EDITORIAL

"In search of a four-leaf clover"
Lito Ibarra, ICANN Board Member

ICANN 54 Dublin (Ireland) brought together more than 2,300 participants. Given the status of relevant processes, the community reached Dublin in search of a four-leaf clover, seeking hope, faith, love and good luck - gifts which, according to Irish tradition, come with this lucky charm.

Most of the meeting's agenda focused on the IANA Stewardship Transition Process and, on a related note, the shaping of ICANN's Accountability Mechanisms, with a view to submitting the consolidated transition proposal to the United States National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
Fortunately, the combined proposal of the numbers, protocol parameters and names communities is nearly completed. These communities, and all of us, now have to wait for the Accountability Proposal, which needs some adjustments despite making considerable progress in Dublin.

Weaning ourselves from a global phenomenon we all believe to own, in which we all participate and feel responsible for, entails a challenge for anyone willing to listen and, whenever possible, include the views, voices and interests of a wide range of stakeholders.
On a personal note, at the end of ICANN54 Dublin, I took up my position as ICANN Board Member, an honor bestowed upon me by ICANN's Nominating Committee. Thank you all for your words of support. I embark on this journey with hope, love and good luck!

Registrar Insurance Waiver Levels Playing Field

The ICANN Board recently removed a barrier to registrar accreditation by waiving the requirement for Commercial General Liability insurance. The move is expected to benefit registrars in parts of South America and Africa, in particular, where Commercial General Liability insurance is difficult to find - if available at all - and very costly.

https://www.icann.org/news/blog/icann-waives-registrar-insurance-requirement-levels-playing-field-for-registrars-globally

ICANN54 Marks Second Anniversary of New gTLDs

On 23 October 2013, the first internationalized generic top-level domains were introduced into the Internet. These four gTLDs were also the first delegated under the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program. The two-year anniversary of this milestone fell on the last day of ICANN54 in Dublin, 23 October 2015. By this date, 1,204 contracts for new gTLDs had been signed and 774 of these contracted gTLDs had been delegated. In addition, reviews of the program mandated by ICANN's affirmation of commitments are well underway, and supporting organizations and advisory committees are beginning to discuss the next round.

Are You Ready for the "New" Internet Name Space?

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group is working to create an Internet where all domain names are treated equally, including new gTLDs and internationalized domains. One of the group's first endeavors is to empower CIO's to bring their systems in line with the "new" Internet name space. The UASG plans to issue documentation in the next few months comprised of a clear definition of Universal Acceptance, a guidebook for CIOs, script test suites, a simple script in multiple languages that can be used to reach out to webmasters, and more. Be one of the first to get this documentation by following the Universal Acceptance Steering Group on the ICANN community wiki.

ICANN and OAS to Work Together to Increase Regional Cyber-Security

Joint effort is a critical aspect of recently signed Memorandum of Understanding
Read the full announcement here: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-10-30-en

Asunción's National University and ICANN Work Together
to Enhance Latin American Internet Infrastructure

First DNS L-root instance in Paraguay will provide greater Internet reliability for regional Internet users

Read the full announcement here: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-09-24-en
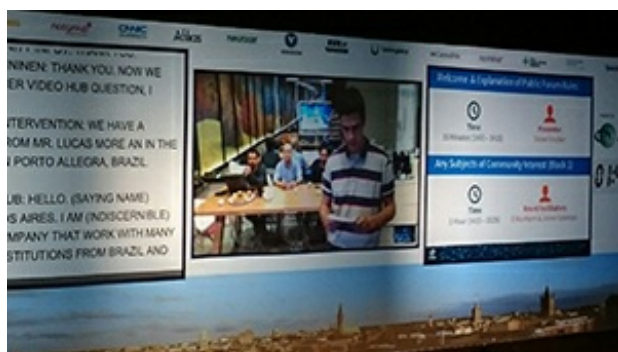
Our Outreach Activities in September and October

Check out the map to see the countries we visited in September and October. Here is a list of the events we attended.

- LAC Strategy Steering Committee Workshop in Montevideo, Uruguay
- Video Conference on Internet Governance, Anilla Uruguay, September, Montevideo (Uruguay)
- LAC-i-Roadshow South America, September, Asunción (Paraguay)
- LAC-i-Roadshow Andean Region, September, Bogotá (Colombia)
- CTU ICT Week, September, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
- 5th Cloud Forum Brazil, September, São Paulo, Brazil
- ABRANET South Regional Conference, September, Curitiba, Brazil
- ICANN and the Future of Internet Governance, September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- .RIO Signing Ceremony, September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- RioInfo 2015, September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- New Global Domains on the Internet, September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- SSR Meeting in FIESP, September, São Paulo, Brazil
- LACNIC 24-LACNOG, September-October, Bogotá, Colombia
- 13th Conference of the Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR), October, Turks and Caicos Islands
- ORBICOM-UNESCO, October, Mexico City, Mexico
- Regional Event - Youth@IGF Webinar, October, Brazil
- ICANN54 Remote Hub in Brazil, October, Porto Alegre, Brazil

LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

LAC Strategy Steering Committee Workshop

Montevideo, Uruguay | 15-16 September 2015

This was a two-day workshop held by the LAC Strategy Steering Committee to showcase results of ongoing strategy projects. The Steering Committee also discussed and proposed new regional strategy goals for the period 2016-2020, and aligned these goals with ICANN's Strategic Plan for the same time window. Further, the Steering Committee discussed and proposed projects for every goal in the new LAC Strategy.

LAC-i Roadshow South America

Asunción, Paraguay| 22-23 September 2015

This second edition of the LAC-i-Roadshow South America hosted three panel discussions on the first day and a round table discussion on the second day. This LAC-i-Roadshow edition stems from the recent signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between ICANN and SENATICS during ICANN53 Buenos Aires (Argentina) and the recent signature of an agreement to implement a new L-Root instance at Paraguay's National Computing Center (CNC).

LAC-i Roadshow Andean Region

Bogotá, Colombia | 28 September 2015

This second edition of the LAC-i-Roadshow Andean Region was held during LACNIC 24 in conjunction with the [Second Internet Governance Forum in Colombia (content in Spanish)](#).

- IANA VP, Elise Gerich, gave a presentation on the New gTLD Program.
- Avianca shared their experience and plans regarding their new gTLD, .avianca.
- The government of Colombia showcased its progress and initiatives in terms of IPv6 deployment.
- Cesar Díaz (LACNIC) gave an overview of IPv6 deployment in the region.
- Carlos Martínez (LACNIC) discussed Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) enhancements in the region.
- Carlos Álvarez (ICANN) spoke about Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) in the Domain Name System (DNS).

Download the agenda (in Spanish) [here](#).

5th GAC-LAC Webinar in Preparation for ICANN54

Capacity Building - Governments| 9 October 2015

The webinar targeted governments and the intergovernmental sector with a focus on discussing relevant topics prior to ICANN54 Dublin. Olga Cavalli (GAC Vice Chair, Argentina), Pedro Ivo Ferraz da Silva (Secretary of Foreign Affairs, GAC Representative - Brazil) and Rodrigo de la Parra (ICANN - VP, Stakeholder Engagement for Latin America and the Caribbean) discussed the following topics: Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) activities, how and where to engage, working groups, GAC Vice Chairs election procedure, the IANA Stewardship Transition from a governmental perspective (time line and next steps), future gTLD rounds, regional challenges and how developing countries can host root servers.

- Spanish audio file: https://icann.adobeconnect.com/p3da8w1h40y/
- English audio file: http://ftp.adigo.com/clients/icann/20151009_GAC_LAC_Webinar_EN.zip

Domain Name System (DNS) Observatory

Initial tests were carried out based on Alexa's Top 1 Million Domains Ranking - filtering only the domains in our region. We will soon share a report on this data analysis.

LAC Space in Dublin

Monday, 19 October 2015

The LAC Space is one of our regional strategic projects and aims at creating a space in the Latin American and Caribbean region within ICANN meetings for stakeholders to discuss relevant issues on a regional scale.
This edition of the LAC Space featured the following presentations:

- Fostering Audiovisual Content Production in LAC (Ricardo

- Castanheira - Latin America Motion Pictures Association Manager)
- European DNS Industry (Dennis Jennings, Former ICANN Board Member - Andrea Beccalli, ICANN)
- .rio Strategy (Marcelo Queiroz - City of Río de Janeiro Administration Secretary)

Audio files in English, Spanish and Portuguese available here: https://meetings.icann.org/en/dublin54/schedule/mon-lac-space

Vanda Scartezini (Brazil), one of the LAC SPACE project leaders.

POLICIES / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Issues Currently Open for Public Comment

Several public comment proceedings are currently open on issues of interest to the ICANN community.

Phase 1 Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program

The Phase 1 Assessment is published to help establish a baseline of competitive forces in the domain name marketplace both prior to and in the initial months of the New gTLD Program, beginning with the first new gTLD to be delegated as part of the New gTLD Program in October 2013. This report considers pricing and registration volume data from a sample of legacy gTLDs (those that existed prior to expansion), new gTLDs and ccTLDs. Public comments received on this report will be summarized and analyzed, and will help inform the design for the Phase 2 Assessment.
Public Comment Period Closes: 7 November 2015, 23:59 UTC

New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper

This is a discussion paper on the proceeds from ICANN-conducted auctions for contested new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) strings. This paper calls for broad, open and inclusive public comment and encourages participation from all sectors, regions and levels (or no level) of engagement with the ICANN community.
Public Comment Period Closes: 8 November 2015, 23:59 UTC

IAG Initial Report and Proposed Revisions to the ICANN Procedure for Whois Conflicts with Privacy Laws

The Implementation Advisory Group seeks public comment on its proposed revisions to the existing Whois Conflicts Procedure. The Implementation Advisory Group will incorporate public comments into its preliminary report and submit a final report to GNSO Council for its consideration.
Public Comment Period Closes: 17 November 2015, 23:59 UTC

[Preliminary Issue Report on a GNSO Policy Development Process to Review All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs](#)

The Preliminary Issue Report is published for public comment to obtain community input on the issue of launching a GNSO Policy Development Process to Review all Rights Protection Mechanisms in all gTLDs.
Public Comment Period Closes: 30 November 2015, 23:59 UTC

[Removal of Searchable Whois Service from the .MEET Registry Agreement](#)

This public comment period aims at gathering community input on the proposed amendment to the .MEET Registry Agreement to remove Searchable Whois service from the Exhibit A (Approved Services) of the .MEET Registry Agreement. This amendment is intended to implement the request from the registry operator to remove this service from their registry agreement, which is submitted through the Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) process. Also, this public comment period aims at gathering community input on this type of requests submitted for "open gTLDs" in general, so that the public comments can be used to consider similar future requests.
Public Comment Period Closes: 4 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

[New gTLD Program Implementation Review Draft Report](#)

This public comment period is being opened to obtain community input on the draft Program Implementation Review report.
Public Comment Period Closes: 7 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

At any time, the full list of issues open for public comment plus recently closed and archived public comment proceedings can be found on the **[Public Comment web page](#)**.
ICANN staff also populates a web page to help preview potential "upcoming" public comment proceedings. The **[Upcoming Public Comment page](#)** provides information about potential future public comment opportunities. The page is updated after every ICANN public meeting to help individuals and the community set priorities and plan future workloads.

"Introduction to the GNSO" Course Launches on ICANN Learn

The GNSO is a complex structure consisting of a number of constituencies and stakeholder groups. To understand what the GNSO does is not always easy, especially to newcomers. Following community suggestions that more material for newcomers should be made available, support staff developed "Introduction to the GNSO." This online course explains what the GNSO is, who its members represent, what groups it contains, and how the GNSO Policy Development Process is conducted. The **[course](#)** is free and available to everyone.

GNSO Council Adopts Data and Metrics for Policymaking Working Group Recommendations

The GNSO Council unanimously approved the Data and Metrics for Policymaking Working Group's consensus recommendations. The Working Group developed final recommendations and submitted them to the GNSO Council for its consideration, which are documented in its **[Final Report](#)** after a review of **[public comments](#)**. Support staff has begun implementation of the adopted recommendations, and implementation status can be viewed on the **[Projects List](#)**.

SSAC Publishes Advisory on Registrant Protection

The SSAC recently published SAC074, "**SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle.**" The advisory provides specific best practice guidelines that will help registrars and registries enhance the security of domain names and the systems that support them.

👥 COMMUNITY: "WE GIVE YOU THE FLOOR"

Agustina Callegari - Argentina NextGen@ICANN Ambassador - ICANN54

NextGen@ICANN is a program that focuses on the future - it focuses on the next generation of Internet community leaders. This next generation is made up of young people between the ages of 18 and 30 from all over the world, and NextGen seeks to bring them together on a regional scale so that they can engage in the Internet ecosystem. To that end, the program gives participants an opportunity to learn about and engage in ICANN topics and, mainly, engage with ICANN's community.

The program itself is also "young", since ICANN54 hosted its fifth edition. Personally, my first ICANN meeting was ICANN53, which I attended as part of NextGen Latin America. That experience set in motion the NextGen@Ambassador initiative, with the aim of maintaining and strengthening the connection between program members and ICANN. My role as NextGen Ambassador in Dublin was twofold: working with ICANN staff to develop the Capacity Building Program for NextGen members, and coordinating the group so as to provide them with guidance and strengthen team work.

ICANN54 gave us a lot in terms of working groups and policy development. It also received a lot from us, as NextGen contributed plenty of ideas to the ICANN community and, above all, a high enthusiasm to continue engaging with the community. I took on board a feeling of motivation from ICANN54. This motivation stems from seeing the staff work to keep this program up and running, as well as seeing a group of the new generation, myself included, dive into the challenge of Internet governance.

☑ DELEGATED NEW gTLDs

October

ping	jaguar
meo	zara
sapo	mutuelle
sbs	arte
landrover	aramco

gucci	dell	
rwe		

September

kinder	kia	bms
cipriani	final	security
moi	seven	linde
yamaxun	hyundai	stada
mtr	stockholm	protection
virgin	obi	theatre
clubmed	ltd	csc
car		

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- ICANN educa para transición a IPV6 | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/5RDV3J**
- Bogotá ICANN Forum Underscores Internet Developments, Reveals Fundamental Changes Coming. Avianca First To Adopt gTLD - Finance Colombia | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/6Lj8Vd**
- Nuevos dominios en Internet se toman a Colombia | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/5FuytV**
- Nuevos dominios en Internet se toman a Colombia | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/7nTGUb**
- Sepa cómo innovar con los nuevos dominios de internet - El Tiempo | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/9B7RwX**
- Gestión Solidaria » Nuevos dominios en Internet se toman a Colombia | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/5qiu7V**
- Nuevos dominios en Internet se toman a Colombia - Comunicados .co | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/4vwr3Z**
- Nuevos dominios en Internet se toman a Colombia - www.noticiassuper.com | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/8iJWcL**
- Nuevos dominios de Internet en Colombia - Negocio Inteligente | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/6YZRsf**
- ICANN: nuevos dominios en Internet en Colombia - Computerworld Colombia | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/9EBH17**
- _Comunidad ICANN lanza la edición del LAC-i en Paraguay » Ñanduti | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/7xmCcz**
- Colombia recibe la reunión de Internet más importante | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/99ZuRl**
- V Cumbre de Analistas de Seguridad de Kasperky Lab | Reportaje a Carlos Alvarez de ICANN | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/4wrObZ**
- Organismos de Gobernanza de Internet se reúnen en Paraguay | La Nación | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/788eSf**
- Río de Janeiro inaugura extensión de dominio '.rio' | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/5ZPiQj**
- ICANN isenta registradores de cobertura de seguro e facilita acreditação para nomes de domínio - Abranet | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/8tvX7J**
- ICANN elimina exigência de apólice de US$ 500 mil para empresas de domínio | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/7ejZHF**
- Vivo é primeira operadora a ter domínio próprio na Internet - IDG Now! | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/9F40kT**
- Rio é a primeira cidade da América Latina a ter extensão de domínio na internet | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/6z7CSX**

- Voxnews | Grupo Globo formaliza assinatura do contrato do domínio .globo | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/832rfF**
- Rio Info 2015: empresas brasileiras customizam seus domínios na Internet - B!T magazine | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/5mxGsL**
- Domínio .rio começa a ser vendido nesta quinta-feira, anuncia prefeitura do Rio | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/4ymOaP**
- Rio é 1ª cidade da América Latina com domínio na internet | EXAME.com | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/4jSsi1**
- Prefeitura lança domínio .rio para reforçar a marca da cidade | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/86IPRp**
- Marcas nacionais lançam domínios próprios durante o Rio Info | @scoopit **http://sco.lt/78XsdF**

UPCOMING EVENTS

9-13 November, Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2015), João Pessoa, Brazil

ICANN joined this tenth edition of the Internet Governance Forum, engaging in sessions and workshops, as well as showcasing a booth with resources in English and Portuguese.

Read the blog post by Baher Esmat, ICANN VP - Stakeholder Engagement for the Middle East, for a comprehensive list of sessions and workshops: **https://www.icann.org/news/blog/icann-at-the-internet-governance-forum-igf-2015**

And this blog post by Daniel Fink, ICANN Senior Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, gives participants a warm welcome to this IGF edition in Daniel's country: **https://www.icann.org/news/blog/the-sun-s-gate-is-open-for-the-igf-2015**

 November 19, LAC-i-Roadshow Central America, San Salvador, El Salvador (content in Spanish): https://goo.gl/YShDjR

December 7-8, COM CITEL (OAS), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: https://www.citel.oas.org/en/pages/calendar-agenda.aspx

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