
GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to today's APRALO monthly call on Thursday the 17th of December at 06:00 UTC.

On today's call on the English channel, we have Siranush Vardanyan, Toshio Tachibana, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Pavran Budharani, Fouad Bajwa, Gunela Astbrink, Jee eun Choi, Holly Raiche, Tomohiro Fujisaki.

On the Chinese channel we have Kali Kan.

Apologies noted from Dr. Suhaidi Hassan, Amal Al-saqqaf, and Hong Xue.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Kelvin Wong and Yesim Nazlar.

Our Chinese interpreter today is Jessie Doherty. And if I could also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking, not only for transcription purposes, but also to allow the interpreter to identify you on the other channel.

We do have someone on the Chinese channel today, so please let's all try and make the work for Jessie as easy as possible. I hope I haven't left anyone off the attendance list. And over to you Siranush. Thank you.

Sorry, I believe I've left Satish Babu off. Thank you. Over to you Siranush.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, thank you Gisella. Thank you very much. And welcome everyone. Thanks for joining for our last APRALO call for 2015. And by the end of this call, I will provide some updates on achievements for the year. Before that, I would like also to welcome a new ALS in APRALO, Lebanese Information Technology Association.

This is the new region covered by APRALO, which is really great and I don't see Mona joining us, but I think we can instruct her further for being able to join us, and hopefully this time will be okay for her to be able to join to APRALO calls. With that, I would like to give the floor to Holly, who will be providing ALAC policy update, what's going on there and what are the developments we have now. Holly, you have the floor please.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you very much. And Giselle if I could have just the, on the screen, the policy bit of the agenda, that would be great, so people can follow what I'm saying. That's it, a little bit down. There we go.

Okay, where we're up to with the policy. For the policy statements that have been approved, there is a thing called the registration data access protocol, which is essentially the access protocol that allows information, personal... It's part of [inaudible] to manage, well I won't even go. Satish can actually explain what it is, but the new registration data access protocol was developed as part of the report of what's called the expert working group.

This was done, this group formed because under current policy, the current WHOIS policy which is what it's called, all of the personal

information of that individual registrants must be made publically available, and increasingly that's against global privacy law.

So one of the reports of the, one of the recommendations of the expert working group was to have a new protocol that would allow gated access, so that if anyone was looking for information, personal information, they will only get a certain amount of information unless they have a particular need, and law enforcement agencies, for example.

So the first item, I know it's a bit confused, sorry. I'm happy to explain at any time. But the first statement that was approved was something that I drafted because, at our last ICANN meeting, when the discussion about this protocol was discussed, the recommendation in terms of provision of gated access was said to be voluntary rather than mandatory for the introduction of the new protocols, which would mean that various registries and registrars would not necessarily have the capacity to restrict access to personal information.

So, we drafted the statement, everybody is welcome to read it, but I'm very proud of the fact that we've done that and it's gathered some important, and I'll talk about that in a minute. The second item there is called the preliminary issues report on GNSO policy development. León drafted it, it's really about trademarks and intellectual property.

Everybody is welcome to read it. León made a very good statement, and it has been adopted. So I'm happy to, you all should be reading that one. The third one, about statements that has been approved, this was again a working group of the GNSO, or what's the in [inaudible] registrar

transfer policy. And the statement that we made, that I drafted, was that somewhere on, this is the recommendation that came out of this group, which is somewhere on the website of ICANN.

There should be a diagram of this particular policy, because it's very complex, and if you are a registrar, there is, it's very difficult to understand the various steps in the transfer policy, and what your rights to complain are, and how you can do that, unless there is actually a diagram and really understood explanation.

So the group that I was part of actually adopted that recommendation which were to have some very clear statement and a map of the process so anybody could read it. So the comment, that's the one comment I made which is I would like to see those recommendations part of the ICANN website, and I hope they will.

Now that statement is in progress. Heidi, this is particularly important for you but Cheryl would also agree, this is a statement that Olivier has drafted, the marketplace health index proposal, and this is about looking at how we will understand whether or not the new gTLD marketplace is actually...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello.

HOLLY RAICHE: And this will be, there are a lot of suggestions and tests that Olivier has suggested, very useful to think through, how are we going to understand and then make judgments about whether the new gTLD

marketplace is indeed working for consumers. But even though that's not part of the terms of reference, Heidi, you might have a look at that and talk to Olivier about that.

The CCWG accountability, I'm going to say absolutely nothing because that's been a subject of a webinar this morning and another one tonight, and I can only urge everyone who has not been at the webinar this morning to be on the webinar tonight, because we will be asked to vote on this one.

The final one, the statement in process. The new gTLD program implementation review, Maureen drafted this statement. Maureen, do you want to talk about this? Just explain to people what it's about?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Just very briefly, it was, it's actually about the... It was the report that was written by the staff who have been undergoing the new gTLD program. And the issues that have arisen out of their implementation of that process. So, yes, just evaluated it and bringing this for a proper review of the process, which will take place later on.

So it was just an interesting read, and I just sort of like recommended people, that the ALAC supported the recommendation. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you. Okay now, there are no statements to be [inaudible] public comments requests, which we've decided not to submit, don't need to talk about that. But five, the new public comment requests the registration data access protocol, that is a statement, an issue that I

mentioned earlier. There will be a new working group on this issue starting in January, and certainly Carlton and I will be involved in that working group with anybody else who is interested in privacy issues, you're most welcome to join.

Really good opportunity to learn about the whole [inaudible] or registration data and those issues. The next proposed implementation of the GNSO [thick?] WHOIS, this is really the endpoint of a very, very long process where what's called a [thick] WHOIS which is, there is... WHOIS is a set of data that must be displayed publically by registrars, not necessarily by registries, some registries have chosen to distribute, sorry to display only a limited amount of information.

There was a lot of discussion about whether there should be thick or thin WHOIS. There has been probably two working groups on this one. This is simply a look at, now that the implementation for this process has been, the report has been finalized, what does everybody think? We've made a number of comments on it, and I don't think we need to actually make any more, but Alan will be looking at that.

The next one is for the launch of supplementary registration proxy services. And this is a similar issue to the release of country and territory names. We're talking about, it's a shared registration system, and it means that various, that it will allow for input on WHOIS data. There are some issues that maybe raised in terms of the accuracy and security of WHOIS data.

I'm going to be talking more about that, and I probably recommended that we say something. Now Satish, you are the one looking at label

generation rule sets. Do you have any comments to make about that at this stage?

Is Satish there?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: He maybe muted.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. We won't worry about that at this stage. But Satish will be looking at that and keep your eye on the policy page to see what he recommends. He actually may recommend that it's not an issue. It looks similar in issue to the issues raised earlier about, it was the... Where is it?

I can't find it. Oh the registration proxy service for gTLDs operated by X, Y, Z. I think it is much the same issue, so Satish will be looking at that. In terms of the continued data driven analysis of the root server system. It is about essentially the technical impact of new gTLDs on the root server system, and I do not have the technical knowledge to look at this.

So I will be hoping that somebody with a lot of technical background looks at this, it will not be me. Trust me. Alan will be looking at the final item, which is the notice of preliminary determination of great registration access retention waiver.

I don't know whether he's looked at this. Oh I know what this is. This is a very interesting issue. What's happened with this issue is, is your

European law, particularly European privacy law, obviously in global privacy law, there are restrictions making personal information public.

Now there are rules in the registration accreditation agreement about the fact that WHOIS information has to be public, particularly registrars in European countries but in other countries where there are privacy restrictions, need to be granted a waiver by ICANN not to display that information. And the whole question of waiver is being subject of a working group and the ALAC actually commented on the need for a waiver saying this is actually a very silly process, but in fact you should not have to, if your registrar in a country that has privacy laws, you should not have to go to ICANN every time you want a waiver not to publish personal office, but there ought to be a policy in terms of what information you can or cannot publish generally, and rather than going through this sort of piecemeal approach to the publication of privacy information.

This statement is... There was some emails by Alan by Roberto, that basically said this is just basically saying what ALAC has said, which is the waiver request system needs to be reviewed in terms of global privacy law. So that's where that is to and probably that's somebody [inaudible] of that statement.

And my final statement is a reminder that ALAC will be asked to approve the charter for the review of ALAC, and I will be sending out an email probably by this Saturday asking for you to have a look at the charter, and to make comments such that by the time we have an ALAC meeting next week, those of you who are on ALAC would have read the charter, but of course, all of you are welcome to.

And we can then just pass the charter for the review of not only ALAC, but the APRALOs and ALSs. Now, that ends my presentation. Are there any questions?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Holly. Any questions to Holly and to any topics which she provided the update?

Thanks Holly. And just to remind everyone as well that on 17th, actually today, at 11 UTC there will be another webinar on the third draft of the CCWG, so please participate if possible and provide your input. This is really an important time, and the final stage for the report is going out. So please provide your input and participate in the webinar to get more information on that.

Any questions on this issue? Yes Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Siranush. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. It's not so much a question, but just an addition to what you were just saying about the webinar. It is extremely important if you can join, there was not an abundance of those from our region in the webinar we held early my time this morning.

But one of the activities that goes on in this particular webinar, is the polling, straw polling, using the Adobe Connect tool that does that, of whether or not certain issues should be highly perused as a matter of interest, should be commented on as something that is seen by the At-

Large community and ALAC as essential, or should be so important that they are made what's called a redline matter out of that report.

And if it's a redline matter, then it may very well mean that the ALAC could agree to disagree with the report, the final report if those things weren't changed and not endorse. So it really is a very important opportunity for anyone who can make the call, to make their personal and, if necessary, representational opinions held. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, it's really a question to Cheryl. Cheryl you would have seen the email from Rinalia saying this is what the Board's position is. Was that discussed at all during the webinar? In other words, are we looking at what the Board is saying are its red lines?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl for the record. Only [inaudible] Holly. This webinar is focused very much on the ALAC's response to this draft report. The Board's comments are exactly that, their comments on the Board's, on the third draft report. And so to go into great details in that, could be argued that we were paying, you know, particular attention to another commenter above and beyond all other commenters including those that we haven't seen yet because they haven't put anything out yet.

So it's a fine line to walk on. That said, we are well aware of and are quite respectful of, the opinions that the Board has raised so far, and in the recent briefing that Rinalia presented to us of course, it was also very clear that the Board was some of these issues they've raised are a deadline for them.

They are not necessarily suggesting that the proposals are the only way forward, and that they would look forward to find in any way that would meet, or any language that would meet, to remediate their concerns. So that said, obviously the ALAC is aware of the Board's comments. It may agree with some, may disagree with others.

And the webinar would mention those only where relevant, but we're not trying to do a compare and contrast between what are the preparations for our commenting and what happens to be serendipitously some early comments from the significant players received.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Thank you Holly and thank you Cheryl. Any other questions?

I don't see anyone raising his or her hand, so thank you once again Holly for this update. And before going to the next agenda item, I just would like to welcome Yesim Nazlar, who is actually the new At-Large staff member who is joining us from Istanbul. And she is based in Istanbul.

Yesim, welcome to the APRALO call, your first call in APRALO. And would you mind to introduce yourself to our ALSs?

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi. This is Yesim Nazlar. Thank you. Well I'd like to keep it simple. As Chair told, I am the new staff member. And before this, I was working for Google as [inaudible] assistance forward to [inaudible]. And now I just joined ICANN. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Yesim, and welcome once again. Welcome to APRALO. Actually you are based in Asia-Pacific, so you are from our region. So welcome to our region.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, thank you, very kind of you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And thanks for the support you are providing. Okay, let's move forward to the next agenda item, which is APRALO CROPP requests. We just, on the last ALAC subcommittee on outreach and engagement call, we have our second CROPP request approved. So it was the request to participate in APRICOT by two members of Asia-Pacific.

We actually got a lot of support from AP TLD, APNIC, and dot Asia during this process. And they are really supporting us with having more engagement and presentations about APRALO during APRICOT, during

particularly separately an ATLD part, and in APNIC part. So we are looking forward to be there, and as much as I know, as far I know many other ALSs would be there, who are also ccTLDs in the region.

So we're looking forward to meeting APRALO members during APRICOT, and if possible, have some short or brief meetings with the ALSs in New Zealand during that time. So if any of you will be there, let us know and keep in touch. We may be contacting you and find the best way to meet and to discuss.

But there will be special APRALO outreach presentation during TLD conference on February 18th. So there will be time allocated for us, especially. And Maureen will be conducting a presentation about APRALO activities here, so you are all welcome to be there and to provide your input.

Tomohiro, I'm also looking forward to seeing you there as well. And please, if possible, come and join AP TLD presentation by APRALO. And currently, also APRALO leadership team is working on updating our APRALO brochure, which is really outdated, and we are updating the information. [Inaudible] is also updating the ALSs information, so there are a lot on the table now.

And the way of that stuff will be able to print it before APRICOT and to send it to New Zealand for us to use it during APRICOT. Yes and Cheryl, we hope also you can make it and we are looking forward to see all of you there.

Any questions related to that?

Maureen would you like to add something on that? If no, this is our last CROPP request. Actually we do not have any extra slots already. This time we try to use it all, and there will be other opportunities coming with CROPP for the next year already.

But to get over this, we have currently on our table, fiscal year 17 budget request. And APRALO can submit special project request to ICANN, to put within fiscal year 17. If ICANN asks staff to put the link to the budget request. They are on now, and the deadline for submission is February 14 actually.

So we need to provide the requests from APRALO. They should be first approved by RALO. So if there are any local activities or initiatives, we would like to put a request for budget, a fiscal year budget, then we need to discuss this among ourselves first, and then to submit. Holly, you have your hand raised, please.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Yes, thank you. Holly Raiche for the record. I have just a question. I'm thinking of the meeting schedule for the next couple of years. Are we having another ICANN meeting in the APRALO region or not? Because are we going to be putting in for General Assembly as well as other events?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, very good question Holly. Siranush here. Actually the next APRALO Asia Pacific region will not take place within fiscal year 17, so it will be November 17, which is already in fiscal year 18. So and there are

already two RALOs applying for General Assemblies. This is NARALO and AFRALO, who is taking their General Assembly in Marrakesh meeting.

So I'm not sure if the Board will agree to give three RALOs to have General Assemblies during one year, but for the next year, we will be for sure holding a General Assembly, but I know that this is really too far from our last Asia Pacific meeting. But a couple of years ago, EURALO was passing through the same.

So for more than three years, they didn't have or two and something, they didn't have meeting in Europe. So this is a challenging date, but let's, if you have any other suggestions, then... But we can submit a request with some, in conjunction with some local activities like I know that Yannis has made a word on this, that there is an Asian IGF coming up.

And so maybe so many ALSs may be there. So if we can put some requests together ALSs there. But I'm not sure, if we call this General Assembly, will it be approved for this fiscal year or no additional with two other General Assemblies? Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. I just wanted to just go [inaudible] one little, mentioning the brochure. And also in relation to, against that people might be having. One of the reasons why, as Siranush pointed out, the brochure hasn't been updated for about seven years or something. And so it was very timely that we're actually producing it for our APRICOT meeting in New Zealand in February next year.

As Siranush mentioned as well, it has been put together by the leadership team and updated. So if anyone is running events in their region, and you need a brochure about APRALO, that's what we want. We want to have it available so that all of you've got to do is ask staff to send you how many ever copies that you need.

And I think it's really unfortunate that you know, that we have these resources. But I also did notice that with regards to the fiscal year budget thing is that you can't apply for outreach activity. So we do [inaudible] what is appropriate to put in our budget. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, thank you Maureen. Those copies ready to deliver and ship all of those documents wherever you are holding an event. So if you need something, and we have a lot of brochures also within the framework of APRALO APAC Hub, we have some brochures in local language. But I think that after updating this in English, we will send it for having the updated versions as well.

And also, there is another opportunity accept having General Assembly, we have also APRALO APAC hub opportunity. So there are some local activities regionally. So we can contact with Kelvin and [inaudible], our staff in Singapore, and if there is any activities going on within the next fiscal year and where we may bring APRALO participation, that's also the opportunity to provide the requests to ICANN, within fiscal year 17.

Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Siranush. Cheryl for the record. Just on having General Assemblies at other than ICANN meetings, obviously there is a great benefit to gather At-Large structures together from our region for a General Assembly, that also allows them to attend, even if it's the shortest of the new meeting plan, ICANN meetings.

Because it gives our At-Large structures the opportunity to feel more engaged, to have greater opportunity to understand and learn and interact. And they go back much more invigorating, in my opinion at least, to their At-Large structures, and more likely to be more contributory.

However, that being said, we have had General Assemblies, in fact our founding assembly, was held at a non-ICANN meeting. We actually held it at an APRICOT meeting, but there is no impediment to doing it, for example if we help them [inaudible] and necessary and the costs were able to be covered in some way by somehow, to gather at, for example, the regional IGF that we hold.

Now I'm sure Yannis can put the exact dates of the APR IGF for this coming 2016 into the chat, just to make sure my faulty memory is not misquoting, but I believe that the dates for that would be in the next fiscal year, in other words, after June 30th. And therefore we would be looking at possible even CROPP support to get people to that if they needed to go to such a thing.

But it's certainly worthwhile realizing that there is more than one way to skin these cats, but we will be getting regular ones which we trust through ICANN normal practices in the near future. They may not come

around as regularly as we would like, but I just wanted to make sure that we understood there is a real super benefit of holding it at an ICANN meeting, but there is no great detriment to not doing so. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Siranush here. Yes, I completely agree and thanks also Yannis for posting the date for the next APR IGF. It will be so on 26, 29 of July of 2016. So yes this will be next fiscal year for CROPP funds. But the question here is that, it is limited only for five slots, and if we want to have ALSs, all ALSs coming and having General Assembly out of ICANN meeting to that specific, for example this local gathering.

So we may think about this special request as well. So if there are any ideas from your side, and if you think that we need to apply with the request, just let's discuss and elaborate on this. And probably elaborate mainly on the regional level, this time for this fiscal year, and we can think about having with ICANN meeting next time when we will hold in Asia Pacific. Maureen, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. I just like to raise here, and it was mentioned here, I guess, in relation to what the discussion we were having earlier about webinars, one of the things that we have sort of like found for the At-Large capacity webinar sessions, and for the APRALO APAC webinar sessions, trying to find to encourage as many of our ALSs, to participate. And the numbers haven't actually been all of that startling, and so we're a little bit concerned about that.

But what a colleague in the RALO, Glenn McKnight and I have been looking at, is creating e-books based on those webinars, so if you have [inaudible] that you might be able to catch up on it through an e-book that you can read at your leisure, and so I mean, I think we actually...

We have actually sort of like put this site up for you to actually, I'll just put the link in. [CROSSTALK] ...anyway, and give us some feedback. So that we can actually sort of like get a better idea of which webinars particularly interested in finding out about, so that we can actually put them on for you and get this done for you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Maureen. And just to let you know that these e-books are also posted in our APRALO monthly report. So please have a look and provide your input. This is a really good initiative and these are very combined documents for us to look at. And if we are not able to participate in any webinar, these are really good resources for us.

So and thanks Maureen and Glenn for this initiative. Maureen put a lot of time to make it happen, so thanks Maureen for having that. And are there questions related to that?

Yes, Holly is suggesting maybe one for CCWG, that would be great. At this point, this is really an important topic. So we may think about it. Just to sum up also for that, I would like to add that during 15 fiscal year, this year, 2015, we had six ALSs belonging to APRALO, and now we are 42 ALSs, which is really great.

We still need to work on making them actively involved although I see the number of ALSs participating in this webinars and in different working groups is increasing, but we have a lot of work to do yet in that field.

But APRALO is growing in this. And we also will run five webinars within the framework of APRALO APAC hub, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank also our APRALO, our APAC hub staff for their great support during this year. We have our strategy in place, and we are implementing different outreach activities on regional levels.

We have now our ISOC Palestine and newly joining ISOC Lebanon organization participating in the upcoming IGF in Beirut. I think [inaudible] is also in contact with [Mona?] to make this happen, to discuss with them how they can increase the APRALO outreach activities in [Gulf?] part of the world.

So this is also a great initiative coming from ALSs. So keep going. And I think that we also have e-books published, and we are going also to work on our updated APRALO brochures having ready by February this year, which can be used by all of our ALSs, and we have also some of them in local languages as well.

We have this year already starting Chinese interpretation during our regional calls, which is great improvement as well, and a lot of support is coming from At-Large staff. So Gisella, Silvia, thanks, our thanks coming to you as well. Great appreciation from our team and from our ALSs.

Anyone would like to add something? And yes, I just forgot to mention that we also, this year, have started the process with individual membership, and moving forward to that aspect with having our rules of procedure in place for the next year. So this is another achievement which is still in the process, but I hope that we will come to that and we will finalize and we'll have more individual members joining to APRALO team.

Anyone would like to say...? Yes Silvia, you have your hand raised. Please.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Thank you Siranush. I just wanted to echo your thanks to everyone, especially to you for your great leadership for encouraging each and every one of the ALSs to always be participating actively. To my great colleagues at APAC Hub for great collaborations for the webinars.

We are planning more webinars in 2015. I'm getting all of your feedback to make this webinar very interesting for you, and to continue coming up with new ideas, like e-books, etc. that you can find very useful to learn more about the different topics in At-Large. And just to thank each and every one of the ALSs and their representative who are always participating in all of the calls.

And we really appreciate your commitment and your enthusiasm. So thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Silvia. And Maureen, you have your hand raised.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record. I just wanted to remind everyone too about the APRALO calendar, that if they have their planning any of this during the year to let us know, and also gives staff an idea of you know what's happening in the region, and have to prepare the APRALO brochures, you know, how many there is going to be people wanting brochures, and they better have some on hand. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Maureen for your intervention, yes related to our calendar. This is an important tool, and I would encourage all ALSs to continue submitting their regional events. So this is also used by global stakeholder engagement team, so this helps them also to know and to identify our regional event, and the places where we can, they can support.

And also, there is an opportunity to invite a speaker from ICANN. So if you would like for your regional events to invite a speaker, there is an opportunity from ICANN to do that, so please use those opportunities, and make your event known in the region and it's helpful for everyone to learn about what we are doing in APRALO and in ICANN in general.

And I think that 2015 was a difficult year in the sense of this transition, but hopefully 2016 will start already with some clear vision of how we are going to have this transition actually in place. So I would like also to

thank Cheryl for her great investment of time in the CCWG team, and in this transition process.

You really made APRALO proud of our engagement in that process. Thank you very much.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Siranush. If I may, you will note, I am always listing myself as the AP regional member...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, yes, we are very proud of that.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I would also like to thank our regional leadership team, Maureen, Holly, Ali, Satish, Kaili who recently joined us, and Pavran. You are a great team to work with. So thank you on my personal, as a personal note, and thank you on behalf of APRALO for having this opportunity. And just think that I just wish all of you a happy New Year, those who are celebrating it in January.

And is there anyone who would like to say something on this?

HOLLY RAICHE: I think we all wish each other a very happy holiday season. This is Holly.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Indeed, Season's Greetings to you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Season's Greetings to all of you, and once again, thank you for joining. This is our last call for this year. Happy holidays. Enjoy the rest and come back with fresh ideas in the New Year.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I just jump in before you leave us and stop this call? While we're still on the record Siranush? I wanted to say to you, as chair, it's Cheryl for the record. You, on behalf of all of us, as chair of our APRALO, for an excellent, engaging, and [inaudible] year of meetings. So thank you my dear, you make me very proud that you know that, but I think I am able to speak on everyone's behalf.

It has been a real pleasure working with you, and I know you put in an awful lot of work to making it look so easy. So thank you, and all the best of the season to you and your family.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, and it's really an honor for me working with all of you and APRALO team. Thank you very much. And the meeting is adjourned.

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