
WOLF LUDWIG: ...As usual with the roll call, and I hand it over to Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much Wolf. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone on today's EURALO Monthly Call on Tuesday, 26th of May at 18:00 UTC. On today's call we have Wolf Ludwig, Jimmy Schulz, Yrjö Lansipuro, Siranush Vardanyan, Jordi Iparraguirre, Sébastien Bachollet, Sandra Hoferichter and Lianna Galstyan. Apologies noted from Annette Mühlberg, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Matthieu Camus and Alan Greenberg. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang and myself, Gisella Gruber. If I could please 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 for this roll call and update. If I move to the next Agenda Item - review on the AIs from April 21st. The link was not updated, and to my memory there were no other AIs, other than following up on the CROPP candidates and making sure that our CROPP submissions will be approved in time, what's happened in-between, and there was no further AIs. If you have any different memory from what I've said, please speak up - or questions on this. We will come to the CROPP later on in the Agenda. If there are no questions, let me continue with Agenda Item #4.

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As usual, as you've heard, Olivier is unfortunately not available, exceptionally, for tonight's call, and nor is Alan Greenberg, who we contacted for this. They are both taken up with another important conference call, and therefore tonight we have to do it without Olivier, and I agreed for Heidi to give a brief summary on the most important points or the most essential ones. Heidi, you have the floor please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you Wolf. Actually, I'm going to give that responsibility to Ariel, who takes care of all of the policy work.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks for standing in, Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: Thanks Heidi, thanks Wolf. Just to give you a brief update on the policy advice development activities in ALAC, currently there's no statement approved by the ALAC, but two are in the making. The first one is the statement on the CWG IANA second draft proposal. In fact, Alan Greenberg has already submitted a statement on behalf of the ALAC to the PCP, and currently the ALAC is ratifying the statement, and the ratification is scheduled to close tonight. That's the first statement that's in the process of being finalized.

The second statement is on the CCWG Accountability Enhancement Work Stream 1. The ALAC is drafting a statement at this moment. They're the ones that are being worked on. Also, as you can see from the Agenda, we have a number of new PCPs that have just come out.

The ALAC may not submit on all of these PCPs, but there are a few ones that the ALAC will most likely submit a statement on, and I will read out to you their titles. The first one is on the proposed renewal of .travel sponsored TLD registry agreement. The second one is on the proposed schedule and process operational improvements for AOC and organizational reviews.

That public comment is relevant to the ALAC because it's concerned with the upcoming At-Large Review. So that one I would like to highlight for you. The third one ALAC will most likely submit a statement on is the 2013 RAA WHOIS Accuracy Program Specification Review. And the last one is on the GNSO Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Working Group Initial Report. These four are the ones that the ALAC will write a statement on and would appreciate your engagement with this process.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay. Thanks a lot Ariel for this brief summary and update. There was a question posted by Sébastien: "Who's driving the statement on the CCWG Accountability?" Are there any penholders known so far?

ARIEL LIANG:

I believe Alan Greenberg is drafting a statement on this, but it's also likely to be a collaborative process and multiple people from At-Large will draft together, but I'll reconfirm that with Alan and will get back to Sébastien about his question.

WOLF LUDWIG: Questions on this, Sébastian? You have the floor.

SÉBASTIAN BACHOLLET: Thank you Wolf. It's a global question. I think we need to know who is writing... I was not thinking too much to have the answer, but I think it's important that we, as EURALO, need to know the answer of who's writing that. I'm not sure... One of the reasons I ask this question is I'm one of the EURALO Members of this Working Group and we didn't decide or we even didn't have any question about who'd write something. That's why I think it's important for us to have this information. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, actually, Sébastian, I think it's a very important point you raise, because as we have representatives from EURALO in this Working Group, they should be included, I think, in the Drafting Team. If there are any particular points of view from our region, from our side, I think there should be AIs specifically to the points we have to follow up on the EURALO level. This by the way makes a bridge to our next Agenda Item - briefing on EURALO's Special Issues Call on 18th May - a week ago.

We extraordinarily organized it with the help of staff, and we had the call last Monday, when some of you participated. I would just like to use the opportunity, Sébastian - you were one of the presenters last Monday on this call, and only one of the presenters; besides Oliver and Jean-Jacques Subrenat, who's now on this call. I'd like to give you the floor again to make a short briefing and recall on this Special Issues Call from last week.

SÉBASTIAN BACHOLLET: Thank you Wolf. Thank you for organizing this Special Issues Call, a discussion on I would say three topics. The two first ones might be linked, but you know that there are three Working Groups - one is the ICG who'll be coordinating the answer for the IANA stewardship transition to the US Government from the three communities; one for the parameters; one the IETF, mainly; one for the IP addresses, the RIRs... The three communities - the parameter community, the IP addresses community, and the domain name community.

The domain name community is still working on a proposal and it's the goal of the CWG on the IANA Stewardship Transition. We just got the information that a document was written by Alan with input from various people, and it's currently under ratification by ALAC itself, but it's already published as a comment by At-Large. The third group is the CCWG on ICANN Accountability. I'm a Member of this group for EURALO. Olivier is a Member of the CWG on IANA Stewardship Transition for EURALO, and Jean-Jacques Subrenat is a Member of the ICG.

We had a presentation of the work done by all those three Working Groups. Now, the last one, the CCWG on Accountability, is on the comment period. A document has been sent for comments by the community, and it's where we need to have input. It's very important, because I think this is a crucial part for At-Large. I'll not say that the IANA stewardship transition is not important - it is - but for our work and the evolution of ICANN, where we are participating, the accountability will be even more important, I guess.

Your input on this topic now is quite important. I will say that it's quite a pity we didn't get more participants and more input, but it's a good start and we need to work on this comment for this CCWG on Accountability document.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot for this summary. I just noted in the chat again that ICANN staff note under the AIs that EURALO will coordinate with ALAC on the drafting process. As I understand it, Sébastien, you have volunteered already? Being part of this process from our side. This question of course includes our other representatives like Olivier and potentially Jean-Jacques?

SÉBASTIAN BACHOLLET:

Again, I wanted to add one point - for example, there is a discussion on this topic about how we transform ICANN. It will become a membership organization or any other type of change. If we talk about membership, one of the questions we have to ask as EURALO is do we want to have the membership at the level of ALAC with one voice by ALAC? Or do we want to imagine to have a voice at the level of the region, and if that's the case, that will be EURALO. For me, that's an important point to be discussed, because when you look at the composition of ICANN and all the bodies, it's very much imbalanced.

You have less people from the southern part of the world, and if we want to try to balance it, from my point of view we need to go at the level of the region. The other reason why I'm asking this question is, do we want to have a single point of view by the current SOs and ACs, what

we call the silos? Or can we imagine tomorrow to have a comment position by region or sub-region or whatever? That could be a new way of life for the whole organization. Then I think it's a very important question to be discussed now, because if not, it will be at the level of ALAC and not at the level of the region.

For the other part of the community - for other SOs and ACs - I don't know where they will stand for that. That's one of the points I think we'll be able to discuss and exchange on. Thank you very much Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot Sébastien, again. I entirely agree with you. If, at the moment, and as far as I follow the mailing list of the CCWG Accountability Working Group and other mailings, this is really a crucial question also addressed to other regions. I'm very grateful for... There should be on our regional level a sort of discussion about this, because we are more or less concerned, and we will be confronted with any outcome. Therefore it would be good if there would be a sort of regional position on this, and I really would appreciate, Sébastien, if you could step in and more or less take the lead in this discussion.

Because I know there is really no one like you who is familiar with all the details of this debate, and who can stimulate such a discussion at EURALO. I'd be very grateful about you taking the initiative and encouraging our Members again to follow up on this. I see this is just noted among the AIs, so we know after the call what we have to follow up on. Are there any other questions from other participants regarding this issue? I see approval from Sébastien. I also note my approval to it,

because I think it's an excellent idea, and it's really worth following up on this.

Any further questions regarding this Agenda Item; briefing on EURALO's Special Issue Call from last week? Some of you participated, to my memory, at this call. If this is not the case, let me continue with our Agenda with Item #6 - announcement with problems on the NomCom and ALAC nominations we face. You may recall we had, about two weeks ago, on the EURALO list, a call for nominations from the NomCom and the next ALAC candidates. At the end we realized there were some irregularities. I'd like to ask Heidi to give us a summary about these problems we face, and to explain a little bit more.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you Wolf. As Wolf was saying, we noticed there were two irregularities in the current EURALO selection process, that were noted right before the start of the voting. The first irregularity was that Yrjö Lansipuro was incorrectly listed on the Wiki as not being eligible for reappointment as a NomCom delegate from Europe, and in fact he's only served the one term and is eligible to serve one more term. The second irregularity was that the nomination of Yrjö for the ALAC seat should have been rejected by ICANN staff.

According to ICANN Bylaws Article 7 Section 8, as a person currently serving on the NomCom, Yrjö's not eligible for consideration for an ALAC seat until his service on the NomCom is completed. Yrjö's current term as an ALAC delegate to the NomCom, and at the 2015 Annual General Meeting at ICANN 54 in Dublin. Given that these two irregularities may

have substantively impacted the process, we consulted widely with non-affected parties and it has been determined that the fairest way to proceed, given these irregularities, is to restart the entire process, beginning with a new call for nominations. I believe, Wolf, that you are planning on doing so, shortly?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. We discussed this issue over the last week intensively and extensively, and we reconsidered it in all details, and actually we found out that there is no other transparent way, more or less, being confronted with these irregularities, that we have to restart this nomination process. I can imagine for the community, for our Members, it will or can be understood as another hassle by asking questions, “Didn’t you find out before that you presented such a set up?” with uncertainties or certain things not being cleared - but as a matter of fact, we realized due to a hint...

[23:17] ICANN Bylaws that Yrjö wouldn’t be in a position to put forward his candidature and stand up for another position as long as he is officially part of the NomCom. This changes the whole picture again, and we thought now we had to inform our community about these findings, and we have to give them a chance to re-open the nomination process. I don’t know whether the re-opening will come up with new nominations, with new suggestions, et cetera. I think it’s still an open questions, but I really feel the need, for transparency reasons, to do this again and to bother our community again.

I think it's really the fairest way to deal with such a difficult and complicated situation. I ask and invite you for further comments on this please. Raise your hand. Does anyone have further questions? I don't know whether Heidi's explanation and what I said was clear enough. Sébastian?

SÉBASTIAN BACHOLLET:

Yes. As you know, I am concerned with this decision, as I was a candidate, and I just want to express my - I will say - my disagreement with this process. I don't know... I can say it again. As I already have written to some of you, and in my emails, I disagree with this process. I think the process must go on, but as I'm part of the candidature, I have no voice - and I don't want to have any voice. I just want to express publicly that I was very disappointed with the way taken.

I think it could go on, but if not, that's your choice and not mine, and we'll see what will happen. But I really think that it's now the time to decide how to do it, and I think we can follow on with the current process and not re-open it. But once again I tell you it's your decision and not mine. Thank you very much, and thank you for your attention.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot Sébastian for your comment. As we consulted the candidates concerned, Yrjö and Sébastian directly beforehand, to give them a chance to express their opinions about the way forward. It was Sébastian who actually didn't agree with re-opening. I didn't want to mention it before. Sébastian himself mentioned it. But... [27:24] record your objections, Sébastian, that you do not agree with re-opening the

process. I think we should notice and take this objection into consideration.

But I think for the majority of the Members it would be good to have the chance, at least, to express their ideas about it. Whether they will do it finally or not, or whether the outcome would be more or less the same... The option would just be, after the discussion we had, that of course Yrjö can be re-selected. So if Yrjö wants to continue for the NomCom, he does have this option as well. Let's wait and see whether the outcome will be even more favorable for Yrjö and you who are involved so far. Sébastian?

SÉBASTIAN BACHOLLET:

Just to say that it's your decision, not mine. The second point is that it seems I was the only one who knows the Bylaws, because I could have seen that from the beginning, but I was hoping that as I was a candidate I was not the one to raise this issue. But I thought it could have been done and found out earlier by a lot of people. It's a pity that Bylaws are not known by all of us enough to know what's happening there. I want to say again and again that it's your decision. Let's go on.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot for your understanding, Sébastian. It's appreciated. I will discuss this step that we'll restart this re-nomination with an explanation of the reasons and the inconsistencies, and we'll start this process this week, and with the duration of another week's time. Members who are interested to express themselves again, they're

welcome. Or maybe it will just come out as a re-confirmation of the nominations we had before.

At this point, I'd also like to note that this selection process of the Regional Officers has not officially been opened. It was on the RALO levels, it was on the workspace, and due to the fact that Olivier, who's been the incumbent ALAC Member so far is not going for a re-nomination for another ALAC term, Olivier was suggested as the next EURALO Chair. This was taken into [31:27]... We have still time, since the end of last week, we know that the EURALO face-to-face GA, what we'll stress under .9, our budget request was finally - and thanks to NARALO - was approved.

So we'll have the face-to-face GA, and the new EURALO Officers will be selected and elected at the GA itself. We still have some time until autumn, October this year. The official nomination process will open soon, but I think it should go in-line with the preparation process for the all-over GA. It would be somehow strange, before we start organizing the GA, that the whole nomination process would already be terminated. There will be a separate call for opinions. The ideas that have been expressed so far as noted on the workspace, so these can serve as a basis for further nominations.

But for the moment, what we urgently need are candidates for selection for the next NomCom delegate, and our next ALAC Member, and the Regional Officers, and nominations for [33:27]. Questions, comments on this? If this is not the case, I see no hands raised at the moment. Let me continue with our next Agenda Item, which is #7 - update on selected CROPP travellers to EURODIG 2015 in Sofia. As you may recall from our

last call where we discussed, in detail, about the final setup of the list, it was a difficult procedure.

This year we [had repeated dropped out 34:23] and we had to re-nominate, to reselect people. Finally, the list by EURALO, our submission was approved by the CROPP Review Team, and we finally came up with five candidates. After that, the list was approved. It was handed out to ICANN Constituency Travel, and I think by invitation to the candidates they followed up [unclear 35:05]. I don't know whether staff have any further information on this issue, because I don't know whether finally all the selected candidates have confirmed. Is there any information from the staff side?

HEIDI ULLRICH: The last I heard was that all of them were being reached out to by Constituency Travel, and I can go ahead and confirm that they're all now booked.

WOLF LUDWIG: Sorry, Heidi, can you repeat?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. I know that Constituency Travel did reach out to them, and I can follow up with them to see if everyone now has their flights booked to Sofia.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. I see Lianna has raised her hand?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you. One of the approved candidates is me, and I want to say a big thank you for your kind approach to propose my candidacy and this opportunity to take part in the EURODIG Meeting. I'd like to see all other travellers with this great opportunity to meet there. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks Lianna for this comment. I see a note from Siranush, "Can you mention who got approval for EURODIG?" Siranush, I'll have to refer back to our final list. Give me a minute. There was a last minute change again because one of the Russian candidates... Now I have the list in front of me. We suggested [Hakus 37:29] from [37:30] available over this day, and he suggested in his place Nareen to replace him. I recommended okay, before we lose the replacement by Nareen. Then the second candidate is [Philip Saranovski 37:57] from Metamorphosis Macedonia, who is an [APRI 38:03] Member.

I think he was concerned as well because of replication by [Asti], one of our Romanian Members. [unclear 38:17] from the University Polytechnic in Budapest. I think he was concerned as well. We had [Mikeal Metris] from the Internet Support Foundation of Russia - a new Member. The fifth candidate, [Fedos Muehler], from ISOC Russia. One of them told us he won't be available and therefore we had a replacement option. Fortunately Lanna, when one of our Russian nominations dropped out, Lianna came in. So we had finally a complete list again. Does that answer your questions, Siranush?

As a matter of fact... Yes, Yuliya just mentioned in the chat, “Wolf, we can [39:34].” ...Until the end, so it was rather complicated to handle the whole issue back and forward. But just as a footnote, I’d like to say that I’m pleased again that two candidates from Armenia - and as you all know, Armenia is officially part of APRALO but from our EURALO point of view, they’re considered more or less as our direct neighbors and our best friends. I’m always pleased that we can include candidates and friends from Armenia to participate in European events like EURODIG, where they’ve participated for many years so far. For me, it’s always a pleasure again.

Finally, ICANN, since a year ago, they’re accepting these extra exceptions, et cetera, and I’m simply pleased to have our Armenian friends on board again. Are there any other questions on this update on selected CROPP travelers to EURODIG? We can contribute five Members from our side to be funded for EURODIG in Sofia.

With this I can make a bridge to EURODIG planning process for Sofia. This is Sandra’s part again. Sandra, please take your time, up to ten minutes, and give me a chance for a short break because my voice is having problems.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Thank you Wolf. I was going to propose to make it very short, because we have the ALAC call in ten minutes. I see there is another important Agenda Item on our Agenda - the planning for Dublin. As for the EURODIG, there’s not too much to say. Those people who are present in

this call know very well where we are in the preparation, because you're all somehow involved in the session planning.

Just to give you an update, we have a really surprisingly good number of registrations from the Southeastern European region. This was not to be expected. So we'll have the first Southeastern European dialogue very well attended. As it looks at the moment, we are even searching for a room alternative because the room we were considering is getting too small. I really urge you, if you have registered yet, please do so, because otherwise we cannot consider you for the social event and for the food.

The budget is very tight and we have to calculate very strictly, and those who don't register in advance probably won't get the invitation for the evening event. So please check if you haven't already, or please register as soon as possible. Registrations close on May 31st, which is Sunday at midnight. As for the program, we have some really good elements. Fadi Chehadé couldn't come anymore. He had to cancel his participation, but we are working on that he is giving us a video message.

On the other hand, the Estonian Foreign Minister, which is very great, also indicated already that they might be interested to host a EURODIG in the upcoming years, so this might be their first point of engagement, because Estonian delegation [unclear 44:15] never that big - maybe one or two people, but they weren't really visible at EURODIGs in the past. So this might change now. We'll also have a quite good representation from the host government - the Minister of Transport and Information Technology will participate in the welcoming, and the Deputy Minister, in the opening.

Also, other program items. One is related to the Global IGF, which is about connecting the next [billion 44:52]. The Global IGF established a best practice forum, where they want to get all the national initiatives working on the same issues, and then bring it with us together in Brazil. So this is also on the agenda. Then another new element will be that we have a small welcome for all people who are arriving on or before June 3rd.

We will have the registrations open in the hotel in the lobby area, and we will also serve some drinks and some small snacks so that the EURODIG community can come together in a very informal way - no features, no program; it's just to say hello, to have some drinks and make a warm welcome to everybody. This will take place on June 3rd after the [C-DIG 45:58] until 21:00 - so basically from 18:00 until 21:00. Is there anything you'd like to ask me about the EURODIG? Because otherwise I'd like to stop here, taking in to account that the next call is on in ten minutes.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. We are getting closer to the end, and as we had repeated updates and briefings on the EURODIG planning process on our last call, if there are no immediate or urgent questions... I see some or almost half of you will be in Sofia, and have been following the process being part of all teams, et cetera. So I think you are well informed. If there are no questions then let's go to our next Agenda Item, which is EURALO Pleni 2015, which has for weeks, or even months, been a standing issue. You may have seen at the end of last week the message by At-Large staff, by

Heidi, that our next face-to-face GA, in-line with ICANN 54 in Dublin, was approved.

[47:46]...At the end gave us enough of a priority to have our Regional General Assembly, and therefore I think we now should start the planning process for this next GA. At-Large staff have opened a workspace on this process already, and we need to come up with a consistent agenda for our next GA. There are ideas to combine this GA also with a content element. One of the ideas is to invite our Regional Representative, Jean-Jacques Sahel, to present and discuss the ICANN Regional European Strategy with us, and to work with us. We even thought about having some training elements included before or after the GA for new or incoming Members.

This means there are a lot of ideas for the agenda on the table, but we have to start to work on it right now. We will have our third prep meeting with At-Large staff, and at the next [49:47]... Program slot on this, and I hope that all European Members may join us. It's very early in the morning, I warn you, but it was the only option to get as many of the Europeans who will be in Buenos Aires to come together.

We should use this opportunity as the first brainstorming for a draft agenda, because I'd like, for the next face-to-face GA that it will be a cooperative and coordinated preparation process, and not like most of the years; where I made the draft, I asked for comments, et cetera, and rarely got comments, et cetera. So it should be a multiple effort of our Members, and [unclear 51:08] right now we still have enough time. Heidi just posted, "The EURALO Meeting in BA 7:50 to 8:15 AM local time. Place to be confirmed. Tuesday, 23rd June."

So please, all Members, Jimmy, Yrjö, Jordi, Yuliya, Siranush, Sébastian, everybody who wants to join, you're kindly invited to this. It's a great opportunity to start [51:50] agenda drafting, and discussing other options and ideas. Also there will be the nomination for the next Regional Officers and re-opening the nomination for this officially. Any other suggestions? Comments from your side? We are close to the [52:27]...

WOLF LUDWIG:

Wolf, we cannot hear you. You've dropped, I see. Okay, everyone. Thank you. Wolf is ending the call. Thank you very much. For those travelling to Buenos Aires, safe travels, and to those traveling to Sofia, safe travels. Bye-bye.

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