
WOLF LUDWIG: Welcome, everybody, to our April EURALO monthly call tonight. You have seen the [inaudible] agenda for today's call. Let me start as usual with the standing issues, what is the roll call and apologies and I hand it over to Gisella, please.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Wolf. Gisella here. On today's call, we have Wolf Ludwig, Oksana Prykhodko, Roberto Gaetano, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Greta Jeske, Yrjo Lansipuro, Sebastien Bachollet, Narine Khachatryan, Sandra Hoferichter, Yuliya Morenets.

We have apologies from Christopher Wilkinson and from Bill Drake.

And staff this evening we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Terri Agnew; and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Also, if I could remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you and over to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot, Gisella. The next agenda item on those outstanding issues is the actual items from our March call. What you can see on the link, we had noted two points. I will have to send a reminder to you all to encourage more members to contribute to various working groups and repairing ATLAS II events. This reminder was sent. I'm not aware whether this has led to many more responses and volunteers for the different ATLAS II working groups.

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The second point was [inaudible] volunteers from EURALO to prepare outreach at the EURALO table at the [inaudible] opportunities at ATLAS II in London. Besides the compilation of music from Europe and this part will be taken over by Yuliya and Yuliya will continue with related preparations.

There are no more action items. Do you from our last call? If there are no questions and comments from your side I would like to continue the agenda item three and give the floor to Olivier, as usual, for briefing on current ALAC consultation and initiatives.

Olivier, you have the floor please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Wolf. I was just going to close off on agenda item number two by saying that I shall be speaking about ATLAS II event planning and working groups in part number seven of this. I'll reserve my comments on the involvement of EURALO ALSes until a little bit later.

Coming over to the ICANN public comments page, and of course our own Policy Advice Development Page, which I invite you all to open. There has been an enormous amount of activity as there have in the past few weeks, months, and years, one could say.

Recently we've had a number of statements that have been adopted and they can be voted on. But first, the statements that are currently being developed or being voted on by the ALAC. The policy

development process on privacy and proxy services accreditation issues. There is some work currently being done on this.

Alan Greenberg is currently putting together a short draft of this. We have several members of At-Large that were on this working group. Effectively, we could move the members of the working group to draft the first draft. As soon as the draft is up, then you would be invited to comment on it. The draft five year strategic plan for fiscal year 16 to fiscal year 20, we are currently considering drafting a statement.

I have asked the finance and budget sub-committee if there would be someone ready to hold the pen on this. Unfortunately Tijani Ben Jemaa who usually is our pen holder on these statements regarding finance, budget, and strategy, he is extremely busy with a member of [inaudible] and has been travelling around Africa on several community regional outreach programs. So if anyone in EURALO would like to hold the pen on this, please make yourself known and send an e-mail.

Next, the ICANN strategy panels. As you know there were five strategy panels, which ICANN has mandated work on. They finished their work. They've just completed it.

All of the links from the agenda page are wrong. I do apologize for that. Staff will have to work this one out, basically. You can't have something that starts with owa.icann.org. Have a look at the public comment page itself now that they've fixed it.

Coming back to this, yes. So, the strategy panel, there were five of them that were put together. The panels that were external to ICANN came

up with a number of recommendations, which are now out for public comment from all of the ICANN community.

It would be very interesting, indeed, the panels [inaudible] technology to identify technology innovation, ICANN multi-stakeholder innovation, public responsibility framework, and ICANN's role in the Internet government's eco-system.

I stand corrected. There are four of them. I think six of them was [folded] with another working group. These ones, no pen holder yet. I someone wishes to hold the pen, please, could they make themselves known?

The Cross Community Working Group on Internet governance submission to NETMundial. As you know ICANN built very quickly a Cross Community Working Group on Internet governance was put together in the past few months. I'm one of the co-facilitators of this working group.

Next week is the NETMundial conference taking place in São Paulo. It's a two day conference. It requested a very short notice number of contributions from all of the people who wanted to go there. All of the organizations they guarantee a tent. This Cross Community Working Group [inaudible] short statements that were effectively correct, but weren't groundbreaking as such.

You're very welcome to comment on this. As one of the two facilitators, I can't quite comment on the validity of what is in there. It would be very helpful if there was someone from At-Large regarding what – the At-Large we believe should be emphasized in Brazil.

Of course, as we know, it's not only Brazil but it's beyond Brazil. NETMundial is just one of several steps to further Internet governance conferences that will take place, including the Internet Governance Forum – the IGF that will take place in September in Istanbul.

So, there is likely to be a lot more work for the Cross Community Working Group on Internet governance. This contribution, I think, only just is one step to continue to be continue to be built on.

Next, the ICANN Future Meeting Strategy. Here there's something that's a bit groundbreaking. There's been some discussion for quite a while as to whether the three meetings per year which all follow the same format actually are useful, effectively work for the community, whether they are effective.

A high-level working group has been convened and come out with a number of recommendations including keeping the first and the last meeting of the fiscal – sorry, not of the fiscal year. The first and the last meeting of the year as they are, and the meeting in the middle to actually be smaller and only involve the Advisory Committees like the ALAC and the Genetic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO) as well.

These are communities that need to meet face-to-face to do their own work.

I would suggest you have a read of this document. Tijani Ben Jemaa has put together a first draft on this. In fact, we've already reached the level of voting on that, so there's not very much that you can do apart from just reading the report at this very moment.

Next, is the initial report on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy part [inaudible] policy development process. The ALAC is already voting on the statement now. The statement was drafted by Alan Greenberg, again. That effectively looks at the transferring domain name from one service provider to another service provider. So from one registrar to another registrar.

The recommendations which have been given are recommendations that, on the whole, are really good for end users. Therefore, ALAC strongly supports recommendations.

Next is the Draft Implementation Plan for the WHOIS Online Accuracy Reporting System. There are huge problems with WHOIS with regards to the accuracy of the entries in WHOIS. WHOIS, of course, is the system where you can find out the owner of the domain name is.

There's been a plan basically drafted to try and remedy the problem with these inaccurate WHOIS entries. As you know, it's a complex issue. There's also an issue of privacy that comes in to this.

There is a first draft that should be hitting our streams within the next couple of days. I realize the closing date for this – the reply closing date – is the 23rd of April, and I have been pushing Alan Greenberg to look at this as one of the pen holders. Hopefully, there should be a short statement that supports the plan, drafted, and maybe encouraged to read it, and of course to read the original report as well.

Then the IDN (Internationalized Domain Name) Variance Top Level Domain. LGR Procedure Implementation – that's the Label Generation Rules Procedure Implementation.

Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 1. That's all to do with the internationalized domain names, primarily the Chinese scripts and the Japanese and Korean scripts. Also, we have internationalized domain name character sets in European well, [inaudible] character sets. And other regions have also got those for Arabic character sets and Farsi, etc.

This is how you do technical work and how you specialize. I don't know if anybody in Europe is very knowledgeable about these, but if you are interested just to see what type of technical problems and [inaudible], because you really start digging deep into the linguistics of things. As I noted, I would suggest that you have a look at this. Of course, we have an IDN Working Group that works on these issues, so they will be drafting a statement on that.

And then recently [inaudible] ALAC statement, as you can see. The Policy Advisory Boards for gTLD proposal. This was not an ALAC statement. This is a statement to basically launch a public comment ourselves. The ALAC has launched a public comment which is currently up for comment. Of course, we're not going to comment on our own public comment, but the launching of the public comment period will be public.

The next three are actual statements that were drafted. [inaudible] Technical Liaison Group, [inaudible], the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Working Group.

SO and AC input request. That again, Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information is to do an internationalized domain names and international character sets.

Finally, mitigating the risk to DNS main space collisions. Very, very big story was a plan that was drafted by a consultant. That was not to everyone's taste, because of course, if you are the applicant for some of these new names that seem to be clashing or colliding with already established names and local area networks and you're told that you're not going to be able to release that name worldwide, then that's a huge amount of money invested and you are obviously going to be a bit annoyed.

Here, a strong statement adopted with 15 people on paper. Of course the gist of that statement was the ALAC supports the mitigating factors that were composed.

Sorry to take all that time, but I thought it would be important to have a look at all of this policy development. It's important. It's a very significant part of the ALAC's work. That really is your chance of bringing your input into the ICANN policy development processes. It's a privilege and it's something which I hope that you will all be able to make use of. Back to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot, Olivier for this concise briefing, as usual. Are there any direct questions or comments from your side to Olivier? I see no hands raised in the Adobe Connect, so I guess everything was clear from what

Olivier explained and summarized. You mentioned, Olivier, you will come back on the ATLAS II point later in our agenda.

Let me continue with the next agenda item, four. What is EURALO submissions and [inaudible] of CROPP requests from our region?

As I got to know in Singapore, our request was approved including the two candidates from Armenia, what was a special highlight to me. After so many years when we tried to involve and include our Armenian friends more into EURALO's work, this finally was approved by ICANN as well, after [inaudible] wrote comments on our behalf from Nigel Hickson from the Brussels ICANN office.

So, we now know that candidates will be supported to come to EuroDIG in June in Berlin. We had two on the priority list we submitted. We had two candidates from Armenia. We had two candidates from Ukraine and one from Bulgaria. But as I got to know in Singapore, one of the Armenians, Siranush, won't be available to follow the invitation for professional reasons. I have one less on our list and can go to the tool replacement we mentioned.

I took the opportunity in Singapore to talk to Valentina from Romania from [inaudible]. Unfortunately she is not available right now as she has an internship at the European Commission in Brussels. I cannot [inaudible]. And so the next on the list is the [inaudible] from Moldavia. I hope that the [inaudible] at least can make it. These are the candidates who are concerned.

My next question now is on the [inaudible] procedure for bringing the candidates to EuroDIG 2000 in Berlin. I guess that the related trips, [four

to five], may be organized by ICANN Constituency travel or support of At-Large staff. But I've seen Yuliya has raised her hand. Yuliya, you have the floor.

YULIYA MORENETS:

Good evening. Thank you, Wolf. I want to just confirm what you just said about the five names and the approval of the CROPP submission [inaudible]. Actually, now we have uploaded our proposal to the Wiki space with the help of [inaudible] and now all candidates should be contacted by ICANN travel, and [inaudible] proposals for January [inaudible], etc.

So, I think we are the first [inaudible] region, while we [inaudible] who has the submission made on the Wiki space. So all is in order and [inaudible] by the ICANN Travel.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, thanks for the confirmation, Yuliya. Just in case, there will be a location on spot in Berlin needed. There a sub-section of the EuroDIG website for accommodation with some selected and recommended hotel, what could be considered by ICANN Constituency Travel for the candidates.

Are there any questions on this issue from your side on the CROPP Pilot and the travelers? If that is not the case, then let me continue with our next agenda item, what is point five [inaudible] from ALAC voting on Board seat 15.

I think all or most of you on this call may be familiar either from having participated in Singapore itself or having followed related exchanges on our mailing list afterwards. I think it's not really news for you to just formally confirm that the selected candidate for Board seat 15 is Rinala Abdul Rahim from APRALO, and she was in the final voting round elected in Singapore.

If there are no further comments and questions from your side on this agenda item, this is just for information. There was some info from Olivier today on the mailing list. That selection procedure will be reviewed again by At-Large; what is in the authority of At-Large only. We have to wait and see what ALAC will do in this respect.

If there are no comments or questions from your side on this, let me continue with the next agenda item six, what is [inaudible] [mapping event] around Internet governance, privacy, and IP rights.

There was a related announcement from

There's also a related announcement from Bogdan Manolea from APTI in Romania yesterday on the EURALO list by saying that APTI is part of this [inaudible] object, and APTI suggested that there should be more civil society participation at the first event of this project At will be end of May in Rome. He invited EURALO for suggestions.

If any of our members are interested to participate in this mapping event in Rome and to forward names for this to be forwarded [inaudible] APTI [inaudible] commission, etc. to be potentially considered for participation in Rome. I mentioned in my reply to [Bogdan] this can only be the case of [cause] if there will be related

travel and stay over funding by [EU] Commission. Of course, I guess if somebody from our members could make it, it can be only on the basis of travel support.

Are there any immediate interests from your side? Otherwise, if you want to think about it and reflect you can either post your interests on the list or in a direct mail to me. I told to [Bogdan] that I will wait until the end of the week and forward potential candidates, interested candidates, to him by the end of the week.

Any sorts of questions on this agenda item and issue? Okay, I just would like to suggest for the action items to note Wolf will wait until the end of the week, collect expressions of interest and forward them to [Bogdan]

I [can] promise, of course, that any of our suggestions will be reflected or considered by the [EU] Commission. [Bogdan] assure this [inaudible] us but he has the mandate to look around to ask potentially interested civil society orgs, etc.

The next agenda item then is point seven, ATLAS II event planning, and welcome groups. Now, it's again Olivier, who announced he would like to say something on this issue. Olivier, you have the floor again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Effectively the ATLAS II is slowly putting itself together thanks to the real work of all of the working groups that have been created for the preparation of ATLAS II. It really is a celebration

and a set of meetings, plenary sessions, general assemblies, etc., we built by all of our members for all of our members.

I'm a little concerned at the moment because I haven't seen that many people from EURALO taking part in the different working groups.

I was on a NARALO call last night and they basically listed their ALSes. They have a Wiki page where they listed their At-Large structures basically asking the At-Large structures to take part in at least one of the working groups at least to be able to relate to them and be part of the building of this whole summit rather than just being there as a [spied] passenger, if you want, that doesn't really feel like they're part of it.

There's several working groups now. The Survey Working Group has pretty much finished its work. The Events Working Group which is building the agenda and building on the whole program that will take place.

On Saturday there will be a day of plenary sessions. On Sunday there's a day of plenary sessions. Then there are some workshops also taking place on that day. Throughout the week there are additional times when workshops are taking place. It's quite a complex program and it needs a lot of people to go with that. The Events Working Group is really working hard on that.

There's the Sponsors Working Group where we are looking at trying to obtain more sponsors in order to be able to stage a lunch, a dinner, or something that will get people network together.

I remind you all it's 160 people from around the world that are all coming together getting them to talk to each other, enjoying a good time together, and maybe making new friends from across the world. These are things which we need sponsors to help out with. So that's to be able to pay for those lunches. As you know, London is expensive.

Then, there's the Logistics Working Group and that's just starting work at the moment. Anyone who knows about London and knows about [inaudible] being to the venue, I know that some people in EURALO have gone to or have been involved with the IETF recently that took place exactly at that same hotel, the Hilton London Metropole.

The Logistics Group or anyone who knows about London would be really, really helpful in that group to try and put together maybe some webpages or information about the logistics.

Public Relations Working Group, at the moment there's very important work going on with two things. First, the public relation meeting with the rest of ICANN. As you may not know, this is going to be ICANN's 50th meeting – 50 meetings, yes. So, it's going to be a big thing. The At-Large Summit is going to be fully integrated within the whole public relations machinery that goes around ICANN's 50th meeting.

There's also going to be, that's unrelated to us, but of course it's all part of ICANN – there's going to be another one of these government high level meetings that will take place most probably taking place on Monday of the ICANN week. If we can integrate our public relations with that as well, that would be helpful.

There's also one sub-group that is building a website for the At-Large participants – the ATLAS II participants. I know that we have some of our members in EURALO that are knowledgeable about building websites and helping out with it. I'll remind you all staff is absolutely overworked, so don't rely on staff to build websites and build Wikis and things. This is really all down to volunteers.

We will obtain help from ICANN technical staff with regards to setting up the website, of course, but the content and all that is really by volunteers. More volunteers means less work per person. I'm sure there will be plenty of work for everyone.

Return on Investment group, that group will actually meet up after the event has taken place and will basically pick the successors and the not-so-great successors to build together some metrics and return on investment.

The investment, I remind you all, is over half-a-million dollars that was put into this by ICANN, so it's one of these things that we have to be quite thankful, but at the same time if we want to repeat this experience again in the future, we need to show that this was helpful not only for our At-Large Structures, but for ICANN as well.

The next one is the Fair of Opportunities Working Group. This is what used to be the showcase – the showcase events that showed the work of our At-Large Structures in each one of the regions.

Well, of course now, having 160 At-Large Structures would mean a showcase might last a few hours and people will fall asleep before the end of it. The Fair of Opportunities is a much more interactive format

with the people meeting face-to-face. Maybe even like a Town Hall, like a big giant meeting ground thing.

There will be several things taking place during that Fair of Opportunities. Think like a big market place would be good. That's still under development. If you want to be involved with the building of this Fair of Opportunities please ask staff.

Then the Communications Working Group. That one is actually working hand-in-hand with the Public Relations Working Group as well. I might have put the website under the Public Relations. The website is under the Communications Working Group. So that's what it's called, of course. You are very much encouraged to join.

Then, finally, the Mentoring Program Working Group. Because we realize that a number of At-Large Structure representatives will have never been to an ICANN meeting before and some At-Large Structures have only joined in the past few months, we are developing – or some volunteers are developing – a mentoring program to shadow the people and assign mentor to them. This actually even starts before the summit itself.

One last thing before I give back the floor to Wolf. There are two things which are taking place. Well, more than two things are taking place before the summit of course. But we have an extensive capacity building program which is starting from tomorrow onwards.

Capacity building might be a word that you don't quite know. It's effectively trying to put you, the At-Large Structures that haven't really understood much about ICANN yet, or are just lurking for the time

being, trying to get At-Large Structures up to scratch and to arrive in London with some knowledge already on all of the – maybe not all of the ICANN purchases, but at least to know the basics so as to not feel completely left out and feel a bit overwhelmed by all of this vast amount of information that is out there.

We have a set of trainers that has been identified, but of course I invite you all to be on those webinars that will take place. There's one starting tomorrow. I think there's one or two every weeks. It depends. Some weeks there will be two webinars. Very, very helpful indeed. These are experts who are going to tell you all about the different issues at ICANN, basically to give you a good background on things.

If you're unable to make the time all of the webinars are going to be recorded and will then be publicized onto the At-Large Summit mailing list. You'll be able to download those webinars or read them if you want. They'll be recorded and you'll be able to see the slides, etc. in your own time. It's something you can do when you drive to work, for example, in the morning.

So, that's what's going on. I would really like to see more EURALO folks involved in the working groups. This is taking place in London and I know that often England has said that they're not part of Europe, but then is Europe part of London? I'm not sure. You really have to bring back the [Brits]. Bring back the [inaudible] back into Europe as we'd like to do it.

I speak here as someone who [inaudible] London for a very long time and still [inaudible]. We need to have a good showing. This is not only a

host in the U.K., but it's the Europeans who are hosting this to start with. I hope that there will be a good take-up of volunteers for this.

Back to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier, for this excellent summary on the ATLAS II preparations and the various working groups working on it. I can only underline what you said already, that I also would wish many more EURALO members being part of the different working groups in place. There's up to now only a small number of our members being actively involved from the beginning. I think it's never too late to get involved. I would really love to see some more members participating in this.

I have noted in the Adobe Connect chat said Veronica expressed her interest to support Yuliya in the efforts to represent EURALO at the Fair of Opportunities, what will be a very important part of the ATLAS II Program. All RALOs have the opportunity to have one big table at disposal.

The member ALSes can bring along any information, brochures,, fliers, leaflets, etc. from their daily work to London and to put it onto EURALO table to show what they are usually doing. I think we shouldn't miss the opportunity to make the EURALO table somehow attractive and interesting. We will make a separate [call process] and I'm glad that I think this may be in good hands with Veronica and Yuliya to follow up on this.

Also, using the EURALO list form invitation to our members to bring material with them to London. There is still a lot of things to do, and for our next call, I would like to suggest to make a special agenda item for our final ATLAS II preparations because the next call will be in May. It will be just months before the event.

I think we should make a special call to have possibly some more members at our monthly call that we can discuss our regional participation in more detail. I see, Olivier, you have raised your hand again. You have the floor again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Wolf. I've noted the comment from Christopher Wilkinson on the breaking down of the silos and the organization of the ALS participants and the other silos would be welcome.

Now, of course, two things. If it's down to the regional silos that we're thinking about – so, EURALO, NARALO, APRALO, LACRALO, AFRALO – I think that there's a good interaction at the moment between the different regional [inaudible]. It's happening quite well.

The concern I have is that, although [inaudible] to a safety place in the EURALO region, there is less involvement from EURALO member organizations than from other member organizations around the world than the other RALOs. Hence the suggestion that it could be done. Wolf, you haven't addressed this and I haven't spoken to you about it so you maybe you might not wish to address this now, but you might wish to follow up by e-mail afterwards.

But what NARALO has done is to have a list of their ALSes next to it, putting the pressure on things. What are you going to join? Look at the other ALSes joining such and such working group. What working group are you going to join? That's one thing.

The other thing is breaking down the [silos] with the other parts of ICANN. Yes, there will be such a thing going on, of course. The reason why we're having the plenary sessions and the working groups on Sunday is in order to free our members to go to those other meetings from the GNSO, from the ccNSO etc. and the GAC as well during the rest of the week. There will be a lot of that going on. Not on this, but we're also going to be inviting the chairs of the other Advisory Committees and supporting organizations to spend at least – I think if we invite them two at a time we could spend about 45 minutes with our community and get the [inaudible] and share their thoughts about their community with our own community. That's a good start.

Of course by having people come face-to-face in London and actually attend the ICANN meeting, that will absolutely facilitate the cross silo interaction.

As you know, we are a community that covers many of the other supporting organizations and advisory committees, as well. Some of us wear many different hats. I really do hope that those who are seasoned travelers and have already been to ICANN meetings will be able to introduce others to the other communities that are out there. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks, Olivier, for your comments on Christopher's remarks in the Adobe Connect. I think yes, I agree. I hope ATLAS II will offer another opportunity to overcome this silo mentality we have observed over a couple of years and will bring the different groups of ICANN closer together.

I think in the meantime At-Large has gained a much higher standing than five years ago in Mexico City. I guess ATLAS II will also attract more interest from other parts of ICANN compared to the last one.

Are there any further questions, suggestions, on this item? I can just repeat anymore support for contributions in working groups, etc. I highly appreciate it. I see no hands raised in Adobe Connect on this agenda item, so let me continue with the next point – point A, EuroDIG programming and follow-up.

Also, if you may know or realize, EuroDIG will be around ten days before ATLAS II and there is a lot of work going on. For more details, I give the floor to Sandra, please.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Thank you, Wolf. For EuroDIG, I can keep it very short. The first and most important information is please register now. Registration is open from the first of April and will close on the sixth of June. We expect a [inaudible] number of participants and we have a limited capacity of [inaudible] where we must consider it to close the registration once we have reached a certain number of people. It is based on our experience that the number of registrations was increasing every year and we're

expecting quite a lot of participants for Berlin. So please be quick. It is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Apologies for this.

The second point is [inaudible] and the best moment to get involved. Wolf mentioned this already during the call and other contexts. It's never too late to get involved. At this very moment, it's the best time to join an [inaudible]. Joining [inaudible] team this year is rather easy. You can just enter the website, go to the program and access a weekly page to each respective session from there directly. And on each sub-page, you are invited and you are welcome to put down your comments, your thoughts, and your ideas. Then you can just leave or stay committed to the [inaudible]. That's totally up to you.

We also are trying a new format, which is [inaudible] of the menu because we are dealing with a very huge room and [inaudible] quite more rooms. So we had to find a solution how to [inaudible] number of people in the venue. We will introduce a new format, which is a breakout session from the plenary.

Some people might say it's not a new format. Of course it's not a new invention of EuroDIG. But for EuroDIG, it will be a new format that we will try to accommodate [inaudible] for an online discussion after a high-level plenary.

It happens very often to us that people say, "Okay, now that the plenary is almost finished the discussion [inaudible] actually want to go more into detail from here."

So the breakout session is very big room, so we'd like the opportunity to facilitate this online discussion. It can have two back-up sessions – one

on the [inaudible] and the other one on the [inaudible]. I know this has come up with you in this discussion today. I fear it's the kind of indirect format. I would really like to invite you here to join in organizing [inaudible] experience to the point on [inaudible].

Even if you say, "Okay, I don't have much time to take over [inaudible] for a session, your contribution will be very helpful and much appreciated even if it's just a very limited amount.

Now I'm thinking that I would really like to invite you to arrive one day earlier. If you are in a position that there are [inaudible] going on to [inaudible] Internet governance events. And so the EuroDIG became one of the [inaudible] events. We now have a couple of pre-events involved. There is [inaudible] community better on the morning of the 11th of June [inaudible]. I can't tell you anymore details at that stage, because at the moment it's just the idea which is on the table. [inaudible] committed to this idea and we will try to make that possible. More information to follow, but please keep it in mind. [inaudible] in the morning until noon of the 11th [inaudible].

Then we will have the German ITF on the 11th in the afternoon for all those who can understand German [inaudible]. I invite you to participate here. Note they are doing it jointly with the [inaudible] Forum, so this might bring another sort of audience to the EuroDIG and to the IGF Germany.

Then in the evening, Google is planning together with EuroDIG [inaudible]. We are expecting Eric Schmidt, which is one of the CEOs of Google, and we are expecting also some other high-level participants on

that very evening. [inaudible] Eric Schmidt we are thinking about letting young people interviewing the Google [inaudible] right time to meet the people [inaudible].

Lastly, Wolf mentioned already the list of hotels. We have a couple of very good hotels in walking distance. We could negotiate a really good rate. I really recommend you to make your arrangements at the hotel booking now before it's too late. I can remember that we had some problems with late registrations last year in Lisbon which was difficult for some participants. So please use this opportunity now [inaudible] to get your hotel.

Any other questions, either here in chat or [inaudible]? Over to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks for that extensive summary, Sandra. I've seen a hand raised from Olivier. Olivier, you have the floor, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Sandra, you mentioned the hotel. Whilst you were speaking, I actually registered on the EuroDIG website. It's good that you reminded everyone to do so.

With regards to the hotel accommodation it's often good that everyone is in the same hotel or at least a lot of the At-Large people that know each other and meet with each other in the same hotel. Is there any preferential hotel with regards to where people are staying or are people scattered all over the place?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I expect most of the participants will stay in the hotel just around the corner. On the other hand, I expect that [inaudible]. It's really next door. It's very easy to enter the conference and walk around central [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I didn't hear what you said. Which hotel did you say?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I didn't mention the name yet. The [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Fine. That's the closest one to the venue, so most people will be staying on that.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: That's what I expect. All the other hotels are actually also in walking distance or a ten-minute taxi ride. But I really expect most of them will be [inaudible] because it's just so [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Any further questions? There was one question from Oksana in the trip for CROPP participants. As far as I have understood from Yuliya this will be part of the travel arrangements from ICANN Constituency Travel side. So, if they need any hints etc. for recommended places nearby, they can check with EuroDIG Secretariat and Sandra can make any relevant recommendations, because she's the one who has the best knowledge on the venue and the nearby surroundings, including hotels.

For any related questions please feel free to contact our secretariat, or directly Sandra. Any further questions from your side or comments on EuroDIG?

There's only one last comment. There are a lot discussions going on in Europe at the moment on Internet governance related issues. Some of you may recall that there was a hint on the EURALO list on the reason European courts judgment on data retention and some exchanges, etc. This was always an issue for privacy at previous EuroDIGs, etc. Surveillance will be a key issue on the next Berlin EuroDIG as you can imagine.

There will be a [wide] book published by the European Commission shortly after EuroDIG and just before London. A [wide] book on intellectual property rights, etc., which is also highly disputed by various stakeholders in the community, etc. There will be plenty of related sessions and I think it will be an exciting event in June in Berlin.

If there are no further comments, questions from your side, let me continue with the next agenda item, what is point nine: standing item 2014 challenges for our region. We have touched the first sub-point on

EURALO outreach at ATLAS II. There's help needed for the EURALO table at the Fair of Opportunities, and there was a date concerned already for EURALO General Assembly in London. To my memory it will be on Monday or Tuesday around lunchtime for about two hours.

What we have to do at our next EURALO monthly call is to discuss the agenda for the general assembly and we have to decide on the general assembly on the agenda. It's more or less to approve a draft version for this general assembly in May to be announced three weeks ahead to the general assembly in London itself. So, this is a stipulation, a restriction by our bylaws, so be aware that at our next monthly call in May we have to discuss and draft agenda version.

I will prepare for the meeting and then hopefully we will have some time at the general assembly to discuss more about substance and content. There will be no votings in London. Votings were accomplished in Lisbon last year so we can concentrate more on substance. And any ideas for the agenda for London are welcome. Any questions? Any further comments from your side?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, Wolf, this is Silvia Vivanco. Just one more comment regarding the dinner assembly. When they want to [inaudible] if there's any need for an amendment or improvement of the bylaws of [inaudible] procedures [inaudible] of EURALO. Some of the RALOs are already discussing those, let's say, legal issues and they will take advantage of the opportunity of being face-to-face to discuss if there's any bylaw changes to the RALOs.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. Silvia thanks for [inaudible]. Can you make anything – a short comment on to your EURALO list as a sort of recommendation? As you noted in the Adobe Connect chat, you will create a Wiki page to consolidate agenda for the general assembly. This will be very helpful.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Yes, sure, I will do that. I will send that.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot. This will be very useful. Any questions, comments, answers? I hope that at our next monthly call in May we will have enough time. I hope we can do this all in 60 minutes to discuss our final preparations for the London General Assembly and any support from your side in this direction would be good.

Further questions? Anything to add onto our last agenda item? Any other business? If this is not the case, we are a few minutes over our scheduled time for this call, but it started four minutes later, so we are still more or less in a reasonable frame.

Let me thank all of you for your participation at this monthly call, for your contributions, questions raised, etc. I wish all of you an excellent evening and I'm looking forward to having you at our next monthly call. If you have anything else to add, don't hesitate to contact me directly or using the EURALO list.

Thanks a lot for you time, and as I said, I wish you an excellent evening. Bye, bye.

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