YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's EURALO monthly call, taking place on Tuesday, the 22nd of March, 2016, at 1900 UTC. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Oksana Prykhodko, Yrjö Lansipuro, Sebastien Bachollet, Stefano Trumpy, Wale Bakare, and Pedro Veiga. I have apologies from Christoph Bruch, and as well, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gabriella Shittek, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.
	Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to state their names when they are speaking for the transcript services. Over to you, Olivier, thank you very much.
OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Yesim. I'm looking at the agenda at the moment, and seeing we don't have a review of the action items for some reason. I thought I had asked for this, but these are standard issues. Interesting. I'll put a link over to those action items in the page. Anyway, welcome everyone, and we have quite a packed agenda today, which is going to be looking at primarily the consultations that are on. We'll have an update on ICANN 55 [inaudible]. We'll also be having an update on the Cross Community Working Group on accountability, the one IANA stewardship transition, and the various taskforces that we have been working on.
	Is there any addition or amendment to the agenda to be made in addition to the action items that are just put there in the chat. And Silvia

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has also put the action item in the chat. I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so the action items are adducted as they are.

Have we missed anyone in the rollcall? I know that Sandra Hoferichter has just made it. Have we missed anybody else in the roll call?

YULIYA MORENETS: [inaudible] on the call as well.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Welcome Yoliya, Yuliya Morenets, good, thank you. Anyone else? Nobody else, okay. I know that Jimmy Schulz has also just joined us.

Right, let's go then on the update of ICANN 55. Sorry, what am I saying? Let's go for the action items first. There were a number of action items there. There was the creation of the taskforces, and that's being started. There is also an action item on the EURALO flyer. The task is to update the flyers and add any new text and photos. Silvia is to send the flyer to the EURALO Board list. Deadline end of April, so we still have some time ahead of us. I haven't seen any follow up on this so far. I've seen the flyer, but there's been no feedback on it. So if I could just ask everyone to have a brief look at it, that would be helpful, and then we'll be able to proceed forward with having a flyer for our big, yearly event in Europe which is EuroDIG, and of course for other events before that.

Now, next we have the update on ICANN 55. In particular, there was this discussion about the public interest. There was a full session that took place in the main room at the end of the first official day, or in the mid-afternoon, the first official day, which had Wolf Ludwig among the

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invitees. Nora Abusitta, the Vice President for Public Responsibility was also there. We also had Nii Quaynor who was the Chair of the Strategy Panel, I always have a problem with it, the Strategy Panel that looked at this a couple of years ago. Marilla Maciel was also present. She was involved with this panel, I believe, as well. And she's involved with a lot more related activities as far as the public responsibility and public interest is concerned. Very interesting discussion that took place.

There is a link in your agenda that links to it, and the video is up there, and we also have transcript, I believe, is complete there as well. If you're interested, please click on the agenda, and you'll be able to find those. I believe they've been updated, because they need to be sending to the right location. Yeah, you'll see all of the people that were there.

Wolf Ludwig, you were one of the panelists. Do you have anything else to summarize or to add to this, actually? Because it would be exciting, since we had this discussion at the general assembly, and now you were able to share your points with the people that were in the room. There was a long queue of people that commented and added to this. We're really looking at the beginning of the process within ICANN. Wolf, you have the floor. You might be muted because we're not able to hear you at the moment. Is it *6 to mute?

WOLF LUDWIG: Can you hear me now?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you. Go ahead, Wolf.

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WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Yes, actually, as Olivier said already in his introduction, it was an interesting week. It was much order in its conversations than the one we had in Dublin at the first part of our last general assembly. We had a representative from Africa there who brought in some [inaudible] aspects of public responsibility. I just gave a summary of [inaudible] which was adapted by the general assembly, and there was nothing new what I was telling.

Actually, after the introductions, I found questions and comments much more exciting. It was an interactive session with a long queue of people and a lot of comments. It made clear to me that the term, as such, is still a delicate one because a lot of people have different approaches, and have slightly different understandings about the term. Particularly the relevance in the ICANN context. I got the feeling for some of them it's an interesting discussion, but I also think the political conclusions which can be drawn from such debates are rather different.

To me, it was a starting point for a debate, and it was also the starting point to create a working group on a large level. It's a beginning of a process, and we will let you know. I think that's all for the moment.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this, Wolf. Are there any comments or questions from the floor? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. I was just going to add that in the agenda there is also a link to the resource called "Exploring The Public Interest within ICANNs Remit". And that resource is the one that has been put together by Nora and

her staff on this. I believe that they will be updating, based on the discussions that took place in Marrakech. They will be updating this page with more references, more sources.

In the meantime, the working group, the At-Large working group on this topic, on the public interest has, indeed, been launched. I am reiterating if you have an interest in this topic to please join that working group. Wolf, you're pretty much in charge of this, so I don't know what your next steps are likely to be. If you could share this with us, that would be helpful, and see where we're going basically at this. Of course, knowing that Nora has sent a follow-up email to an ICANN-wide mailing list saying that they are currently analyzing what was said, and they will be coming up with a follow up or suggestion for a follow up as well. Wolf? You might be muted again, Wolf.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Can I jump in? I just want to let you know I finally made it.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Welcome, Annette. Thank you. Wolf Ludwig, we might have lost him, or you certainly are muted, Wolf. We're faced with a few gremlins today, I guess. Right. Let's forget, then, this for the time being, but thanks for the updates, Wolf. I think that we can, therefore, in the absence of anybody else wishing to take the floor on this topic, we can move on. Wolf, if I could ask you to please just send an email over to the EURALO list as a follow up. Wolf is unmuted now, okay. Hello?

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WOLF LUDWIG: Hello?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Ah, you're back, okay. Yes, we can hear you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. You wanted to ask me to send a message to the EURALO list on what, exactly?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: No, Wolf, I think maybe you were dropped. I was just saying that there is next steps, basically. What are the next steps for this working group? Because the working group seems to have been proposed to the ALAC. Let me just first ask Heidi, and then I'll come back to you. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you Olivier. I have put the workspace of the new At-Large public interest working group in the chat. It is not yet complete. Staff will be working on it. Wolf, I'm going to be the staff lead for that working group, so I will work with you to put a call out for membership for all of the RayLo's, for all At-Large members if that's OK.

WOLF LUDWIG: Alright.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: And Olivier, that's what I wanted to say. Perfect. We could, perhaps, make that an action item, then. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Heidi. Wolf, yeah, I was basically going to ask specifically what were the next steps, basically, for this working group, which you already had worked out a plan for it. If you haven't, that's all fine too.

WOLF LUDWIG: [inaudible] actually the next necessary steps. After the confirmation of this working group in Marrakech, that we need to follow up and make a call on At-Large and the EURALO lists to invite more participants, whoever is interested. Then we get back, and we have had [inaudible] and we have to think about and convene a first meeting. This is also, in my opinion, as Heidi mentioned as a next step. Then we can, with the group, discuss a kind of a mission statement, as a working group, as a group, then, as also to say what should be the scope of the discussion, etcetera. This should not be imposed from our side. I think this should be developed by the participants of the working group by themselves.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this Wolf. Now, the next topic also in ICANN 55, the big topic was obviously the INS stewardship transition. As you might or might not know, and we will touch on this maybe a little bit more later on in this agenda today. There was a big discussion on whether the accountability working group final report was going to be completed,

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and was going to be ratified by the [inaudible] organizations and advisory committees.

To cut a long story short, and amidst an enormous amount of pressure and also some worrying thought, and I guess, tension that you could feel in Marrakech. Finally, all of the supporting organizations and advisory committees signed up to this, which gave the green light, then, for the whole report of the INS stewardship transition proposal itself to be sent to the NTIA. For the process to continue with what's going on now with NTIA in the U.S., and with the Congress, etcetera. We'll touch on this in a moment, but that's what basically happened in Marrakech. Hopefully that's another thing that's now moving forward, and we're not having to focus a lot more on implementation.

Let's go swiftly to agenda item three. Looking at the summary of the current ALAC consultations. There are quite a few of them, as per usual. The different consultations are as follows. The first one is about the fiscal year '13 operating plan and budget, and the five-year operating plan update. As per usual, Tijani Ben Jemaa is drafting a statement. He is the Vice Chair of the ALAC Finance and Budget subcommittee. Those members of the Finance and Budget subcommittee are helping him draft it.

I think I mentioned this on our last call. There is also a multi-year budget for general assembly at an At-Large summit, which is part of this ALAC response on the public comment that is drafted by yours truly. I'm still working on it with some input from various people from the last ALAC call. It was presented to the ALAC, and there were some amendments

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to be made to just clarify and simplify the documents, so as for the board and the ICANN communities to understand it more easily.

As far as the operating planning budget is concerned, please have a look at the link that is on the agenda, and you'll be able to see the question, and you'll be able to see the draft response.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I wanted to talk to the previous slide term. I am sorry, I was not on top of it. Just from some work going on from our [inaudible]. CCWG [inaudible] and the [inaudible] transition.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Sebastien, can we do this as the next agenda item? Because we're actually coming back to the CCWG on accountability, so you'll have a bit more time there.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No problem, great.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks Sebastien. The draft report on the New gTLD program, safeguards to mitigate DNS abuse. It's always a big question. The public comment period asks several questions. How do we ensure that bad actors do not run registries? How do we ensure integrity and utility of registry information? How do we ensure more focused efforts on combating identified abuse? And how do we provide an enhanced

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control framework for top-level domains with intrinsic potential for malicious [inaudible]? The kind of top-level domains that inspire trust in end users, but then would be used maliciously.

There are recommendations which have been made by the working group. They are listed on the page. I'm not going to read through them, but they're all there, and now there's a question as to whether these are satisfactory or whether further recommendations should be made. At the moment, there is no first draft in there. I believe that Julie Hammer with me and my assistants are going to review this public comment proceeding and find out if we need to add anything. It's all about consumer trust in some ways, so it's quite important. I hope that you will be able to contribute to this, and perhaps make some suggestions if you think that the current recommendations don't go far enough.

By the way, I'll go through the whole list, and when finished, then I'll open the floor so you can all chime in, and ask questions or comment on these.

Next the final report recommendations on the geographic regions review working group. Finally, those recommendations have now come out for public comment. Tijani Ben Jamaa and [inaudible] and Narine Khachatryan are all three working together on this. This is a long process about changing the location of some countries and territories from one region to another. EURALO is somehow affected in that a handful of countries including primarily Armenia are currently in the Asia and Pacific Islands region At-Large organization. They're part of that region, and they might be interested in switching to the European

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region. The rules here are quite laid out in such a way that this switch might be possible.

Next, the launch of registration authentication platform for .moi TLD, or is it .moa, I'm not sure which one of the two it is. The leadership team, when it had a look at this a couple of days ago, was a little baffled about this question. It seemed to be some kind of a registration authentication software that would be imposed on registries for them to be able to check the real details, or advanced details of a registrant of a domain name before the [inaudible].

We've asked for some more information from the staff member in charge of the public comments because we are not quite sure what this entices the describe, and the expectation, and the purpose has given in the public comment is a little cryptic. If you are good with Egyptian Hieroglyphics and are able to decrypt crypted messages, please let us know and help us out on this one. I really invite you to let us know. That was a joke, by the way. Hopefully we'll get some more information on this and then come back to you later.

Next after this, the draft framework of principals for cross community working groups, that's all about cross community working group that works on creating rules for cross community working groups. So far, cross community working groups have been built in a very ad-hoc fashion. The rules were made up by a team of people that drafted a charter and decided among themselves to find a consensus on how many people from each supporting organization and advisory committee, and what the working group would do, etcetera, etcetera.

There were no actual rules on this, which meant that some cross community working groups operated in an entirely different way than others. This cross community working group looked at cross community working groups and decided to built laws, and guidelines, and principals for building cross community working groups. I'll be looking at this for the ALAC along with Alan Greenberg.

At the moment, I've just given a quick [inaudible]. There's nothing that comes out that looks particularly shocking. In fact, the working group has looked at current cross community working groups that drew on a lot of its design from the current practice. We're not looking at something radically different.

Finally, the notice of preliminary determination to grant registrar data retention waiver requests for [inaudible] technologies of Denmark. [inaudible] technologies incorporated USA. It sounds like an ad, doesn't it? But it isn't a ad, no, it's a serious discussion here with regards here to the retention of data that a registrar has in a local country, in Europe, with a copy of that data to be made for ICANN in the U.S. That's one of the rules at the moment in place. Due to local data protection laws, this might be illegal in some countries. What's happened so far is every registrar that has been affected by this has asked for a waiver so that it didn't need to comply by this rule that was in the ICANN registrar predication agreement.

It sounds like a very inefficient way of doing things, because of each registrar – and there are hundreds of them – ICANN has to go through the whole motions, and draft papers, and so on. We did think about this, and Roberto Gaetano, and I'm not sure whether he's on the call

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actually, maybe he can let us know about this, but Roberto was going to draft something not a direct response to this, but certainly advise to the board related to this topic. Because it sounds like it would probably be better to just change the rule rather than having to give some separate waivers for each and every registrar.

Now I'll open the floor. I see there are a couple of hands. There's just one hand, so Alan Greenberg, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Just commenting on that last one. Yes, Roberto did volunteer to do something and he, in fact, drafted something, and it's in my inbox right now to get back to him. So something will be coming out of that in the near future. Essentially, you described it accurately. It seems like an awful lot of work we're going through to do something which there should be some way to streamline. We're simply going to suggest that maybe there's some way to streamline this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Alan. Any other comments or questions? Ah yes, Wale Bakare mentioned in the chat that Roberto had sent the email, and he had submitted the draft to Alan, so that's cool, excellent. I don't see any other hands up for any of the current public consultations. I think we can move to the next part of our agenda. Statement [inaudible] and the one which the ALAC has decided not to submit comments, it's just one. That was the charter amendment from the generic name supporting organization, generic top-level domain registry

stakeholder group. It was an internal GTLD registry stakeholder group process.

As you know, or maybe you don't know, with all of those new top-level domains that have been created, it has created that many new registries as well in charge. Before there were only a handful of them in the generic space, but now there are hundreds of them, so they have to amend their working roles and practices to make things a little bit more manageable. It was felt that there was really nothing that the ALAC could comment on about this apart from just saying, "Great, do what you have to do." That's the current status of the public consultations.

We move straight into agenda item number four. With, again, cross community working group on accountability, and enhancing ICANN accountability update. We can go straight over to Sebastien Bachollet who had to speak about this. Sebastien, you have the floor. Sebastien, you might be muted.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay, I guess I am now unmuted.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You are now unmuted, yes, welcome.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. I just wanted to say a few words. We are obviously going to have some work to put together the bylaws, but we were suppose that the CCWG [inaudible] call was [inaudible] and we are waiting for if it's

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not the [inaudible] earlier today I don't have read all my emails. But communication from [inaudible] co-chair who is supposed to replace our call when we see where we are. But this time we have today that it's very short time. At the same time, as you may have seen there was [inaudible] at the U.S., I guess Congress. It was quite an interesting hearing. Of course, today, everybody's saying there is no problem, everything [inaudible] and U.S. Congress has just decided to go ahead.

There was some tricky question, and I'm not sure that the answer was the right one. At the same time, we have to take [inaudible] it's just [inaudible] an important country and an important decision, [inaudible] congress it's just one country. We will see what happens there. I am waiting for some other countries for some hearings too because I guess it's not just because the contract is today with the U.S. [inaudible] country parliament couldn't be interested in knowing what is happening with this transition and [inaudible].

To be [inaudible] on what's happened, not every person in each SO and AC [inaudible] the transition [inaudible] document on accountability to be precise, but it's now going on, and let's see what happen. We have a very short time to do the new bylaws. It will be tricky for the member and for all the [inaudible] from you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sebastien, very helpful. Is there anything else to add to this report? Alan Greenberg, I know you're on the call. Maybe you wanted to say a few more words on this, or has Sebastien pretty much covered it all?

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ALAN GREENBERG: No, I don't think I have anything to add.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Are there any questions from anybody on this process? You'll see on your screen that all of these supporting organizations and advisory committees have given their green light. Indeed, implementation is very important right now. There is a lot going on in the cross community working group on IANA stewardship transition two, there is some work going on for the budget. With the vetoing of the IANA budget, and the approval of the budget, etcetera.

It's the time when we start crossing the T's and dotting the I's, as they say. This is the time when we start seeing whether what's been designed will actually work, or at least can actually be put in some kind of a way forward. I'm not sure if Sebastien has mentioned it, but the amendments to the bylaws have also been supplied now to the CCWG IANA stewardship, so we are most likely going to be reviewing those very shortly as well, probably on the next call.

I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so I probably said everything that needed to be said on this topic, and we can move to the next topic. And that's the update about the EURALO taskforces. As we've mentioned a bit earlier, two taskforces have recently been created. One on the At-Large structure engagement, and the second one on the reviewing and the revision of the EURALO bylaws.

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To cut a long story short, the one on At-Large structure engagement hasn't moved much since the last time that we spoke. We have a small number of people currently engaged in this, it's only five. Several of us have been very busy going to Marrakech, and had other priorities for the time being. We will start our work soon. The two initial tasks were to follow up on the ALS skillset, and secondly to update and refine the list of At-Large structures with contact points behind a login. The tasks haven't been allocated to anybody specifically in particular. That's the current one.

The other taskforce has done more work, and that's the one on the [inaudible] of the EURALO bylaws. I'm going to ask, is Michael [inaudible] on the call? Michael? I did ask whether he could be providing us with an update on this. It looks like he's not joined us tonight.

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi, Olivier, no Michael is not on the call today.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this Yesim. I know that Alan Greenberg has put his hand up, so let's give the floor over to Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Just to comment on the engagement taskforce, that hopefully those people will take a look at – although their job is not directly associated with it. We'll take a look at the work being done by the ALAC-wide taskforce on ALS engagement, and criteria, and expectations to make sure that if they have any ideas or things that are

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not reflected in that group, that they add them pretty quickly because that group's going to be trying to finalize its work over the next month or two.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Alan. I believe that, yes, the idea is to have a local component to the work that is done already across all of At-Large. I note that other At-Large structures have been having their own taskforces on engagement, and they've used also some ways to engage their At-Large structures in a more efficient way, and a more proactive way. There are some particularities for Europe. Of course, we'll be using some of these other means and methods that are being developed, but there certainly are some parts of [inaudible] in Europe as well. The whole idea is to not reinvent the wheel, but take from what's already been learned, and designed elsewhere, and apply them. I think part of it is really the applying of these methods to get more At-Large structures engaged.

I see we have quite a few people on the call today. If you're interested in this topic, please join. Now, I'm a little baffled about the second one, then. So the second taskforce, the EURALO bylaws, unfortunately, Michael is not here with us. That's a bit of a problem because I though the was going to provide us with an update. He has sent a set of emails over to the mailing list that deals with this bylaw review. He has made several points regarding the – basically just starting the discussion and regarding his own review with a few colleagues of his.

His belief is that there needs to be a rewrite of the EURALO bylaws with rules of procedures on the one hand, and with operating principals on the other. There are some discrepancies that he has pointed out between the current bylaws and the actual reality of things. So he does recommend a fuller rewrite. Now, whether this fuller rewrite is something that we should engage in as a whole group, first we should get the EURALO At-Large structures to decide on prior to engaging in is an important question. My feeling is that there first should be an actual formal report sent to EURALO pointing out the specifics of what is incoherent, I think that's the right word, incoherent, and then take it from there. That's really for the working group to work on.

I'm a little concerned about launching into rewriting of bylaws when we've been told, on numerous occasions in the past that this takes both an enormous amount of time and also it doesn't bring consensus, or at least is very hard to find consensus on. I've heard Annette say no.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Before I hand you the floor, Annette, to explain your no, I was going to ask if anybody else is on the call because I know that Oksana is on the call, and she has been following this discussion as well. Plamena has been following this discussion, but she is not on the call. But Walt has been following this discussion. He's also in the working group, and he is on the call. I was going to get comment from Oksana, a comment from Walt, and then a comment from Annette. Let's start with Oksana please.

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If you are able to speak, Oksana. And sorry to put you on the spot, but I wasn't aware that Michael wasn't going to make it today.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Hello, do you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we hear you. Go ahead.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to say that this item is discussed for a longer time. The problem is that newcomers to EURALO do not know rules of the game and the situation. When these rules are changing during the game, are not sufficient for everybody I think. [inaudible] we would like to clarify all the rules, also procedures. Michael has done [inaudible] of any differences [inaudible] rules and real life. I think I fully agree with you, Olivier, that this finding has to be sent to EURALO list, and then discussed, and then we would like to decide what to do next. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this comment, Oksana. I was going to say, ultimately, yes, this has to be sent to the EURALO list, but I was going to say that first, I did notice that there was some disagreement on the working group mailing list, or the taskforce mailing list regarding the interpretation of the differences. I, personally, would like to see a bit more discussion on the mailing list, on the working group mailing list.

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You mentioned a table. I haven't seen that table yet. Has Michael sent it to the mailing list?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Yes, of course. Olivier, I would like to add, there is no disagreement in the mailing list. We just add [inaudible] accept [inaudible] position. Because we just add some other points to differences between real life and bylaws.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thanks Oksana. I notice, now, the table. I'm sorry I haven't even had a chance to look at that yet. We'll probably have to defer on this, first, to read through the table and find out if there is –

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: One more moment, [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, go ahead.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: [inaudible] very important [inaudible], who signed all these documents? Because it was signed only by a few founding members. Yes, of course, I understand. And I fully respect the history of EURALO, but what are the position of newcomers? What are [inaudible].

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Oksana. I think that Wolf might have more answers than I have on this, since he has more knowledge of the process. I'll hand over, then, to Wolf, and then I'll hand over afterwards to Annette Muehlberg who was also part of the founding members for these rules. Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, Olivier, I would prefer that you give the floor first to Annette.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's fine, then. Let's then ask Annette Muehlberg, have the floor.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Okay. I would just like to point out that we discussed already that it is not about incoherence or coherence about if there is real [inaudible] for the activities of EURALO. If it hinders the actual procedure. This is what should be pointed out. If there is a problem, then it is worth [inaudible] otherwise not. And this is, I think, the crucial issue. Is it about is, how do you say, if rules and real life are the same, because I already sometimes realize [inaudible] active on content. We actually should only change thing if rules are a problem for the activities of EURALO, something we want to do. If there is some, please let us know, and then we can work on it.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Annette. Next is Wolf Ludwig, and then I'll come back to you, Oksana, bearing in mind the question that Annette has made here. Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG: There's a strange background noise in the line. I don't know what is the cause of this noise. Well, I think at the moment, as far as I can follow the discussion, there are still a lot of misunderstandings. It's partly what Oksana mentioned. Okay, it must be difficult for newcomers or people who slipped in, who joined EURALO at a later stage. At the moment, it partly sounds like a redoing of EURALO's history, and we cannot redo EURALO history from the scratch. EURALO was created and [inaudible] with ICANN was signed in Lisbon before its creation by some of the members. To my recollection, some of his members were there, Annette at the time, it was Sebastien, it was [inaudible] it was Patrick Sandoval, I think it was Victoria [inaudible]. These were representatives of existing ALSs at the time already.

Say [inaudible] and they had the competence of [inaudible] ALSs to sign this memorandum of understanding with ICANN. I think it makes no sense to go back to the scratch, and I think it makes no sense if we will now try to redo more on these bylaws from the beginning. I'm sure you won't find any [inaudible] for such an effort.

I remember when we made a small amendment in 2010, and this small amendment was mostly focusing on the question whether individual members should have a say and should have a vote at EURALO. It was, at the time, excluded by the older version of the bylaws, and then over

the years from 2007 to 2010, we realized there are more and more free floating individual members who contribute regularly to EURALO but have no official say in our association. This was the moment when we said, "Okay, so let's try to do this amendment," and it was extremely difficult to adopt and amend only a small paragraph of the bylaws.

This was a work taking weeks to get organized. Any effort to [inaudible] EURALO bylaws, whoever can invest half a year of his working time is free to do so, but I will doubt whether anybody will find, afterwards, approval. Therefore, I think there should be a clear mandate from EURALO, and this has been repeatedly said over the last months already, and it was what Roberto suggested in last summer. If you do such an effort, we should accept [inaudible] what [inaudible] what paragraph, what sentence should be changed, and why it should be changed.

There is two components. It's a long, long, long bylaw appointed to the paragraph, to the prescription, and to say, "Okay, this should be changed," and then there's an explanation why it should be changed. These suggestions should be, afterwards, from the taskforce, given to the EURALO members for [inaudible] that the membership has opportunity to check with you and to say, "Okay, I agree to this paragraph, and to this reasoning," and etcetera, or, "I don't agree." This should be the basis for the whole effort. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks so much for this institutional memory, Wolf, it's very helpful. Let's turn over to Oksana, and then I'm going to close the discussion on

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this because we are not going to turn our monthly call into a EURALO bylaws working group discussion. Let's have Oksana Prykhodko.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to add only one moment. As I understand, we have to point out all differences which are concerning us. Then, as I understand, you have to send it to the EURALO list, and to discuss. [inaudible] concerns for us, or for anybody else. And only after that, we can propose any changes. It's my personal point of view. I hope that Michael could present his opinion because it was his [inaudible] I fully agree with [inaudible] I just going to add some more points for the table.

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier, may I step in again?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Wolf, please go ahead.

WOLF LUDWIG: Just to make it short and clear, now this taskforce exists, and this taskforce can suggest, accept part of the bylaws, what should be changed, and why. And after they make such suggestions, Michael, [inaudible] whoever, it should be discussed in the taskforce, and it needs to be submitted to the membership because a taskforce cannot decide on the scope of a bylaw revision, this must be decided by the members [inaudible]. Then the members must decide whether they

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agree with the suggestions from the taskforce, or part of the members of the taskforce, or not. Then if it's approved by the membership, the taskforce can continue with its work. I think it makes it clear now.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. I think that's quite clear. What I suggest, then, is that we continue this discussion because it's obvious – I'm quite pleased, by the way, about this discussion, because I certainly am starting to see a bit more light as to the different points of view, and where we might be going in the future. I'm very happy to see the documents that Michael had attached to his email, and that obviously needs some further discussion. What I would suggest, then, is that the working group on the bylaws undertakes a call on this, and based around the document, and with Michael being there and Michael leading. I think as Michael has taken a leadership role on this, him not being on the call here is a little difficult.

Several points spring to mind. The first one is that there might be a case for modifying, or amending the bylaws, or cleaning them up. There is definitely going to be a lot of pushback from many At-Large structures, or just no active agreement, basically. So we are looking at potentially a very tough task when it comes down to the agreement. This is something which needs to be discussed by the working group as well, and I hope that next month we will be able to have another update with the results of the discussion of the working group.

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We spent quite a lot of time on this call on this topic. Just the last item in our agenda. Oh, I see Sebastien has put his hand up. Is that still to do with the taskforces, Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, sorry Olivier to come back late on that, but we have to put also in the discussion the fact that in the work stream two on accountability, we will have to work on the accountability SO and ACs between At-Large and ALAC, and of the RALO. Therefore, we have to take that into account in the discussion. It may be a good moment to review the bylaws to see if we are really accountable as we need. That's the first point. And the second is that you know there is a review of At-Large going [inaudible] sooner or later, and in fact will be about ALAC and the RALO, and I am sure that this will be part of the discussions. I guess with this taskforce, it's a good time to have the discussion. Thank you very much, I'm sorry to delay from the discussion.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for that, Sebastien Bachollet. I was going to suggest that since you do have that angle of the accountability mechanisms, would you be agreeable to joining that taskforce as well, please?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I guess I receive the mail, and I had the impression that somebody decide for me. But I will be happy to participate.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this. Silvia or Yesim, I'm not sure who is taking the notes. I see the action items at the moment. Have I scrolled down too low? I certainly have scrolled down too low. Okay, so the action items are here. The bylaws to hold the call, okay that's fine, action item is there. We only have a few minutes left on our call today. We first have a quick EURALO flyer update. I mentioned it earlier, it's an action item for everyone to have a look at the flyer again, please, and come back to us as soon as possible. The latest version, as of March, is attached on the page that is linked to the agenda page. Please look at this, come back to us in our mailing list.

Then finally, is there any other business? Is there anyone who has any other business? I don't see anyone. I see several people [inaudible] goodness gracious, that's a bit fast. I have one piece of any other business to talk about, and that's a question on the general assembly. Let's first go through everyone who has put their hands up. Sebastien Bachollet, you have the floor. You might be muted.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, yeah, [inaudible] forget I have the mute with my phone, sorry. Yeah, I wanted to add two points or three maybe. The first one is that I would like, very much, [inaudible] send our appreciation to the chair of the [inaudible] for his marvelous job organizing and taking a large part of the success of ICANN [inaudible] in Marrakech. It's often that we have one of our leader in At-Large breaks through [inaudible] and I really think that it was very well done, and we can thank you. If you think that it's acceptable, I can try to write something before the beginning of the next week.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: That's my first point. My second is that – I forget my second now [inaudible]. Maybe give the floor to Oksana, and I will come back with my [inaudible]. Sorry.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks Sebastien. Yeah, note that a word of thanks is needed for [inaudible] has done so well, and it was really a memorable meeting, both by the venue, but also with the different events that took place. It's going to set the bar very high for us, because as you might know, and I hope that you have read the news, but the next meeting will take place in Europe, in Helsinki, so EURALO is going to have to start putting its head together into thinking what we do. The meeting is only a few months away. We have to think quite carefully. I don't think we can surpass [inaudible] events, they were certainly particularly exciting and very grand in scope and in size. It's going to be difficult for us to follow up on that. Certainly, we cannot bring a camel up in Helsinki, so we're going to have to find something else. Oksana Prykhodko, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. I have a question regarding ICANN meetings in Helsinki here. It's great [inaudible] to have this event in Europe, but it was very unexpected. Do you have, as EURALO representatives more

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possibilities to participate in this meeting? For example, next generation have additional possibilities. What about EURALO representatives?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Oksana. At present, I do not have any further information. It looks very unlikely that we're going to have any kind of additional funding, specifically as far as EURALO is concerned, or as far as the ALAC or At-Large is concerned. These are usually asked for in envelopes that we do in the special funding requests. However, there is of course Next Gen at ICANN is one program that is going to bring some people from Europe, and there's also the fellowship that's available, and I'm not even sure. I think that the fellowship closed a couple of days ago.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: It's closed.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Is it closed now? Yeah. Thanks for this, Oksana. These are the only programs that are up at the moment, and yes it was very unexpected, and the window of opportunity for application was pretty short. I haven't got any further information on this.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: May I add something on that subject?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Sebastien.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. As you know, [inaudible] put the bar very high about everything, but including outreach. As it will be the first [inaudible] we had a long conversation in the small group to set that outreach in Latin America. Importantly, it will not happen in Latin America. We have to, in a very short time, [inaudible] how we will do outreach for Helsinki, because as you know the [inaudible] is supposed to be in a smaller country, a place where we are not supposed to be able to go easily if [inaudible] ICANN meeting with all the [inaudible], then we have to figure out how will we do outreach? [inaudible] will bring people from [inaudible] like how long [inaudible] something different. And we have to start to think about that, and I would like very much that we have some exchange on [inaudible] subject, and see how to organize that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for that, Sebastien. May I suggest that you fire that question off to the mailing list to get the ball rolling? That's not the first I know about this, but certainly the first instance we're speaking about this. I think it's a good thing. We need to start now, basically, on preparing this. If you could please send an email to our EURALO mailing list? I gather that you are in charge of – or you have been put in charge of following up on this, or maybe you are being put in charge of following up on this now? I don't know. Are you volunteering?

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: You are the chair. You may decide. But I know that Alan was keen to ask me where we were on that, and I saw that he asked me to help with that. I will try to do my best on that issue, if you agree with that too.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sebastien. I note from the chat that Alan Greenberg said, "I volunteer him." Let me just second this, please. It sounds like you've got the matter well in hand, and that would be great. Yes, sorry Sebastien? You still had a few things?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, because to take this issue about the meeting, I have a concern with the Board decision, the last Board decision on the next meeting. I am quite disappointed with the Board decision. I really think that EURALO and [inaudible] At-Large need to say something on that. First of all, we will have two meetings in Europe in the same type of place. Now we are going to Helsinki, then we will go in Copenhagen. It's not good at all, not because I don't like Copenhagen or Helsinki, but because I think it's not the right move.

The second point is that the [inaudible] meeting next year will be in Africa again, but in South Africa, and which they don't need the small [inaudible] meeting or [inaudible] meeting to have a meeting in South Africa, then it's not the place where it's supposed to go. The third point, it's on the list, there is no change in having back a meeting in Latin America. All of that makes me feel that the decision taken was for good reasons [inaudible], but it's not the right move of the difference places.

As we are not really negatively concerned, I will say that we can easily say that we are problem with that. If you allow me, I will go through my two other points quickly.

The other point is that we start to have some discussion having some link with ALAC with the GAC, and I think our EURALO is [inaudible] we have ex-people from the GAC. We have a secretary who is very close to the chair of the GAC, and that could help to announce this discussion with the GAC [inaudible]. My last point, I don't want to leave this call without saying that I am very sad with what happened in Brussels, and we may also [inaudible] where our [inaudible] with the situation in Brussels. I will [inaudible] for people there. I'm sorry to be a little bit long.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Thank you, Sebastien for all these points. They're all on the record. We have run out of time, so we'll be addressing them as a follow up on the mailing list. I just have one more hand up with Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. I'll be very quick. Just on the outreach, I have heard that what is being suggested, perhaps, for the ACs and SOs to consider is that there be something similar to what At-Large did in Marrakech, and that is a parallel event where there's outreach outside of the venue, as well as continuing policy discussions during that time. So just a comment on that.

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For the general assembly, again Olivier, I didn't quite catch all your comments on that, but again, in the past EURALOs held a general assembly every year, regardless of whether that's a face to face for everyone, or if that means that some people need to call in. EURALO might wish to consider whether that be held during Helsinki or during the EuroDIG.

Finally, the last point is that there is a little bit of money from ICANN for some sort of networking event at Helsinki, a showcase, a networking event, or it might even go to something with the outreach event, so just some comment, thank you Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this Heidi, that's very helpful. We will have to follow up by email as we are beyond the end of this call. It's great to hear. Just one thing I was going to ask, on the GA, the general assembly, are there any objections to us since I've seen that we all have always contacted the general assembly, with a majority of people following remotely. Are there any objections from anyone with having a general assembly in Helsinki? We have two opportunities. Either do a general assembly in Helsinki, or do a general assembly at EuroDIG.

I know that EuroDIG might be attended by more people, I'm not sure whether it will or not, but it will introduce more difficulty as far as the actual attendance, and recording, and the logistics. Doing it at an ICANN meeting would be easier, and it's only one week apart, I think. I don't see any hands up. I will be asking. Let's ask the question on the mailing list as well, and follow up on this. I noticed from Wolf that there is

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hardly any space left for this at EuroDIG, so we might not have a choice and just have to do that general assembly at the meeting in Helsinki.

With this, we are 30 minutes beyond the end of the original timing for this call. I'd like to thank you all for being on the call. I hope it was interesting and helpful, and we'll follow up on all of these action items and more by email until the next call.

In the meantime, you'll see the EURALO flyer that's on the Adobe Connect. Please have a good look at this. Have a good browse. Even if you think that it's fine, just send a note to the mailing list and say, "Hey, you know what? I'm fine with it as it is." At least we need to know because this will be the flyer that we will have for the forthcoming years. And if it's something that says something stupid or out of date that doesn't work, we're going to be stuck with that and with people smiling at us while we talk to them about EURALO. They'll say, "You know what? What you're giving me here is completely irrelevant." I hope not.

Anyway, with that, have a very good evening everyone, and this call is now adjourned. Thanks to everyone, bye-bye.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The meeting has been adjourned. Thank you for joining today's call. The audio will now be disconnected. Have a nice day.

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