
GISELLA GRUBER: It's Tuesday the 16th of September. Currently 18:00 UTC. On today's call, we have Wolf Ludwig, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, Yrjö Länsipuro, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Greta Jeske, Siranush Vardanyan, and Sandra Hoferichter will be joining us shortly.

We have apologies from Matthieu Camus and Oksana Prykhodko. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself Gisella Gruber.

If I could please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you, over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Gisella for this roll call and apologies. The next agenda item is to review the action items on the last month's call. I see there were no particular action items mentioned, there was only one open one, I can remember what is outstanding and who will be [inaudible] with RIPE, which is still some work in process.

So let me, if there are not questions or comments for two, let me suggest continue with agenda item three, what is usually current ALAC consultation and initiatives. And if Olivier, Oliver you have the floor please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Can you hear me?

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WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, very good, go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, then I must speak quickly before we get cut off. I was on a call earlier, and after speaking for four minutes I had found out I had been cut off after 10 seconds. So I should ask regularly if you can hear me. Right, we've got quite a few statements which were recently adopted. The main ones are the ones that are recurring statements. They are two do with two character domain names in the new gTLD namespace.

To give you an idea, this is a second level. So a top level you would have dot example, and the second level would be AA dot example, and AA is a two character domain name at the second level. The applicant guide book was blocking. Many applicants are now asking for this block to be taken off, which is a restriction that is not currently commonplace in the legacy top level domains like, for example, dot com, dot net, dot edu. And so there has been a whole process, which I think I've explained last month about how to do it.

And it was seen by the ALAC as being a request that we would probably seen from a lot of applicants. So after going through the standard process of having the statement developed, put on the wiki page, and then voted on by the ALAC, the ALAC decided to go for an accelerated procedure where the statements, which is in fact, very identical to the other statements, those statements would be adopted by default.

And the way they would be adopted by default is that they would be put on the wiki. So a copy of the statement would be put on the wiki, and if after a week or 10 days, there was no objection to this statement

being sent out, or no amendments required due to any kind of particularity in the public comment requests, then that statement would be adopted by default without requiring an ALAC vote.

We've used this procedure twice already, and we can see once with the two character domain names for dot luxury, dot Wang, and a whole list of other top level domains, and then once for dot soho, dot mo, dot star land, and dot club, that was from another applicant. We will see in a moment that there is one more, a statement that has come through, one more request for comment has come through, and then we'll be using the same process.

Apart from these, we've also had a couple of... Sorry, we've had one statement about proposed bylaw changes consideration of GAC advice. This was work that the GAC conducted with the Board to raise the threshold, by which the Board could basically reject GAC advice. Before it was 50%, now it's 75%, I believe it is 75. It's a larger number. And there were some concerns by the community that this would produce an imbalance with advice from the other communities, so advice from the security and stability advisory committee, and of course advice from the ALAC, it would be not following through.

There would be a wider gap between advice from those communities and the advice from the GAC. The ALAC had quite a big discussion on this. There were quite a lot of people that contributed to the discussion, and finally came with a system where it said, "Well, we don't like this idea of raising the bar for GAC advice, whilst keeping all the other advice." And the current status is, where the Board really has no need to even reply to it.

But we pointed out the fact that there is an ATRT 2 recommendation, that asks for the advice from all advisory committees to be duly considered, and for the Board to advise that advice. And yet, whilst the Board last June, has voted for all of the ATRT 2 recommendations to be implemented, we don't appear to be seeing this in the pipeline of the Board governance committee. So the ALAC has put in its advice to the Board, that it would like to see the...

If the Board was going to accept and change the bylaws to raise the bar for the GAC advice, for going against GAC advice, then it would also, it should also go ahead and change the bylaws in order to reflect the advice from other advisory committees, and taken into account, and follow the ATRT 2 recommendation on this. That's the past. The future, we've got three statements currently in the pipeline. Enhancing ICANN accountability 2.0 is actually a very short comment period, 21 day comment period that started immediately after the Istanbul Internet governance forum.

Over there, the opportunity was made of several of the supporting organization, and advisory committee, and stakeholder group chairs being present in Istanbul. For them to be able to meet every morning for the breakfast with the Board, and with ICANN staff. And of course, one of the big discussions was about this whole accountability track.

Just to refresh your mind, originally staff came up with a proposal which the community as a whole asked about and said, "Well, where is this proposal coming from? Is it the Board that has designed this? Is it the staff that has designed this?" There was a real sense of nervousness in the community about where this proposal has come from, a number of

amendments were made, and this latest version was proposed about a month ago, but staff and by the Board, and there was no public comment period that was set to it.

The chairs of SO, AC, and SG groups in Istanbul were quite upset about that. There was a very long list of questions that was drafted primarily by people in the GNSO, although I had asked the ALT, this was a very short notice, I asked the ALT if it was possible to have a few questions coming from our side. And ultimately, those questions were submitted, but in the meantime, in order to give everyone the chance to both ask questions, but certainly admit concerns or comment on the process, on the structure, on the way this whole thing was structured.

If you recall, on the one hand, there is a coordination group that will be put together. On the other hand, there is a cross community working group, sorry, cross community group, doesn't have working in there, so obviously it's not going to work. But a cross community group that will be setup. And the ALAC will have five people on that cross community group. So there is a whole process which is coming together, but there was no public comment period on it.

We've got 21 days to comment. It closes in, I think, a couple of weeks' time. If you have any concerns, please voice them now so that we can proceed with sending those concerns to the process. If we don't do it now, then there will be no use in coming afterwards, because the timeline for the whole accountability process on one side, and the transition of stewardship of the IANA contract on the other, are somehow linked together.

I'm saying somehow because yes, there is a strong link, but at the same time, there are concerns that linking two on an exact basis would mean that the accountability track would also have to be finished at the same rate as the IANA transition stewardship track. And just to remind you all, the IANA stewardship transition track has to be completely done. That includes all the feedback, all the various version one, version two, version three, all of that has to be finished by the end of September 2015.

So, this is all stacking up. Time to comment on it, if we have any more concerns about it. Now, the next one is the Board working group report on the nominating committee. This is somehow a review of the nominating committee procedures, the NomCom for short. It's important for the ALAC and for At Large, because we are one of the communities that are able to send the most people on the nominating committee. We can send five, one from each region, so one from each RALO.

We sent to the NomCom. And on top of that, we also are one of the communities that receives appointees from the NomCom, and again we have five people that are appointed on the ALAC, out of 15 people. One third is appointed by the NomCom. So any changes to the procedures of the nominating committee, would certainly affect us. It is important for you and for us to read through the report.

It's not a very large report. Read through the proposed revised revisions, and to comment on them. Some of it is good, some of it is not so good. I'll leave it to you, and I'm not going to pollute your mind with any preconceived ideas on it. But please, please comment on that. And

I know that we've had, well the ex-chair of the NomCom is here with us, and he might be able to say a few words on this. I see that he has put his hand up.

I'll finally go to the third one, it's the internationalization of two [inaudible] domain names for dot yet, dot global, dot new startup, dot kiwi, dot Berlin, etc. Again, one of these two character domain name processes. We just open the comment thing. The statement is already on the wiki. You click on the agenda, on the page, you'll see these statements. It's exactly the same as the previous statement.

We'll wait until, I think, the end of the week or the middle of next week. And if there are no negative comments to it, then we'll proceed forward with the adoption by default. There is one more open public comment period, which so far no one has put their hand up and said, "We absolutely need to answer this one." And that's implementing rights protection mechanisms in the name collision mitigation framework.

It's a bit of a technical thing. So the name collision mitigation framework is a framework that was designed in order to avoid having these collisions between names that are already being used by companies, or organizations, or even individuals in their local area network, or in their own environment. And new generic top level domains that are going to be launched.

To give you an example, dot home, or dot business, what was it? Dot corp, that's it. Dot home and dot corp were used in local area networks. And had these been launched as new generic top level domains, they would have broken all sorts of things around the Internet. So these

were put on a special list where they would not be allocated, at least for the time being.

There are a number of others, a very large number of others, that are maybe to a lesser extent, in a collision. And in fact, some of them actually are dealing with names that have intellectual property rights on it. So implementing the rights protection mechanism is just another piece of, I wouldn't call it technology, but policy, there you go, that grafts on to the other policy.

A little bit complicated, it doesn't really affect end users, but if you think otherwise and you think we should comment on it, than please, you're very welcome. The wiki page is there, you're very welcome to put your details on the wiki and to maybe even hold the pen for a statement, and then we'll go through the usual process. Although the commenting period closes on the 7th of next month, of October.

Gives us plenty of time to move forward on that. And that's it for the policy advice. Just if you want to follow this between calls, and so on, you've got to link to the policy advice development page. That page is completely, is always, always brought up to date. The ICANN public comments page is the overall one for all of ICANN, but the policy advice page is what we are doing, and there isn't enough involvement from EURALO, unfortunately.

I'd like to see a lot more, and especially on some of the issues. The issues of privacy. Which I know that this region is very strong on, and yet there hasn't been much movement from here, from this part of the world, and we have seen some public comments in the past that have

serious implications with regards to privacy of public information. So, keep your eyes open and follow the page, and of course, I'm ready to answer questions now.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot Olivier for this briefing. I see Yrjö has raised his hand, and I can see he would like to comment on point 3B, working group on the nominating committee. Yrjö, you have the floor. Yrjö? Can you hear us?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO:

Yeah, this is Yrjö for the record. Yeah, I would like to echo what Olivier said about the working group report, please read it because, to my mind, it is a little bit problematic. Making the committee bigger, first of all, up to 27 members, makes it a little bit difficult, if it has been difficult to herding 20 cats, now herding 27 cats is even more difficult.

This idea of delegations, increasing the regional representation from CCNSO and ASO looks good, but at the same time, what we achieve is a larger and unwieldy committee. Also I think that the Board working group doesn't really know how the nominating committee has been working, at least for recent years, and I've been a member. Actually we don't vote. The report talks a lot about voting. We have straw polling all the way, and only the last vote is actually a vote.

And even for four years, that has always been unanimous. So please read it. I'm going to send some comments to the comments place. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Yrjö for this further elaboration. And I've seen that Olivier has indicated already his approval to what you said. Increase of the NomCom may be much more difficult to handle it for good reason, etc. And I think this issue should also been taken into consideration from the ALAC side. Are there any further questions or comments on agenda item three? Olivier's various briefing points? Questions, comments?

I see Jean-Jacques has raised his hand. Jean-Jacques, you have the floor please.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Wolf, this is Jean-Jacques. Following...

WOLF LUDWIG: Hello?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Hello? Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, now we can hear you.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: This is Jean-Jacques. Following, thanks. Following on what the comments by Olivier and Yrjö about the reform of the NomCom, I'd just

like to remind us that in its white paper, ALAC had called for a quite fundamental remodeling of the NomCom. The logic being, we would have various categories of NomCom members, meaning people appointed directly by their constituency, etc.

That all the nominations in ICANN should be through a NomCom process. So, if that's the logic behind the whole reform proposal, then of course, one of the consequences is a larger NomCom. If however, they are speaking about enlarging the NomCom without that fundamental reform on the other hand, which is to define the process, make it more truly representative by having all nominations through NomCom, goal, GNSO, ALAC, etc.

Then that makes more sense. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks Jean-Jacques for this additional comment and contribution. Are there any further questions or comments on agenda item three? Last chance to raise your hand now, otherwise I will continue with our agenda item four, feedback from ICANN [inaudible] in Sophia. What was conducted in late August, as we have announced or indicated at our last call, and from our side, from EURALO side, that in several members like Sandra and Wolfgang, who organized ICANN [inaudible], but also Roberto and Sebastien, and myself.

And I think it was an excellent meeting in a good atmosphere, with very intensive discussions. There were about 40 members present this year, as far as I can recall. And on the second day, it was Fadi who came from Geneva in the afternoon, particularly for the [inaudible] agenda item to

report back from the follow up on the NetMundial and the way forward, bringing in world economic forum. Being in charge of the next step of follow ups for six months, and I think I can clearly say here that this announcement by Fadi was not much appreciated by the vast majority of [inaudible] participants.

And a lot of people even raised strong doubts, whether bringing in the world economic forum is not really in line with any bottom up procedures, and is not really the best of [inaudible]. So, I do not know whether Sandra would like to add something about [inaudible] meeting in Sofia? Just in case, Sandra you have the floor, or otherwise anybody else of course is invited to ask further questions or to comment on this.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: It's Sandra speaking. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please. Go ahead.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I would just like to underline what Wolf just said. First of all, the discussion was about the development in Geneva about NetMundial, which took place just the day before. But another topic which was heavily discussed, even the day before when Fadi was not there yet, was the accountability processes within ICANN. And Olivier mentioned the process behind that in his updating remarks at the beginning of this call already.

So, as you can say, [inaudible] we had participants from, more or less, all stakeholder groups within ICANN, with the GNSO, the ALAC, or the technical community people. We can really admit that this is a good representation of ICANN community. And I think Fadi was listening quite carefully. And I think this meeting there somehow made sort of an impact on future development in the accountability process, I guess, of the discussion about how to handle the NetMundial initiative in the future. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Sandra. When I mentioned EURALO people attending the ICANN [inaudible] before, I forgot to name Avri who was in Sofia as well. And I don't know whether Avri would like to comment on the [inaudible] meeting? I don't know whether she is muted...

AVRI DORIA:

She was muted twice over. Can you hear me now? Yeah. Actually it was quite an impressive session. And I think the [inaudible] as Sandra has mentioned, has really gotten into discussion issues and details. And I think that it does contribute to developing the thought on it.

...actually something I thought of while Sandra was speaking, is that at that [inaudible], the issue of the meeting that Fadi had attended, the so called NetMundial initiative which now is going to be renamed, partly because of something said, has been less visible. And while they were at IGF and working room, you know, that was one of the things that came up there, and the questions really pending on.

So I wanted to throw that piece in, but I hadn't really intended to say anything. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks for your additional complimentary information, Avri. Yes, it was a very intensive discussion process, and in my opinion, it was excellent preparation for the following IGF where we went, after the ICANN [inaudible] immediately from Sofia. And the next agenda item on our, tonight's program, feedback from the IGF in Istanbul. And I can guess that Olivier and others may say something, may conclude from the IGF. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. So I'm just typing the At Large Istanbul link into the chat. What we had was quite a few people from At Large, and from all RALOs, that went over to Istanbul. So actually there are a few more than on the list there, and there were quite a few ICANN At Large organized events.

There were some events that were organized by ICANN, such as a town hall meeting to discuss the enhancing ICANN accountability and governance process. That was well attended, although most of the attendees were the usual suspects, and I think we'll all recognize ourselves in there, but then there were a number of ICANN run meetings during the whole week, which were also well organized and well attended.

And then of course, the events organized or recommended by ICANN community members, a massive number of them. I must say that there were so many that I just attended a handful of them. I understand from everyone that they all had good success, but there is one thing that I would be able to tell you because I guess it's very difficult to just give you a full review of what happened there.

The big, big issues were, of course, ICANN accountability, of course the transition of stewardship of the IANA function, but also the usual IGF topics. The future of the IGF being a huge topic. The funding of the IGF in the future, very important as well. There is now a donor's group that has been put together, and so hopefully there will be funding through other means than just having to be, and I use that word quite clearly, beg, for the United Nations to get funded for another year, or another two years, or heck knows, another few minutes.

It's one of these things which brought a lot of uncertainty on the future of the IGF, and certainly very frank discussions were held over there. This is a fuller feedback session which the ALAC is going to have, and let me just type it as well. The feedback on the IGF will have, later on this week, there is the link in the chat. It's on Friday, from 14:30 to 16:00 UTC. So that's 16:30 to 18:00 Central European Time, for those of you on that timeline, sorry time zone.

And we'll have a number of people providing their feedback on what their IGF was like. As you know, there are so many threads, very difficult to attend all of the IGF. I had an enormous number of meetings with members of the IANA coordinating group, and the different organizations that are behind those people that are in the IANA

coordinating group, to try to understand better where they were coming from, and what they were going to propose.

As you know, it's a short timeline and it's an important thread there. But the people that you will be able to hear on Friday, and that you'll be able to ask questions to, are Rafik [inaudible], Fatima Cambronero, Avri Doria, who is of course on this call, [inaudible] who was with the NetMundial organizing committee and therefore very closely involved and will be able to give us an update on that. Leon Sanchez, who participated in many other threads and other meetings.

I barely saw Leon, and we just saw each other in corridors. [Inaudible] is of course from the stakeholder engagement for the Middle East, and he was in all of the staff, ICANN staff work. And of course, Nigel Hickson, our very own Nigel who now, of course, is the vice president for intergovernmental organization engagement. He's not the VP for Europe anymore, but he's still remaining in Geneva, so he'll be able to provide us more details on this.

I know it sounds more like an ad than a report, but as I said, we'll spend about an hour, in fact, more than an hour on this. It's an hour and a half that we'll be spending on Friday. And if you are interested in this, I highly recommend that you attend. And of course, you'll be able to ask further questions. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Olivier for this briefing and pointing to the debriefing call next Friday PM. What is in my agenda, and I will try my best to join this debriefing call, where there will be another couple of people you

mentioned already who can give us a very good summary and some more insights on this. Are there any questions here now on this call or comments from those who participated in Istanbul? Like from Avri, from Pedro who was there, Yrjö was there.

If this is not the case, let me, yes I see Avri's hand raised. Avri, you have the floor, please, go ahead.

AVRI DORIA:

Only one thing I want to mention is that, for all of those who weren't there, and even for us that were, Olivier mentioned he could only catch some of them. They're all starting to be on YouTube, and there are transcripts for them on the ETF website. So we still have a lot of rich entertainment and education in front of us if we want it. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot for this Avri. And Olivier has raised his hand again, you have the floor Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes, thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. Actually Avri touched on some very important thing. There are indeed up there, and there are videos. And the quality of the video is actually pretty good. So I was very impressed with the things that were put together there to make sure there is a good record of all of the discussions that take place. It's worth watching.

Some of these sessions are a real gem. And I hate to see them being lost in the ether. They really are great. Also, I was going to mention that both Wolf and Sandra at the EuroDIG booth, very active indeed. And I'm sure you're going to be able to tell us all about it in the next agenda point, but it's important to note that you were there.

And I'm a bit sorry we couldn't find any additional At Large structures at the location itself, although I have managed to speak to a lot of people about ICANN At Large. And as you know, it sometimes takes a few months until we get the applications through. And so, hopefully we'll be able to get more European At Large structures to join. Of course, as far as I'm concerned, more At Large structures from around the world, with a definite push maybe also in the disabled community, and the communities are not well represented at the moment in At Large. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Olivier for this further comment. And actually, as you indicated, in the mean time I got a request from somebody in Russia who is interested to become a member of EURALO. He sent his application form directly to me already. And I was going through the application form, and pointed the person to some slight inconsistencies, and I hope he will have a look again at these points I mentioned to him.

And I hope that I can forward this application form quite soon. So this is a part of good news. And as Olivier said, I already, the IGF for EuroDIG is always a very important step in our whole process. The annual event, the last one in Berlin in June, we compiled the messages from Berlin in a

very nice, and in a new and attractive form, and we distributed these messages from Berlin, in Istanbul, at the IGF, at the EuroDIG moves, and this involves for us another great opportunity, a yearly opportunity to reach out to a broader non-European community, and to improve our networking.

Sandra is always participating in a particular meeting, workshop, which is organized at every IGF, which is a regional dimension of the global IGF. There are also representatives from national and regional IGFs come together, and discuss about recent developments, challenges, etc. And I don't know whether Sandra would like to add something on this, or whether we should just go over to the next agenda item, what is the EuroDIG plan for Sofia? What will be in early June 2015.

And in combination with the ICANN [inaudible] meeting, Sandra and I, we had another work day in Sofia on Saturday with the new hosting from Sofia, from Bulgaria. And we had some first discussion on the next planning process, what will start with a call for proposals in autumn this year. The call for proposal as every year will continue until the end of the year, until the end of 2014.

And afterwards, we will compile the suggested topics. We are not calling for sessions at EuroDIG, not slide at the IGF. We are only calling for ideas and issues which should be considered or developed for the next EuroDIG agenda in 2015. And then the process for Sofia after the compilation of the proposed proposals will start two planning meetings, one on spot in January or early February in Sofia, again.

And will be most probably a second consultation meeting together with the IGF consultation in Geneva. And after the two consultations, then the real hard work on the outline and condensation of the next EuroDIG program will start, together with a lot of community input. This is, as we explained before, these are the milestones, more or less, for Sofia. And if Sandra would like to add anything on what I said already, please Sandra you have the floor, or you are free to ask questions.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Thank you Wolf. It's Sandra speaking. Well you explained quite extensively already the most important thing. I would just like to add from the original details. First of all, as well as at EuroDIG on regional Internet governance level, the initiatives are looking and [inaudible] outcome, and how to give a lot and improve the type of outcome we are producing.

We all know that the IGF process is always criticized for not producing outcomes. And we at EuroDIG looked into that very detailed, how we can produce a more meaningful output which is really taken into consideration to our stakeholders, especially policy deciders. So, I'd like to draw your attention to the messages of Berlin which are available on our website. I will just copy paste the link, the messages here in this chat, because at the [inaudible] we were not able to distribute the messages in time because they were stuck in customs.

But now we have some [inaudible] and the link as well. And [inaudible] EuroDIG likes to undertake next year, accept we are going to concentrate on the European countries. There was a discussion for a

long time, but you have to check up the [inaudible] Eastern European countries, and so [inaudible], but it never happened unfortunately.

So this time, because we are in Eastern European country again, we hope to raise some other funding which were not available [inaudible], in order to bring more people from Eastern European governments, civil society, business, and the like. And we are going to organize a roundtable the day before EuroDIG, so that they can actually talk about their challenges, exchange their views, exchange their practices, and then feed into the discussion of the [inaudible] of the EuroDIG in Sophia.

And I see that Siranush is on the call, and well Siranush is the only one from this region, but maybe [inaudible] ideas as well, where we can raise funds in order to setup a travel [inaudible] for participants, especially from these countries. And we hope that Bulgaria would not be only a single case, but we hope that Bulgaria could open the door for an ongoing, better involvement of some of these European countries. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Sandra for this very important compliments you just made. On the messages from Berlin where you posted the link in the chat already, we got some very good feedback on these messages from Berlin, and I really think, and I can recommend, that the others reading. And it's the best messages of the EuroDIG history we submitted ever. And this was a very big step forward regarding outcome which is always a very important element of any such event.

And the second dimension, which is of course, convening the next EuroDIG in Bulgaria, an Eastern country, has some sort, or should have some sort of a signal or impact on this country. Of course, agenda will be very different from the one from Berlin and next year, and we hope to mobilize as many stakeholder groups from Eastern countries as possible.

And I have seen Siranush commented already in the Adobe Connect chat, that this is also a challenge getting Armenia closer involved. And I hope we can make a next move, a next big step, bringing some different parts of Europe together, or bridging some [inaudible] gaps we still face in Europe between Western and Eastern European countries. And Sofia will be a great opportunity and trial for a better cooperation with Eastern countries.

Are there any further questions or comments on the EuroDIG planning process for Sofia? I'm sure we will keep this as a standing item on our agenda during the call for proposal period. Then the compilation of proposal, so you can be sure that we will keep you informed about the follow up on this.

Any further questions or comments? Last opportunity for agenda item six. If this is not the case, let me continue with agenda item seven, with what is the upcoming ICANN 51 meeting in October in Los Angeles. What will be an important meeting in various respects. You may remember from the last year, the last ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires, there was a very important flow check where Sandra was closely involved, what is the leadership training program.

And in Buenos Aires, it was small as pilot process for this new leadership training, and this will now continue in Los Angeles, Sunday before the ICANN meeting opens. And I would like to first give the floor to Sandra to update something on the leadership training, and afterwards I would like to give the floor to Olivier again for the new ALAC leadership. Sandra, you first have the floor.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Thank you Wolf. Yes, regarding the leadership training program, it is the second in the row. And we took, when I say we I mean David Cobb, who is facilitating or who is organizing the facilitation training. Staff, Heidi, Gisella, and Susie are supporting this project from staff side. And members from the ICANN Academy working group, including me, should [inaudible] conclusion from the first leadership training program and the survey which was conducted afterwards, and we adjusted the program a little bit, shortened it to three days and mixing the different parts, facilitation and orientation.

And at the moment, we have 24 people confirmed. We are still waiting for three more confirmations, but we are confident that this number of 24 remains rather stable. And we will a second program right before the ICANN meeting in Los Angeles. We will organize this in the ICANN offices, just was the most cost effective opportunity. And we'll, of course, also have the socializing part, where people can do something together, and [inaudible] to cook together.

Just imagine the GAC and the GNSO hold a, cook on the same [inaudible]. And all this should actually force the cross community to

[deliberation?] in their leadership forms, and after the feedback initiative from all participants from last year, we are quite confident that this program will be a success again.

And then we are talking about the third program, and it [inaudible]... And that's what are working towards, this [inaudible]... ICANN budget. For those who are on the mailing list of the ICANN Academy, this was a bit quiet in the past because the work which was going on behind the scenes, was nothing could [inaudible] a big, diverse working group, so there were only some people involved in this work. There are no challenges ahead, and we will have another meeting of the ICANN Academy working group in Los Angeles, and I will send out a message and an agenda through.

Just waiting for someone to mention how to set the agenda and do that. If you have questions, please feel free to email me and I will be happy to answer. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Sandra for this briefing. And are there any questions on this agenda seven sub item? Leadership training. I think we will come back with a short feedback and summary from the leadership training at our next October call. If there are no immediate questions, let me continue with the next point, what is the new ALAC leadership.

As you may have followed from the ALAC working list, and as the related lists have also called for nominations, etc. with a lot of traffic on this nominations, and finally there was a decision made, because there

was only one candidate. And I would like to give the floor to Olivier for a short summary on the new changes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf, it's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And so as you might have heard, after four years chairing the ALAC, I shall be stepping back and letting someone else assume the chairmanship, and that's going to be Alan Greenberg who was voted in by acclamation. I guess there were no other people who wanted to take on that illustrious position.

But he is, I mean he has been an ALAC, an At Large participant for a very long time. He was our GNSO liaison, so he is very much aware of everything that is taking place, as far as the new gTLD process is concerned, as far as the GNSO is concerned. He was also on the accountability and transparency review team, the second one, so he also followed that. And most of all, has all the time in the world to be able to spend chairing At Large and being able to keep track of everything.

So I have no concerns about him taking over the position. As far as I'm concerned, I have asked whether I could be afforded a vice-chair role, and so nominations have gone out for those, and I was nominated, along with others... Well, there is a whole set of nominations at the moment that have been coming out.

And staff will probably be able to point you to the page which has got all of the nominations that are given, but if there are no contested positions, then again, we will use acclamation to put people in positions

of the leadership team. That's the five people, one from each region, who I would say, spend a couple of hours daily on At Large matters. It's quite involved.

We have Skype calls. We have, of course, two leadership team calls that take place around the month. In fact, one is taking place in a couple of hours, or just in an hour from now, and of course these calls are open for everyone to attend so you're very welcome, if you feel a bit masochistic tonight and you have nothing else to do, nothing on TV, nothing on computer, then you might as well listen to us speaking about the Los Angeles meeting, which is what we'll be discussing tonight.

So that's the process. The next process, having the ALT that will be decided on. If there are more than one candidates for a region, then we'll have to either have a vote or, depends really on how determined the candidates are. And then we've got the selection of liaisons, as you know. We've got liaisons to the GNSO, to the ccNSO, but we also have a liaison to dot MOBI, which is one of the liaisons that we acquired over the years. And then we've also got a liaison to the SSAC.

Now the liaison to dot MOBI, the SSAC, and to the ccNSO, have done very good work in the past year, and sent out a note asking whether it's okay for them to be re-conducted. I thought it was a good way to go forward. In fact, there was a lot of support for them to be re-conducted into their position. The GNSO liaison position, which is the position that Alan was assuming, Alan Greenberg was assuming, is of course, now vacant.

And so I sent a call for candidates for that position. It's a very pivotal position for At Large, we need to have good relations with the GNSO. And, of course, it needs someone who knows their way. The GNSO is not the At Large happy community, happy working groups and things. The GNSO is really where the trenches, the work takes place in the trenches, and by work, I really mean work.

With working groups that sometimes have two calls a week. With many, many different processes taking place in parallel. So you need to be very devoted for that position. A couple of people have applied to the position, or have been nominated for that position. It looks like there will be a vote for this position. And that's the current status. All of the change of personal, as we could call it, will take place during the Los Angeles meeting, during the annual general meeting that we have.

And that's it from me, thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, thanks a lot Olivier for this briefing about new developments on the ALAC level. And I can promise that we will keep you updated with some results some further point at our next monthly call. After the Los Angeles meeting. Let me ask you whether there are some immediate questions now on what Sandra explained or on what Olivier said.

If this is not the case, as we are running a little bit short of time, and we have two more agenda items, let me continue with the next one, what is implementation of ATLAS 2 recommendations. As you may recall, because all of you have been at the ATLAS 2 in June in London, there was a declaration made from ATLAS 2 with all the outcomes and results.

And there was a considerable list of recommendations from the summit, and we had a debriefing call last Friday, I think, where we went through all of this various recommendations, and where we discussed what we can do with such recommendations.

The follow up on this can be organized. And there were four recommendations which were more less selected to be submitted to the five RALOs for further follow up. And I will give the floor to Olivier again for some further comment and explanation. Olivier, you have the floor please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. I'm going to add to your explanation that all of these recommendations are sometimes a little bit very generic in nature. And the feedback that we have received, from the Board, has been that they accept the recommendations, in fact, they're happy with them, but then they would need to work with us, and they would like to see more from us on this.

So the group is now going to, this post ATLAS 2 follow up implementation team, that's how we called it, ATLAS 2 IT is, or ATLAS 2 is it, one of these, this group is going to be expanding on those recommendations. And you're very right. The four recommendations that you have here in front of you are the ones which involve RALOs, and it would be very, very important that the RALOs work.

First, I think, each RALO in their own part of the world, but also with each other so as to come up with an expansion of those four

recommendations. That we can then take on as the improvements process that we're going through, the constant improvement process that we're going through. But also, you will notice recommendations 29, the ALAC should implement an automated system for tracking topics of interest currently being discussed among the various RALOs.

An automated system is something which obviously shows this could be a tool that has to be designed that might need to be made from a commercial product, or done by ICANN IT. That of course, requires funding. If there is a requirement for funding, we need to come up with a proposal that actually mentions and shows what this tool should be doing, etc.

So this is the idea of the expansion. And of course, the best way to find out what our Internet end users really need out of ICANN, is to ask them. So it's down to the people on this call to ask their members, and of course, for us to ask everyone in EURALO, find out how can we design such a system? How would it work for them? Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, thanks a lot Olivier. Yes, I think we have to have a closer look on this again. And to find out how we on the regional level, can follow up on this for recommendations. And I think there are some good ideas, what could be part of our next working program for 2015. And if there are no further questions on agenda item eight, implementation of ATLAS 2 recommendations, I think I can be rather brief on point nine, ideas for EURALO planning and work 2015.

We are still some months ahead from the next year, so we are not under pressure in this direction. But let me put it this way, is a call for ideas and suggestions for EURALO's planning. And 2015 is open now. You can post ideas or suggestions on the EURALO list, or you can tell me by letter, etc. and I will collect any such ideas and put them together, and I hope we can present something more substantial at a later call, let's say from November and December this year.

If there are no immediate comments or questions for this agenda item nine, let me ask you whether there is any other business from your side. There is nothing at the moment from my side. I see no hand raised. Then I assume we are through with our tonight's monthly call agenda, and I would like to thank you all of you for your participation, and for your active contributions during this call.

Let me wish you an excellent rest for your evening, and I hope we may have you on our next monthly call in October. Again, what would be scheduled for after the weeks following the ICANN 51 meeting in Los Angeles. Thanks everyone and I wish you an excellent evening. Bye-bye.

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