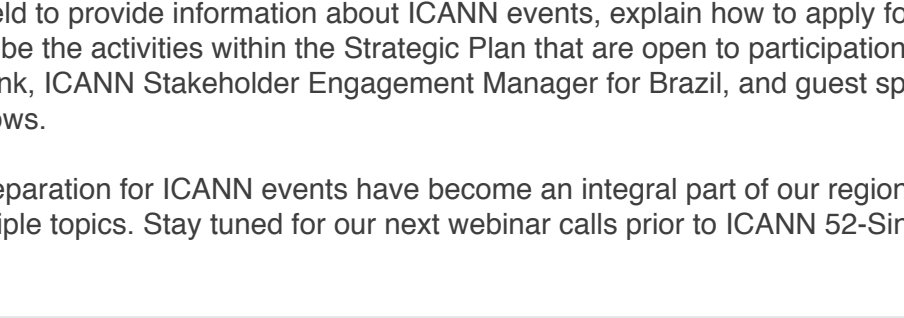
Policy Development Update

Since our previous edition, there have been several Policy Development Updates within ICANN. We encourage you to read more about the most recent developments here: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/update-2014-02-20-en

Get Involved in Defense of Public Interest

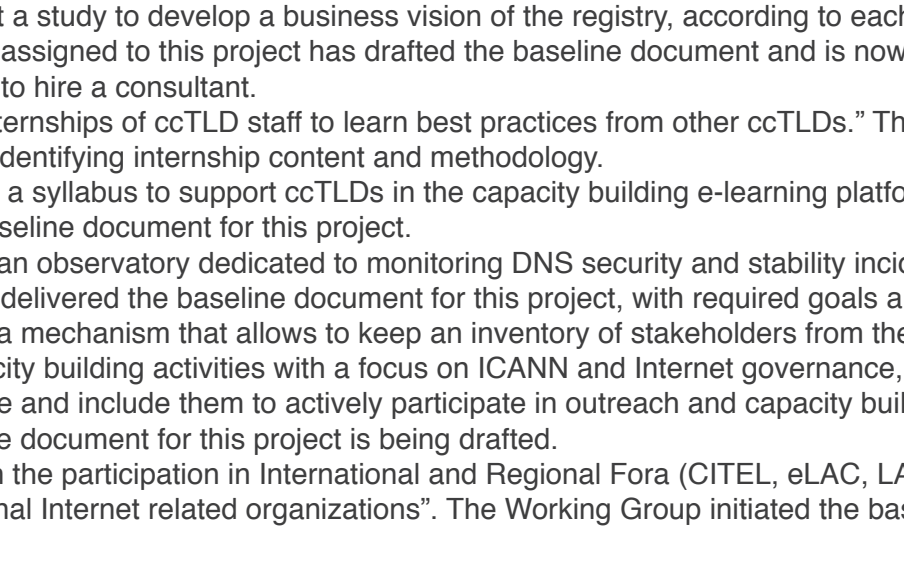
The New gTLD Program has contributed to the increase of registry operators. In order to ensure that ICANN remains in charge of domain name disputes, work is underway to expand the Standing Panel responsible for administering the Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure (PICDRP), designed to serve the interests of the Internet community. When a report arises alleging that a registry has violated its public interest commitment(s) as outlined in its contract with ICANN, members of the PICDRP Standing Panel can be called upon to review the report, and if necessary, recommend remedies to ICANN. Therefore, all Standing Panel members must be impartial and independent. If you are interested in joining the Panel and serving the Internet community, apply now. The search is oriented towards applicants with international dispute resolution experience and a sound technical understanding of the Internet and the Domain Name System. For more information about how to join this initiative, please download the Call for Expressions of Interest [PDF, 110 KB] for the PICDRP Standing Panel.

LAC Strategic Plan Updates



LAC-i-Roadshow Andean Edition Held in Bolivia on December 4

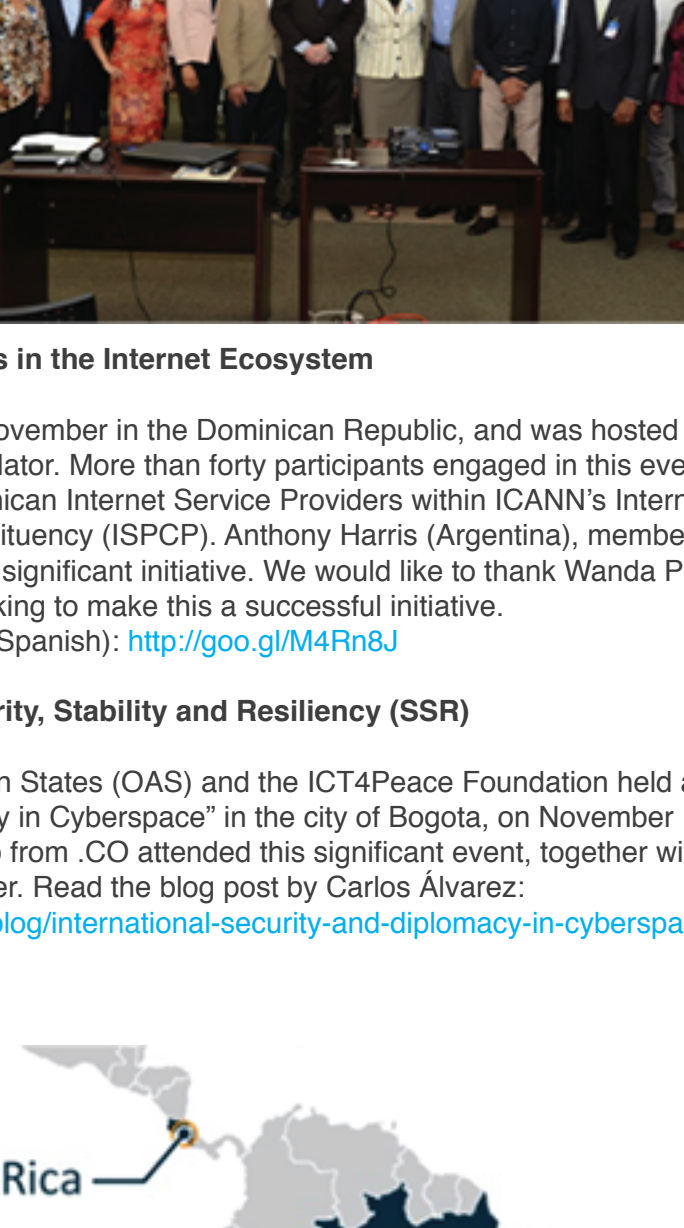
We reached the end of this year with the Andean Edition of our LAC-i-Roadshow, one of the projects within our Latin American and Caribbean Regional Strategic Plan. This Latin American and Caribbean roadshow entails a series of workshops intended to increase awareness of new technical and political issues that are shaping the future of the Domain Name System (DNS).



Fifty five participants representing governments, Internet Service Providers, civil society and the technical community met at Hotel Casa Grande in the city of La Paz to learn more about the New Generic Top Level Domains Program, Internet governance, and the Bolivian experience in terms of IPv6 and e-government. Please see the media coverage in the "Media Highlights" section below.



Como participar das reuniões ICANN através do programa de Fellowships?



Webinar to Encourage New Brazilian Fellows Participation at ICANN Events

This webinar was held to provide information about ICANN events, explain how to apply for the Fellowship Program, and describe the activities within the Strategic Plan that are open to participation. The event was hosted by Daniel Fink, ICANN Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, and guest speakers included several ICANN Fellows.

Webinars held in preparation for ICANN events have become an integral part of our regional team's activities, with a focus on multiple topics. Stay tuned for our next webinar calls prior to ICANN 52-Singapore (February 2015).

LACNIC and ICANN Launch Educational Video on IANA Functions and Stewardship Transition Process

In order to explain the IANA functions in a friendly way, and introduce the topic of the transition to those who are still unaware of this process, LACNIC and ICANN launched and educational video in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese. The synergy between LACNIC and ICANN will enable these two organizations to reach out to the members of the Latin American and Caribbean Internet community and explain this complex topic to them. Watch the videos here: http://goo.gl/0xN1pV

Regional Strategic Plan Project Implementation Updates

Our regional team has been working closely with the community, with a special focus on these projects: 1."To support a study to develop a business vision of the registry, according to each ccTLD's needs." The Working Group assigned to this project has drafted the baseline document and is now completing the Terms of Reference to hire a consultant.

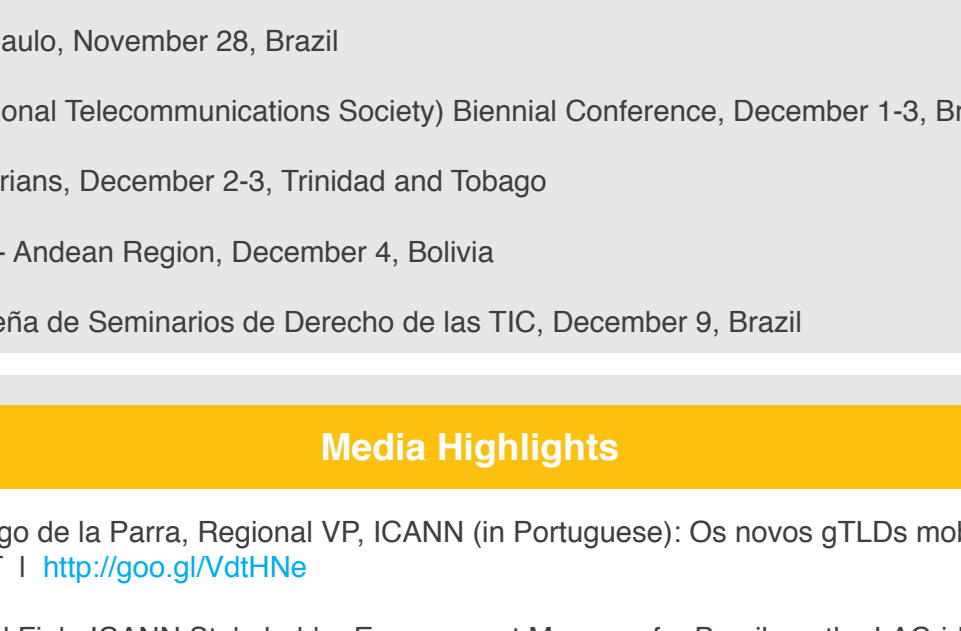
2."To fund internships of ccTLD staff to learn best practices from other ccTLDs." The Working Group is making progress in identifying internship content and methodology. 3."To include a syllabus to support ccTLDs in the capacity building e-learning platform." The community is working on the baseline document for this project.

4."To create an observatory dedicated to monitoring DNS security and stability incidents in the region." The Working Group delivered the baseline document for this project, with required goals and metrics. 5."To create a mechanism that allows to keep an inventory of stakeholders from the region involved in academic and capacity building activities with a focus on ICANN and Internet governance, in order to benefit from their experience and include them to actively participate in outreach and capacity building activities in the region." The baseline document for this project is being drafted.

6."To deepen the participation in International and Regional Fora (CITELE, eLAC, LACIGF) in coordination with other regional Internet related organizations". The Working Group initiated the baseline document for this project.

"To create a Working Group to collaborate with the Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Caribbean aimed at achieving a greater engagement of countries and small islands in the Caribbean in ICANN's structure." The Working Group for this project is now formed. It comprises nine members from several sectors in the Caribbean community who are currently working on defining the group's goals and scope.

News from Our Region



ICANN and the Role of ISPs in the Internet Ecosystem

THIS event was held on 25 November in the Dominican Republic, and was held thanks to the support of INDOTEL, the national Regulator. More than forty participants engaged in this event, with a focus on promoting the participation of Dominican Internet Service Providers within ICANN's Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP). Anthony Harris (Argentina), member of the ISPCP Executive Committee, joined us on this significant initiative. We would like to thank Wanda Pérez (ICT Consultant, Dominican Republic) for working to make this a successful initiative. Please see our blog post (in Spanish): http://goo.gl/M4Fn8J

Capacity Building on Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR)

The Organization of American States (OAS) and the ICT4Peace Foundation held a workshop called "International Security and Diplomacy in Cyberspace" in the city of Bogota, on November 18-20. Carlos Alvarez from ICANN and Gonzalo Romero from .CO attended this significant event, together with Belisario Contreras, OAS Cybersecurity Program Officer. Read the blog post by Carlos Alvarez: https://www.icann.org/news/blog/international-security-and-diplomacy-in-cyberspace



17 Activities in 7 Countries

In November and December, our regional team had several opportunities to engage with the Latin American and Caribbean community. We visited the seven countries shown on the map and participated in the seventeen activities listed below.

- Reunión preparatoria de la V Conferencia ministerial sobre la sociedad de la información en América Latina y el Caribe, November 5-7, Costa Rica
Taller Legal de LACTLD, November 6-7, Aruba
InternetSul, November 14, Brazil
Asamblea Plenaria Regulatel, November 16-18, Puerto Rico
Commonwealth Telecommunications Organizations (CTO) Cybersecurity, November 17, Barbados
Geneva Internet Conference - Internet Governance at a Crossroads, November 18-19, Barbados (Remote Hub)
7th Telecon, November 20-21, Brazil
IV Semana da Infraestrutura da Internet no Brasil, November 23, Brazil
PTT Fórum 8- Encontro dos Sistemas Autônomos da Internet no Brasil, November 24-25, Brazil
IPv6 Brasil, November26, Brazil
V Seminário de Proteção à Privacidade e aos Dados Pessoais, November 26, Brazil
GTER 38/GTS 24, November 27-28, Brazil
ISOC INET Sao Paulo, November 28, Brazil
20th ITS (International Telecommunications Society) Biennial Conference, December 1-3, Brazil
ICT & Parliamentarians, December 2-3, Trinidad and Tobago
LAC-i-Roadshow - Andean Region, December 4, Bolivia
Asociación Brasileña de Seminarios de Derecho de las TIC, December 9, Brazil

Media Highlights

Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra, Regional VP, ICANN (in Portuguese): Os novos gTLDs mobilizam a comunidade – ABRANET | http://goo.gl/VdtHfV

Interview to Daniel Fink, ICANN Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, on the LAC-i-Roadshow held in Sao Paulo, Brazil (in Portuguese): I @scoopit http://sco.lt/8ALdHv

Fadi Chehadé's Participation on the 25th Anniversary of the WWW (Media Coverage in Spanish)

Futuro y prometido para la web - Edición Impresa de la ABC Color | @scoopit http://sco.lt/6JKcFd
Lo bueno y lo malo a 25 años del nacimiento de la Web | @scoopit http://sco.lt/8JSeVWX
Promesas y amenazas para la web en sus 25 años | @scoopit http://sco.lt/62KmyL

LAC-i-Roadshow in Bolivia (Media Coverage in Spanish)

La ICANN promueve diálogo sobre internet | @scoopit http://sco.lt/5ENVJp
La ICANN actualizará sobre la administración de dominios - Diario Página Siete | @scoopit http://sco.lt/6ISrtt

La ICANN pone foco en la región Andina para dar a conocer las novedades de Internet | Enteres... | @scoopit http://sco.lt/5mvjHr

EN BOLIVIA, INTERNET DEBE MIGRAR AL PROTOCOLO IPV6 | @scoopit http://sco.lt/7TVv9ZB

Compartiendo experiencias sobre ciber seguridad en La Paz | Blogs El Tiempo | @scoopit http://sco.lt/9JBzwP

Comteco es 'el único proveedor de internet' de Bolivia que migró al IPv6 - La Razón | @scoopit http://sco.lt/7FmBTF

Publications in Other Regional Newsletters (in Spanish)

AHCIET: "Una invitación abierta a participar de nuestras reuniones" http://goo.gl/eqigEI
by Alex Dans, Communications Director for the LAC Region, ICANN.

LACNIC: "La IANA y el proceso de transición: lanzamiento de videos en nuestra región" http://goo.gl/yvAM1v
by Alex Dans, Communications Director for the LAC Region, ICANN.

Articles by Carlos Alvarez (Member of ICANN's Security, Stability and Resiliency Team)

Buenos modales en Internet (validación de direcciones IP de origen) – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/11/12/buenos-modales-en-internet/

La ICANN en su Reunión Internacional #51 en Los Angeles – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/10/13/icann-en-su-reunion-internacional-51-en-los-angeles/

Para. Piensa. Conéctate. Concientización en ciber seguridad – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/09/19/parapiensaconectate/

Stop. Think. Connect. Cyber Security Awareness in Latin America.
https://www.icann.org/news/blog/stop-think-connect-cyber-security-awareness-in-latin-america

¿Su nombre de dominio está seguro? – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/09/05/su-nombre-de-dominio-esta-seguro/

¿800.000 nombres de dominio suspendidos? – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/08/06/dominiossuspendidos/

Ciber seguridad: colaboración entre policías y privados – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/07/24/ciberseguridadcolaboracion/

Malware controlado desde Medellín – In Spanish
http://blogs.eltiempo.com/el-lado-oscuero-de-internet/2014/06/20/malware-controlado-desde-medellin/

Upcoming Events

- CANTO 31st Meeting, January 25-27, Surinam
CTU 25th Anniversary Celebrations, February 2-6, Trinidad & Tobago



Once again, we look forward to seeing you at our LAC Space @ ICANN 52, one of the initiatives within our Regional Strategic Plan. We will also host a Remote Hub in the Caribbean on February 12. More information coming soon! http://singapore52.icann.org/en/

