

ICANN APAC NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

Welcome to our 5th issue of the APAC newsletter. You'll see a few changes that we've made. First off, layout. It's cleaner, more pictorial and adopts a consistent look-and-feel as other regional ICANN newsletters. We hope you like it.

This is a bumper issue as May and June were both event-filled months, ending with the recent ICANN 50 meeting in London. It was attended by more than 3,000 people - a record in ICANN's history! Needless to say, it was another successful meeting with lots of participation and exchanges. If you missed some of the sessions, you can still review transcripts and recordings of some of the sessions [here](#).

The APAC Hub is growing very rapidly to support the community. Meet our new team members at the end of this newsletter. Our engagement team has also been busy - delivering speeches, training and generally sharing and educating the community. Read our recap under Event Highlights. We also kicked off our own webinar last month and in this issue, we've added a new column to provide useful tips for contracted parties.

Lastly, this is an evolving newsletter so do give us feedback on what you like/dislike, what contents you'd like to see, etc. You can reach us at apachub@icann.org.

Happy reading!

Liana & Philadel

Event Highlights

ICANN50: London

Were you there? We've captured some of our APAC community members in action in London. Thank you for your presence and participation and ensuring that APAC concerns are heard. You can view more photos from ICANN50 [here](#).





APAC Engagement Update – Both Savé and Kuek shared their updates on APAC engagement with the regional community on 25 Jun. Over 40 participants attended and provided healthy exchange on topics like getting more involved, youth engagement and policy development processes. Details and the slides can be found on [here](#).

Oceania: ICANN-Oceania Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Working Group

Written by Savé Vocea

The ICANN-Oceania Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Working Group met on 19 May for 2 days in Nadi, Fiji. Members got together to deliberate and agree on activities to table to ICANN and potential partners in order to broaden the region's stakeholder engagement in ICANN and the Internet Ecosystem. A list of actions, timelines, potential partners and actors and measures were also discussed to fit under the 4 themes:

- DNS Security and Stability
- The Domain Name Industry
- Expansion of the Internet
- Internet Governance

The Working Group also shared its update at the [APAC Engagement Update Session](#) during ICANN 50.



ICANN Signs MoU with China Academy of Telecommunication Research (CATR)

On 22 June, ICANN's Fadi Chehadé and Cao Shumin, President of CATR, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to forge closer collaboration on engagement efforts in China. Under the agreement, both parties will work together to improve communication with Chinese communities, align academic and public research in IP address and domain name areas and exchange opinions on Internet governance. CATR will also help to promote participation from the Chinese community in ICANN activities like ICANN Public Meeting. The MoU was signed at ICANN 50 meeting in London.



Becoming a new gTLD registry, what's next?

On 12 June, we kicked off the first Asia Pacific webinar, as part of our promise to serve the local community in their time zone. The webinar aimed to help registries and new gTLD applicants to understand how they get from signing the Registry Agreement to general registration.

Krista Papac (Director, Registry Services) delivered the presentation with Han Chuan Lee (Registry Services Sr. Manager) as moderator and Jia-Rong Low (Head, Strategy and Initiatives) as host. Response was very positive with 42 participants and there was a healthy exchange of Q&As. The webinar recording and presentation details can be found at the [New gTLD microsite](#) as well as the [ICANN Community Wiki](#).

The next webinar is scheduled for **14 August on Introduction to Contractual Compliance**. Mark your calendars now and look out for details coming your way!

Bangladesh: BDN OG – Bangladesh Network Operators Group

Written by Champika Wijayatunga

Kuek and I represented ICANN in the first Bangladesh NOG (bdNOG1) conference and APNIC Regional Meeting (ARM) held in Dhaka, Bangladesh during 19-24 May. Participants represented network operators, government institutions, enterprises, academics, various local associations.

The event started with a 3-day Network Security Workshop in which I was an instructor. Following the workshops, the bdNOG conference and ARM were held and inaugurated by two key ministers of the Government of Bangladesh, namely HE Hasanul Haq Inu, Minister of Information and HE Junaid Ahmed Palak, Minister of Post, Telecommunications and Information Technology.

Kuek was a keynote speaker, together with Paul Wilson, Director General of APNIC. Kuek highlighted the multi-stakeholder model and the need for the Bangladesh community's participation in the process. He was also part of the Internet Governance panel that was held as part of the APNIC Regional Meeting. We also held meetings with various stakeholders during the visit and

discussed future participation and support in the future.



Indonesia: IDNOG - Indonesia Network Operators Group

Written by Champika Wijayatunga



The Indonesian network operations community held their first operators group meeting, IDNOG, in Jakarta on 24 June. I attended the conference and provided an update on ICANN's Identifier Systems Security Stability and Resiliency (ISSSR). The conference attracted over 150 participants from various industry segments that included ISPs, network operators, enterprises, government, academia etc. The IDNOG committee greatly appreciated ICANN's support towards Indonesian network operations community and they plan to have the next IDNOG event in mid 2015.



China: Hostingcon China

Written by Song Zheng

I received an invitation from the organisers to attend Hostingcon China held in Shanghai on 22 May. It is an industry tradeshow for Domain Names, International Data Centres, Web Hosting and Cloud Business. Participating registries included Verisign, Radix, Dot Asia, Brandma, the Public Interest Registry, Dot CO and Neustar. I gave a presentation to the audience of over a hundred people, focusing on the introduction of ICANN and the New gTLD Program. Even though many have not have heard of ICANN before, about a dozen stayed behind to find out more about new gTLDs and application of IP Addresses. Overall, the reception was quite positive. I look forward to doing more of such outreach in the future.



China: International Workshop on Information and Cyber Security

Written by Song Zheng

Kuek and I attended the International Workshop on Information and Cyber Security in Beijing on 5 - 6 June. This one and a half day workshop was co-hosted by China's Foreign Ministry and the United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Asia Pacific.

Kuek was invited to give a speech as a panelist in the session, "Formulation of International Rules and Norms in Cyberspace". He introduced ICANN's unique function in keeping one unified, secure, stable and interoperable Internet. He went on to describe how ICANN has been successfully coordinating policies in domain name and IP address areas using the multi-stakeholder model, which can further evolve and be used to resolve other Internet Governance issues. Kuek also answered questions related to ICANN / IANA functions stewardship transition and participated in discussions throughout the workshop.

Overall, ICANN's participation in this workshop and our constant engagement with the Chinese officials, signaled that our relationship with China's Foreign Ministry is steadily moving forward. It is an indication and recognition of the hard work we've been putting in and definitely a step in the right direction.



Hong Kong & Singapore: ICANN at Regional Platforms to Promote Rights Protection Mechanisms

Written by Kuek Yu Chuang

ICANN has been working hard to promote awareness of rights protection mechanisms in the region. The idea here is to work with friends in the region to widen our audience pool.

In May, ICANN was invited by the **Asia Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre** to provide more information about trademark rights protection in Hong Kong. This was alongside the Hong Kong INTA meetings where ICANN was also a speaker. At the INTA session, there was an active interest in ICANN's future in relation to the IANA functions stewardship transition.

In June, ICANN partnered with the Intellectual Property of Singapore (IPOS) to present at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Summer School. There was a lot of interest in trademark issues in the domain name world, especially in the

new gTLD era. Look out for more outreach from us in this area.



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Japan: ICANN Update, by the Community, for the Community
Written by Kelvin Wong

In May, I had the chance to participate in Japan's ICANN Readout session, organised by JPNIC (Japan Network Information Center), and IAJapan (Internet Association Japan). This Readout session is held after every ICANN meeting to update the local Japanese community of key decisions and initiatives made during the meetings. Read my full blog [here](#).

Japan: Towards Multilingual Internet Access: Outreach through IDN Workshop

Written by Kelvin Wong

Internet addresses are becoming truly multilingual. Over the past years, ICANN and community stakeholders have worked together to enable the support of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN), in an effort to have website addresses in native languages. As part of our active engagement efforts, the APAC and IDN team held a workshop in Japan to share and seek feedback on ICANN's work on the development of IDN. Read my full blog [here](#).

Korea: KISA-ICANN Roadshow

Written by Kang Soo Song

On 30 May, KISA and ICANN jointly organised a roadshow at the KISA Academy in Seoul. 44 attendees attended, mostly from the local Registrar community.

Presentations on ICANN and the Internet Ecosystem as well as new gTLD updates were shared. There was much interest in the new gTLD contracting process and even technical requirements. All in all, ICANN's presence in Seoul was well received with positive feedback.

We are in discussion with KISA to plan more such roadshows to share and educate the registrars on other relevant topics. Watch this space!



Mongolia: APT Cybersecurity Forum

Written by Low Jiarong

At the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Secretariat's invitation, I attended the 5th APT Cybersecurity Forum (APT CSF), hosted by Mongolia from 26-28 May, to highlight a key pillar of ICANN's work in maintaining a Secure, Stable and Resilient Internet. The APT Cybersecurity Forum has been a good platform which ICANN Asia Pacific Hub has engaged in. The APT CSF helped us to strengthen our relationship with the region's country CERTs (Computer Emergency Response Teams), as well as the region's policy makers and regulators. This was Mongolia's first hosting of the APT CSF, and we congratulate the Mongolian Information

Technology, Post and Telecommunication Authority (ITPTA) for being such wonderful hosts!



Pacific: Girls and Women in ICT for the Pacific

Written by Savé Vocea

Organised by Pasifika Nexus, the inaugural Girls and Women in ICT for the Pacific took place on 23 May at Suva, Fiji with an attendance of close to 200 students from 8 schools in Suva as well as other members of the public. The ICT4W Digital Alliance, a formal network with which to leverage development of women in ICT, was launched that day.

As I was invited to give a keynote address at the event, I took the opportunity to introduce ICANN to the students and also highlighted recent topics such as the status updates of the New gTLD Program as well as the NTIA-IANA stewardship process that is underway.



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Singapore: Ministerial Forum for ICT 2014

Written by Low Jia-Rong

We were very happy to have Fadi in Singapore from 16-17 June. On the invitation of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA), Fadi attended the **Ministerial Forum for ICT 2014**, held in conjunction with the annual Infocomm Media Business Exchange (imbX). As a key speaker of the Ministerial forum with the theme "Smart Nation: Harnessing Opportunities, Addressing Challenges", Fadi engaged 25 Ministers and Senior Officials on the topic of "Safeguarding our future Cyber landscape".

Fadi also visited our booth at the **CommunicAsia Exhibition**, a result of our partnership with DotAsia, APNIC and APIA. CommunicAsia – an annual trade show that is part of imbX – boasts some 60,000 trade visitors. We would like to thank our partners DotAsia, APNIC and APIA for the opportunity to showcase ICANN alongside them.



Singapore: CommunicAsia 2014

Written by Joanna Choo

The attractive CommunicAsia booth that we shared with APNIC and DotAsia helped to generate a lot of awareness. In the midst of exhibitors offering tech solutions and consumer electronics however, I soon realised that only a handful knew about ICANN.

For a newbie like me (having just joined ICANN in May), it was good exposure and I had fun trying to explain what ICANN does to visitors. At the end of the day, I felt that I learnt more about ICANN, our Global Stakeholder Engagement Team, as well as the partners we work closely with.



Singapore: SGNOC - Singapore Network Operators Group

Written by Champika Wijayatunga

Singapore Network Operators Group held their third successful SGNOC event from 24-27 June. I attended and provided training for the Network Security workshop. This workshop was offered through a joint collaboration between APNIC and ICANN. After the three day long technical workshop, I also presented ICANN's Identifier Systems Security Stability and Resiliency (ISSSR) update during the conference day. A large number of networking professionals attended this event and ICANN's support was well received by the Internet community in Singapore.



In the Spotlight

We are starting a regular column to provide some useful reminders/tips that will benefit contracted parties.

General Tips for Contracted Parties

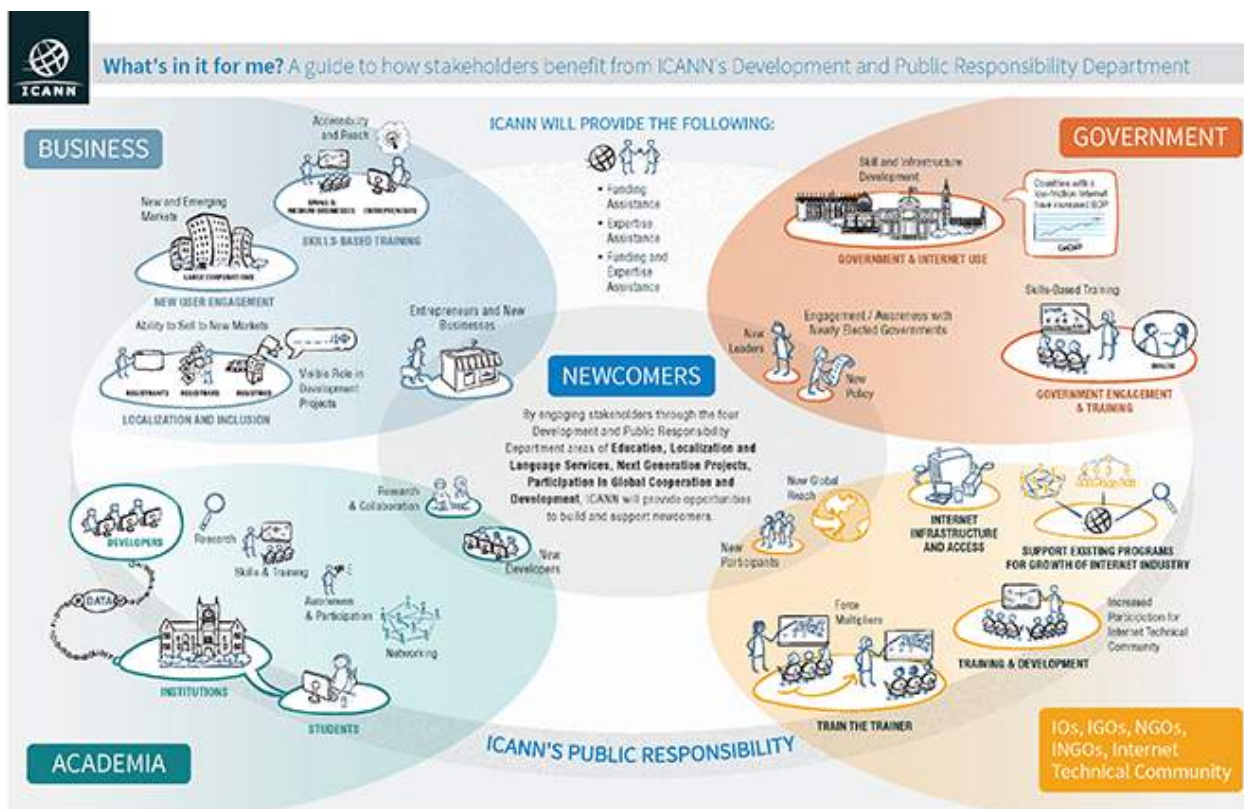
By Roger Lim

1. **Whitelist** emails from ICANN.org.
2. Do **check if your mail servers are blocking emails** from ICANN Contractual Compliance. For example, if you are using Google email servers, note that they may block emails from ICANN Compliance. Google blocks emails containing questionable domain names in the subject line and body of emails.
3. Reply to Compliance notices **ASAP**. Do not wait till you receive a response from the registrant or resolve the issue. Let Compliance know what you are doing.
4. **Do not change the subject line** in any way when responding to compliance notices. For example, your system may add your own ticket number.
5. Please make sure attachments are **less than 4MB**.

In Other Words...

Internet Governance is a perennial hot topic. Here's an article written by Jia Rong explaining "Why you should Care?"

Check out ICANN's new infographic: "What's in it for me?"



What's new?

Update on Root Zone Label Generation Rule Generation Panel Formation

- Members of the community have submitted a formal proposal to form the Chinese Generation Panel, which is currently under review.
- There has been outreach activity in the Korean and Japanese script communities to form corresponding Generation Panels.
- Community members involved with the Chinese-Japanese-Korean (CJK) panels have initiated coordination efforts for the Han script.

- Members of the community are actively organizing the Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel and recruiting members. Interested parties should view the Call for Participation [PDF, 72 KB].

Please see <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2014-06-21-en> for the full update.

L-root Anycast implementation

2 new L-root nodes are now hosted in Fiji.

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Marshall Islands ccTLD registry became the 150 member of the ccNSO.

Upcoming Regional Events

Dates	Events	Market
7 July	Interpol Training	<i>Singapore</i>
8-10 July	7th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific	<i>Nadi, Fiji</i>
11 July	Australia Police Workshop	<i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
14-18 July	PacNOG 15	<i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>
16 July	GSMA-Myanmar Workshop	<i>Myanmar</i>
18 July	India Chamber of Commerce	<i>New Delhi, India</i>
1-9 August	SANOG	<i>New Delhi, India</i>
3-4 August	APrIGF – CNNIC Workshop	<i>New Delhi, India</i>
11-15 August	APAN38	<i>Nantou, Taiwan</i>
14 August	APAC Webinar	<i>Singapore</i>
18-22 August	MYNOG	<i>KL, Malaysia</i>
18-22 August	APT-PP14 Preparatory Meeting 4	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>
25-27 August	National ICT Conference	<i>Sri Lanka</i>

For details on events, please refer to [this calendar](#) our website.

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