

# Asia Pacific Hub Newsletter



Dear friends,

I am very happy to share this revamped newsletter coming from the APAC hub. We have added more sections to share with you important updates and interesting articles that might interest you. We hope that you will find it useful.

In this issue, we profile the many milestones that sums up our March and April.

ICANN49 was held in Singapore in March, shortly after the US Government made its historic announcement to transition its stewardship of the IANA Functions. The transition marks a maturation of the multi-stakeholder process and a triumph for the community.

And there's NETmundial which has just concluded in Sao Paolo. The meeting had made landmark progress in how we convene and converse in the area of Internet Governance.

All these are possible because of how engaged the APAC community is. From an ICANN perspective, we look forward to further partnering and working with you.

Please enjoy this newsletter. We of course welcome your feedback and suggestions on what else you'd like us to feature. Please don't hesitate to email us at [apachub@icann.org](mailto:apachub@icann.org).

Happy reading!

Kuek Yu-Chuang  
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## Event Highlights

### Fadi in Asia Pacific region

By Philadel Yeo, Kelvin Wong, Kelly Kang

With ICANN49 being held in Singapore, President and CEO Fadi Chehadé took the opportunity to also visit a few markets in the region. Read about his visit to Taiwan, Japan and Korea [here](#).



## NETmundial Multi-stakeholder Statement

The Global Multi-stakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance was held on 23-24 April and ended with a milestone achievement – an [outcome statement](#) outlining consistent definitions for principles of Internet governance and roadmap for future development of Internet Governance.

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### Bo' Ao Asia Forum (China)

By Song Zheng

Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) is a regional economic forum in Asia with strong ties to and support from Chinese government. It is held annually at Boao in Hainan and is pegged at the head of government level.

Fadi was invited by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be a panelist on the "Code of Conduct in the Cyber Space" forum on 10 April. However, due to the congressional hearings in DC, he was unable to

attend BFA so Kuek took his place instead. Read more [here](#)



## 20th Anniversary of the Internet in the Philippines

by Low Jia-Rong

On 4 April, Kuek, Chris Mondini (ICANN's VP for Business Engagement) and I visited the Philippines to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Internet in the Philippines.

We participated at APNIC and the Philippines Department of Science and Technology's 20th anniversary celebratory conference entitled the **Internet20PH conference** which brought together over 100 participants from the Philippine Technical Community. Read more [here](#)



Internet Hall of Fame 2014 (Hong Kong)



**By Kelvin Wong**

In conjunction with the Internet Hall of Fame 2014, Internet Society Hong Kong organised the Open and Free Internet Forum on 8 April. Board Director Ram Mohan and Kuek both delivered keynote addresses. First ICANN President and CEO Michael Roberts was also incepted into the Internet Hall of Fame. Read more [here](#)

## ICANN 49<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting in Singapore

On 23 – 27 March, for the first time since the ICANN APAC Hub was set up, we played host to one of ICANN's public meetings – ICANN49. Singapore has been a historic venue for past ICANN meetings: the very first ICANN public meeting was held in Singapore in March 1999; in June 2011 at ICANN41, the new gTLD programme was approved by the Board; and this year, ICANN49 marked the first platform for public discussion on the latest NTIA announcement of its intention to transition its stewardship of the IANA Functions.

We took the opportunity to organise a pre-meeting conference for local SMEs. We also partnered NetMission and launched the pilot NextGen@ICANN programme.



## Pre-ICANN49 Session: The Internet and Your Business SME Conference, 21 March 2014

**By Low Jia-Rong**

The pre-ICANN49 session for small-to-medium enterprises in Singapore, entitled "The Internet and Your Business", was well attended by around 100 participants. Read more [here](#)



## Learn, Grow, Socialise: NextGen@ICANN49-Singapore

A pilot youth program, NextGen@ICANN, was rolled out successfully during this meeting - 25 young adult participants from institutions around the region took part in this gruelling 6-day program. **Mili Semlani**, NetMission Ambassador 2013-2014, a participant of NextGen@ICANN shares about the program [here](#)



## CeCOS by APWG (Hong Kong)

By Champika Wijayatunga

The annual Counter eCrime Operations Summit (CeCOS) organised by the Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) with local partner Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation, was held in Hong Kong from 8-10 April. The event attracted participation from information security professionals, law enforcement officers, counter-crime technology developers, CISO/Security managers, Policy/legislators and academic/industrial researchers in cybercrime. Read more [here](#)

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## DNSSEC Training (Singapore)

By Lee Han Chuan

From 19-21 Mar 2014, ICANN DNSSEC Senior Program Manager Mr Richard Lamb, NSRC and SGNIC collaborated on a 3-day DNSSEC workshop to build technical capacity on DNSSEC for the APAC community. Read more [here](#)

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## New gTLD Trademark Rights Protection

Much work has been done by Dennis Cai, Secretary-General of ADNDRC to share and educate the communities on the new gTLD programme, the ICANN Uniform Rapid Suspension System (URS) and the Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) for URS.

In March, he spoke with major new gTLD operators in Mainland China at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Internet Leadership Project (APILP) New gTLD Policy and Law Conference in Beijing. Early April, Dennis attended a seminar organised by the Intellectual Property Committee of the American Chamber in Hong Kong, attended by major IP law firms and in-house counsels from multi-national corporations. On 16 April, Dennis shared with scholars and IP lawyers on the same topic at a seminar organised by the Centre for Chinese Law of Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. Thanks for the great work, Dennis!



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## In the Spotlight

You've heard about the NTIA announcement to transition its stewardship of the IANA Functions. Do you know what the IANA Functions cover? This simple [infographics](#) explains the basics of IANA Functions. And here is an [infographics](#) to explain the What, How and When.

## In other words...

Still on the NTIA announcement, here's an easy-to-read article entitled "[Open Invitation to Shape the Internet's Future](#)" to help you understand the call for inputs.

## We need you...

### **ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award**

Know of an individual or organisation who have served in leadership roles in ICANN working groups or committees and collaborated with different supporting organisations and/or advisory committees? The inaugural Multistakeholder Ethos Award is now open for nomination. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **[ICANN 51 Los Angeles Fellowship Application](#)**

Come join in the multistakeholder process and share your experience and knowledge in ICANN 51 in Los Angeles, US. Applications are now open to join the ICANN Fellowship program. Click on the link above for more information.

### **[IANA Transition Call for Input](#)**

We are calling for public input on the draft proposal to transition NTIA's stewardship of the IANA Functions. Please click on the link above to share your comments.

## What's New?

### **APAC-Specific Webinars**

Following numerous feedback that we've received from you, we are putting a more consistent structure to the webinars that we organise for you. For eg, we will hold a webinar every second Thursday of every other month, at 11:00am Singapore time. Watch out for invitations coming your way.

We have identified these topics in the calendar pipeline. Please share with us what other topics you

would like us to cover. You can email us at [apachub@icann.org](mailto:apachub@icann.org).

Month	Topic
Jan / Feb	GDD Portal Launch
Mar / Apr	What to Expect at NETmundial
May / Jun	Becoming a New gTLD Registry. What's next?
Jul / Aug	Contractual Compliance Training
Sep / Oct	TBA
Nov / Dec	TBA

## Regional Engagement Calendar

Here is a list of confirmed events which we will be participating in. If you'd like more information, please contact us or visit our [website calendar](#).

Date	Event	Market
6 May 2014	Asia Cloud Computing Association Webinar	Singapore
8 May 2014	IDN Outreach Session	Tokyo, Japan
9 May 2014	IP Seminar by HKIAC	Hong Kong
10 May 2014	Fashion Law Conference by University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
14-15 May 2014	Asia PAC Digital Marketing & gTLD Strategy Congress	Hong Kong
23-24 May 2014	bdNOG Bangladesh Network Operators Group Infocomm Media Business Exchange Conference	Dhaka, Bangladesh
26 – 28 May 2014	APT CyberSecurity Forum	Mongolia
10 – 13 June 2014	GSMA Mobile Asia Expo	Shanghai, China
12 June 2014	IP Academy/WIPO Singapore Summer School	Singapore
16 June 2014	Ministerial Forum ICT 2014 (imbx)	Singapore
17 – 20 June 2014	CommunicAsia	Singapore
22 – 26 June 2014	ICANN 50 London	London, United Kingdom

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