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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Let's get going.

TERRI AGNEW: Certainly. We'll go ahead and begin at this time. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference Call taking place on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Yuliya Morenets, Wolf Ludwig, Siranush Vardanyan, Yrjö Länsipuro, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, Gabriella Schitteck, and Roberto.

We have listed apologies from Sébastien Bachollet.

From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Terri Agnew.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much, and back over to Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Terri. Today we are going to be focusing primarily on the forthcoming Helsinki meeting. We'll have an update on the EURALO Bylaws Task Force. And we will be also speaking about the EURALO elections. So without any further ado, let's go into Agenda Item #2 and that is the action item from our last call. There were three action items. There is one remaining there with regards to the outreach

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following up with Yrjö on holding an evening event in Helsinki, and that's well in hand as well. So I don't think there's any outstanding action items on what we have in front of us.

Let's therefore move to Agenda Item #3 unless anybody has any comments to make. I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so Agenda Item #3 is our review of the current policy advice. As you know, we have two pages that follow this now. There is the ALAC page on the new ALAC website that also allows you to go through the past statements and so on and do searches. And there is also the one of the [confluence] or original policy advice development page.

Two statements recently approved by the ALAC. One was on the Draft Fiscal year 2017 Operating Plan and Budget and the Five-Year Operating Plan Update, with some comments made on various aspects of the FY17 plan. And also the second one is the proposal for multi-year planning of At-Large RALO face-to-face meetings. So that's not only the RALO face-to-face meetings but it's also to do with the At-Large Summits. There has been some intense work taking place speaking to ICANN Finance. In fact there was a call to discuss the two statements that were sent. And the first statement was, I think, discussed quite well and certainly we're going to be – the comments that were made were taken well by ICANN Finance and amendments will be made.

And on the multi-year planning, it looks as though this is going to proceed forward with the Board agreeing to have this overall multi-year planning taking place. So that's pretty good news I would say.

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Next, the statements in progress are two of them currently in progress. First there is a request for input on the Next Generation RDS Registration Directory Services. And that's the system that is ultimately going to replace the WHOIS system. WHOIS provides details of a registrant's details for a domain name and is seen as somehow obsolete because it's a one-size-fits-all scenario. So whether you are a large corporation, whether you are a civil society activist, whether you are an e-commerce website, the WHOIS records are somehow given in the same way. And that introduces all sorts of problems. The Next Generation Registration Data services System is going to be a lot more complex and will have several layers of information with some people or organizations, for example law enforcement, having a lot more detail on the registrant and others having less details on the registrant, etc. Holly Raiche is currently drafting a response on this.

We have another request for input, and that's the new generic Top Level Domain Subsequent Procedures. That's a Working Group that is taking place in the Generic Name Supporting Organization policy development process looking at whether there should be another round of new generic top-level domains. And if there is going to be something like this, then it needs to take into account a whole lot of things from the first round – lessons learned, amendments that were made to the Applicant Guidebook since it was finalized in... well, the original Applicant Guidebook was finalized in 2007 and quite a few amendments came in. So there is quite a lot going on here.

Ariel Liang is actually currently going through and putting together a preliminary list of all of the ALAC advice that was related to the new generic top-level domains, and Alan Greenberg, Cheryl Langdon-Orr,

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and me are currently looking at what we might wish to pick from this and comment on this very, very, important policy development process.

If you are interested in this, I would suggest that you also join the GNSO Working Group that deals with this. We have a few people that are following this process, but it's important to get in early and there is, I would say, a push from some parties to have a next round as soon as possible because it certainly is lucrative business for some. There are also a number of people and parties that are particularly concerned with having yet another round when we don't even know what the first round was all about and we haven't really got so much feedback on the first round so far.

So this policy development process will take quite a while. It's expected that this working group might take a year or maybe more. It needs to wait for some of the input that will come in from the Consumer Confidence and Trust review, that is an affirmation of commitment review that was mandated before anything else can move forward. But there will be some push in the working group from some people to say that we don't really need to have all of the information and leave no stone unturned before we move forward because there is pressure to move forward with the next rounds.

So it's a very important process here and I encourage you all to not only have a look at this, but be actively engaged in this.

No statements are currently [stalled]. That's great news. And there are a couple of public comment requests to which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements. The first one is a proposal for the Khmer Script

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Root Zone Label Generation Rules. As you hopefully know by now, the Internationalized Domain Name System requires each one of the Internationalized Domain Names – so we’re looking at different scripts, so Chinese, and Greek, and Cyrillic characters in Europe – all of these need to have some rules associated with the way the system is rolled out, and on this occasion it’s to do with the Khmer script. Unfortunately, we don’t appear to have anyone in our community that is particularly knowledgeable about the Khmer script so the ALAC couldn’t comment on this particular public consultation.

And then there is another consultation on the release of country and territory names within the .hyundai, .kia, and .godaddy top-level domains. And in line with the previous ALAC action, the ALAC have decided not to submit a statement because we have seen now this coming from quite a few applicants and there is no real push in one direction or another.

And then there is also another public comment request that has arrived on our desk, and that is the Draft New ICANN Bylaws. The closing date for this is the 21<sup>st</sup> of May which is only a few days from now. And that’s of course the follow-up to the Cross-Community Working Group on IANA Stewardship Transition and the Cross Community working Group on ICANN Accountability. As you know, the IANA Stewardship Transition Working Group has asked a number of changes to be made to the ICANN Bylaws, in fact to the overall ICANN structure, for an empowered community to be able to overrule the Board should it decide that the Board is acting outside of the bylaws or outside of its mandate or contrary to the wish of the ICANN communities. And those bylaws are effectively the embodiment of the changes that have been requested

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that were drafted by both ICANN Legal in consultation... well, they were drafted by the external legal advisors but of course they have worked with the ICANN legal on this. And the consultation is not in the hands of the Cross-Community Working Group anymore. That's a public comment request that is made by the ICANN Board.

It's a very tight schedule, and Alan Greenberg has expressed on the mailing list some of the concerns that he has with regards to some bylaws currently being drafted as not being in line with what the working group had originally intended.

That's what's on the table at the moment. I do note there is another statement that was not – I'm just looking here – I think we might have missed out on one particular public consultation, and that's on the new generic top-level domain name safeguards (new gTLD safeguards). And that for some reason, I don't see it here. Maybe because that was closing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April which was quite a time ago. It was a month ago. Okay. My fault.

Right, so that's the current policy work taking place, and I open the floor for questions, comments, volunteers who want to go into the subsequent procedures New gTLD Working Group, etc., etc.

No comments. Okay. So I take it that everything is fine as far as you're all concerned. Anyway, I know it's hard for everyone to jump into this at short notice and get to learn about it very quickly, but if you are interested in this in the long run then please take a look and you can of course comment on the wiki pages themselves which are referenced directly from the agenda.

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I saw briefly Jean-Jacques Subrenat's hand going up, but Jean-Jacques appears to have put his hand down. Jean-Jacques, was that just a test or are you wishing to take the floor?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes, hello. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes we can hear you. Please go ahead. You have the floor, Jean-Jacques.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. So, Olivier, you just mentioned some of the work by the ICG so I just wanted to confirm that the Chair of the ICG on behalf of all the ICG members on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of May have sent out to the CCWG a statement to make it known that in our opinion, a certain number of things were not suitable, especially we underlined the risk of the ICANN Mission being susceptible to modification by [external texts] or undertakings, some of which are not even yet in existence. So we demand or we request the withdrawal of a certain number of sections and the modification of some other sections in the text. I won't go into the detail, but I just wanted to confirm that, yes, ICG has been following all this quite carefully. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Jean-Jacques. That's very helpful to know and it's certainly reassuring that the ICG itself – and the ICG being a body that has taken the proposals from the three operational communities: the

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one from [the names], the one from the protocols community, and the one from the IP addresses community – and it's certainly good that the ICG is looking at this closely. Obviously, the ALAC and I would say obviously the ICANN naming community has been following very closely, but just on the names proposals. So I wasn't aware that the other... well, I know that the other communities are separately also looking at these bylaw changes because they will affect everyone. And it's good to see that the ICG is also following this closely.

Are there any other concerns? So one concern, just following up on this, is that the timeline for these bylaw changes is very, very, tight indeed. There has been a schedule if you want, published recently showing the implementation of the other parts of the proposal – the creation of a post-transition IANA, etc. But obviously, the first set is to adopt those new bylaws. The question, if you want, the public commenting closes very soon as I mentioned and the Board will then have a very short amount of time to be able to decide on the input that was received. I understand that [inaudible] support staff will be helped into producing a summary of all of the responses that are made, and I do know that some individuals have pointed out some actual errors in the bylaws. So we will have to see how quickly that will all be adopted, but it's going to be hard work to make sure that we have a solid set of bylaws by the time that the Board will be meeting in Helsinki.

So let's move on then. I don't see any other hands up and we can now, speaking of Helsinki, move to the preparation for Helsinki. We have a General Assembly Workspace that has been created by staff and at the moment it's got a range of activities. What we are asking are two things. First, if we could have more volunteers for the Helsinki Activities

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Organizing Task Force. At the moment, shown on the page are just Wolf Ludwig and myself. So please if others could volunteer, would you please just e-mail staff and say you'd like to be involved.

Now, of course, there are actually more people involved than just Wolf and me on this. There has certainly been a lot of work done by Yrjö who is, I would say, our local host for this meeting. But if we're going to just look at the General Assembly itself, and in fact maybe we should start focusing on this, the GA is set to take place I believe is it on the Tuesday morning that it's set to take place? And I'm turning to Silvia for that since she might know, or maybe Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi, I'm here, Olivier. So currently, two possible options and as we head towards finalization of the schedule we'll know for sure. Right now it's a two-hour block on Tuesday morning, and it might be divided into two one-hour sessions depending on when we can get agreement to meet with the GAC. So please bear with us on that point.

Should I talk about that joint civil society meeting now or do you want to call on me later?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes, we'll speak about civil society a bit later. Thank you, Heidi, for this. Of course, the GAC is not just you GAC-ing, it's the Government Advisory Committee.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: The meeting with the government takes precedence I understand over a lot of other things since there is always a lot of discussion going on there. But for the time being – and unfortunately, we don't have much of a say in the way that the schedule has been arranged – for the time being, the topics that we are going to be touching on are going to be on the... well, if you can see the things on there, we've got materials needed. We're obviously going to be looking at all of what has been taking place in EURALO, I'm sure there is going to be some focus on the two task forces that we have so far started, and there is likely to be perhaps some further discussion on the public interest and so on.

But it's still a very open agenda as we are at present. And I see that Wolf Ludwig has put his hand up, so he can certainly help us out in starting to focus a bit more on this. Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot, Olivier. Well, actually it will, as we all know this time, not be a face-to-face meeting. So unfortunately, the majority of our members won't join us for this meeting in Helsinki. But we have more or less to follow the regular rules what is sending out the invitations, announcement of a General Assembly. This announcement needs to be sent for former reasons according to bylaw prescriptions and then we have after that to draft agenda what will include the regular elements as usual, the presentation of an Annual Report, and perhaps presentation of some summaries about the two task forces. Then there will be some

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support for it. At this General Assembly there will be no election because leadership, as you know, was elected in Dublin for two years term. Same was with EURALO Board. Therefore we can spare out as this is usually time taking part. And we hope that we can manage it in about two hours.

I don't know whether it makes much sense to discuss a lot about content issues because to my expectations there will only be very few from our members in Helsinki, and discussing content issues – okay, I guess people can remotely participate – but it's different the atmosphere than a face-to-face meeting. But it has to be prepared following the rules. And this will be done me and our other leadership, Olivier and I in coordination. And once the announcement is sent, agenda is prepared, and the Annual Report distributed, then we can see if anything else is needed. I think that's all for the moment except if you have any further questions.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Wolf. So the floor is open for any questions or, I would actually even say, suggestions. Because as you said, we will have two hours. We don't have elections, which is great because that is always time-consuming and sometimes is time-consuming and annoying because everyone is waiting and things just take time to work out. That might open the door for us to have an interesting discussion on any topic of interest. Of course, the bylaw discussion and the discussion perhaps on ALAC's At-Large Structure engagement in the region, I think, might be important perhaps with a focus on the At-Large Structure engagement, because we haven't so far made much progress at all with

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that task force due primarily to time issues. And I must mea culpa on this because it really is down to me, unfortunately, to table this, but it has been a bit of a wild ride recently with all of the things taking place both in the Internet governance space, but also in ICANN as you know with what we've just mentioned earlier – the bylaws, the accountability, the IANA stewardship transition. But as these processes continue, we really need to also focus on the work that we have to do in our region.

And I do have concerns about the participation in EURALO. It's strange, I would say, because of the fact that there are a lot of topics in ICANN at the moment in which Europeans are particularly involved, and not only I'm saying Europeans as in outside of ICANN but there are a lot of Europeans in ICANN who are involved in those topics and the issues of human rights, the issues of privacy – the whole WHOIS debate is all something that in Europe we're particularly sensitive to and yet there is not that much involvement in EURALO itself. So if we can find ways to maybe make the topics easier for our members, maybe if we can find ways to perhaps think of a mentoring program for new leaders or something, if we can think of pushing further on the public interest and gain the interest of our At-Large Structure representatives to engage in this.

We are not at that point just talking domain names, we are speaking about issues that affect our users in our communities and that will affect them ultimately when decisions are made at ICANN level. So I'm hoping perhaps that we can have a discussion with the few people that will be there face-to-face but also with people calling in or being dialed out remotely.

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I don't see anyone else putting their hand up, so what we can then speak about are the other activities that will take place in Helsinki. So we've got the General Assembly on side. I guess that the action item for this is really that Wolf and I will be sharing a first draft of the proposed agenda. But as Heidi mentioned earlier, it's a bit hard to have a first draft since we don't know whether this will be in one slot or if it will be split.

We will start with some guideline ideas and then move from there. We might wish to also make invitations, invite some people from the Global Stakeholder Engagement if we want to discuss the Stakeholder Engagement and the involvement of our At-Large Structures. But these are just things that we can think of and discuss until the meeting takes place.

I understand that Jean-Jacques Sahel would be ready to speak to us. We also have Michael Yakushev who is the second person covering the region. So these two people would definitely be able to come and see us, and we could certainly speak more to them about Stakeholder Engagement and exchange ideas with them.

Wolf Ludwig, you have put your hand up. You have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. Thanks again, Olivier. Just a short [inaudible] as Lutz is on the call. There was an announcement last week I guess about ongoing consultation of the service directory and the former WHOIS, and I was forwarding to Lutz because Lutz has already in the past contributed with comments on the thick WHOIS at the time. He, in my opinion, is one of

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the experts in our community and Lutz [concerned] to me that he will preparing a statement.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. That's excellent news. I note from Lutz that he is still preparing the WHOIS response. Over the weekend he is going to be out in the nature with the kids and that's really lovely. I wish I could do the same.

The public comments period closes on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, so there's still some time. What I would ask though is for Lutz to be in touch with Holly Raiche as soon as possible, because she will be holding the pen for the ALAC response and obviously the earlier we can have Lutz's comments into the process the more likely it is to be taken into account and to end up in the final commenting. So that's particularly important to have early, especially if it's going to be included in ALAC response it needs to be put on the wiki page and the relevant wiki pages as soon as possible so as to engage in a dialogue with other people as well.

LUTZ DONNERHACK: I will do so.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Lutz, for this.

So where are we now? We are back with the Helsinki schedule. And the other thing that will take place in Helsinki, apart from the General Assembly, as you know the Helsinki meeting is going to be short. It's

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only four days in length. It started out as a meeting where there will be some focus on outreach. Unfortunately, due to the calendar dates there will be not that many people to be able to reach out to locally. It's midsummer at that part of the year, so something that is sort of a big celebration of the summer solstice. But there is some opportunity to have some networking with the various people that will be sponsored to come to the meeting, and certainly the Next Generation – commonly known as NextGen – is going to be sending quite a few people to the meeting. There are also quite a few Fellows that are coming to the meeting. And there is therefore the opportunity to have a joint EURALO networking event joint with the civil society opportunity which Jean-Jacques Sahel and Adam Peak are currently leading. And well, for this I'm not quite sure... Shall I just ask Heidi to fill us up on this? I note that the ICANN Policy Forum – it's been renamed even on the page now. But Heidi, frankly from our last meeting I have no idea when this is now going to take place and how this is going to happen as I understand what things are moving on a minute-by-minute basis. So what happened? I went to sleep last night and woke up this morning. Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you, Olivier. Well, things are moving around still, so everything that I'm about to say is still somewhat up in flux. But I think we're getting closer. So keeping in to the theme of having the Midsummer event in Finland, ICANN is going to be holding cross-community cocktails every night of the meeting. So Monday through Thursday.

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So on the Tuesday, which is the evening at the joint EURALO and Civil Society Showcase, is going to be taking place in parallel with a President's Cocktail. So what is going to happening currently is that there will be a very large area where the President's Cocktail is going to be taking three quarters of the space, and then one quarter of the space will be cordoned off with signage for the joint EURALO and civil society event.

So I think that the time now is going to still be 18:30 to about 19:30. And that's basically it at the moment.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Heidi. And it sounds like it's going to be a very funky evening then, with the battle of the MCs isn't it with a speech on one side and a speech on the other and I can certainly speak louder than anyone else. How is that going to work?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, that was a concern of Gisella and myself, but working with meeting staff we have been promised that we're going to get appropriate signage to make it clear that that is going to be a joint event. And it's up to you if you want to do something a little bit different to draw people in. So that's something you might wish to discuss.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Heidi. And as I'm learning this right now, you mentioned cordoning things off. I am a little concerned of the cordoning as I thought that we were very open and we would get everyone in, so I'm

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not so sure how we need to have velvet ropes, or is it to keep the rest of the community from us? Are we cordoned out rather than cordoned in?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Basically, it's going to be just some ropes with a very large opening, just so – if you wish that. Or you could just have signage all around you so people can distinguish President's Cocktail versus what this group is holding. So that's the thinking behind it. So if you wish to do something different, that's fine. But I don't think it would be useful to have the joint event separate from the President's Cocktail, because people will probably A) not find it, and B) probably go first to the President's Cocktail and then maybe not leave. That's the concern.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Heidi.

[dog barking]

The dog has asked for the floor. So dog, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry about that. That's a new member of the family here.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Welcome to a new member of the family. I hope that the bark will be transcribed. I insist on this. We need to give the voice to absolutely everyone.

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The floor is open for comments and questions and even suggestions on this. As I said, I'm learning this as well, so I'm not sure how we can do this. Certainly having our own event separately from the main thing is probably not a good idea. Having our event cordoned off is a question, I'm not sure what the ropes are supposed to be – who is protected from whom or whether it's just to mention that this is a civil society thing. I don't know. I'm open to any suggestions here. Does anybody have any preference on what could be done?

Yrjö Länsipuro, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yes, I think that they have in mind the architecture of Finlandia Hall and of course, not knowing exactly how this united and separate thing has been planned, but I can say that the architecture of the place with whatever you have in mind, Heidi, it makes possible to have a sub-event of a big event actually without any ropes. It's just a space that has all sorts of nooks and crannies this could enable that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Yrjö. That sounds very exciting indeed. We'll have to work it out a bit later. I'm not too concerned about this. I certainly think that if there will be an event every night and this is taking place at the same time as us – it is the same time isn't it, 18:30 to 19:30 – that ends pretty early as well. I don't see any problem with it as such, and I'm sure that Gisella and others will be able to work this out one way or other. When it comes down to drinks and canapés and so on, how will

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that work out, Heidi? Is it just waiters will be traveling all over the place, or is there a bar, or how does it work?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

That's something that you could decide. It would be nice to have a little bar in the sectioned off area or in our corner. I think that would be a good idea. And we do have funds from At-Large as well as from Jean-Jacques' group. So I think there is something that we can make it a really nice evening and draw people.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much. So then other questions – will we have the ability to just have a little two-minute welcome from Jean-Jacques and from perhaps me and from Yrjö? I would certainly insist that Yrjö might be able to say a few words as well.

And then basically the second question is, is there going to be music or how does this work? Because obviously this is a networking event for us and if you have the main event – the President's Reception – has blaring music then it's going to be difficult to talk. Or should we just leave it in your hands and then you can come back to us a bit later with it?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Gisella is away this week, so I think that if we just wait a week or so we can be in touch with Tanzania. I will bring back the questions about the music. That's a very good point. I like the idea of speakers very briefly just to introduce it, what the concept is of the joint event, maybe definitely invite the NPOC and NCUC and NCSG people, just at least

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make it aware, make invitations, send invitations to them just to distinguish that event from the larger event.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Heidi. And I'm mindful of the time. I just wanted to remind you that immediately after this event, there is also an ISOC event that will take place just a stone's throw away down the road, and then that will continue afterwards with an event in the same location with a jam session quite similar to the one that took place in Marrakech only it will be in broad daylight. Yrjö, did you want to suggest a couple of words on this, please? And then we will have to move on.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yes, thank you, Olivier. Yes, as we said, after the President's Reception and the [EURALO] event at 19:30 to actually 20:45 we plan to have an ISOC event, that is to say, in Helsinki. There will be no ISOC at ICANN event organized by the global ISOC. But we thought that the ISOC [Finland] anyway would like to meet other ISOCers coming from other chapters, so we have rented a place called [inaudible]. It's a 19<sup>th</sup> century villa on the opposite side of the bay where Finlandia Hall is situated. It's about one kilometer to walk if you want to walk along the bay. And it's actually, as I said, almost daylight, the fact that it's an evening. After the ISOC event at roughly 21:00, the jam session starts in the same place and they can play until midnight. Midnight should be the closing time for the [event]. Thank you.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much for this, Yrjö. And let's then now move on to our next agenda item, bearing in mind the time is ticking. And that's an update on the EURALO Bylaws Task Force. And, as you know, we have a task force that has been created to review the EURALO Bylaws and have a number of tasks. First was to map out the differences between the bylaws as they are drafted and how EURALO actually works. And this has been done expertly by Mikhail Medrish. Then the task force would revert back to the EURALO ALSes with their results.

And so what we've actually done – and you can see there are quite a few people now involved in the task force – is to start addressing each one of the points that Mikhail has brought forward, and find a solution to the points so far. No there have been quite a few calls that have taken place. I am trying to find the call. Here we go.

So recently since the last meeting that we had a number of things were agreed. The first part that we looked at was not the Chair and Vice-Chair, but it was to do with the... I'm having a hard time finding the... Here we go. I'm sorry for this. My screen has frozen while I was trying to read what this meeting had done. So I've got a small problem.

So we looked at various points, but to start with we're looking at each bylaw in turn and finding out if there are things that have changed since then. Certainly on the appointment of officers, at the moment we've got Chair, Vice-Chair, we've got a Board, we've got a Secretary, we've got a Treasurer, and this is likely to be simplified. That's what we're currently working on.

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On the previous calls we have discussed the EURALO Individual Users Association, and the fact that the current bylaws were mentioning that such an organization will be created, but of course that has been created now. So that bylaw has to be amended to show that this was created. There is still some discussion as to what detail we were going to explain the EURALO Individual Users Association, and I think that the consensus was we would be having this in adjunct documents – documents that are more operational in scope whilst the bylaws are more looking at the principles and the overall structure of things.

So as I said a moment ago, our next step is to start simplifying a few things. For example, the Treasurer position really doesn't make any sense if EURALO is not going to have its own funds as such. There is a whole section in the bylaws that speaks about any membership dues, and as we know there are no membership dues in EURALO so that's likely also to be amended.

But the work is ongoing. It's slow because we're being very thorough and we're also being very considerate of the fact that in order to make bylaw changes there are some at-Large Structures that are quite reticent in making any significant change. So we're effectively trying to keep away from making sweeping changes that have very little chance of passing, because as you know when we make the changes at the end we will have to have a vote of our At-Large Structures to agree to those.

So that's one thing. There is a discussion at the moment on the Board size, whether the Board which is currently five Board members plus the two officers – so plus Wolf Ludwig and me – could be reduced to having five Board members including the two officers. That's still discussion on

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the table. And we have asked that on e-mails, whether task force members could agree getting rid of the Treasurer and the advisory Council positions. That was another thing – an Advisory Council position – was also possible.

That's where we are on this task force at the moment. Are there any comments or questions? And I'm perhaps going to ask Wolf because he also is part of this task force. I don't see Mikhail Medrish on the call, unfortunately. But I see also Roberto Gaetano is here, and others are on the call that have been part of this task force. I might have missed something so please. Let's first ask from wolf if there is anything else we could add, and then if anybody else wishes to add to this as well.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay thanks, Olivier. No, I think you have made a very good summary. And at the moment there is not much that we can reasonably add. It's a discussion in process. It's an interesting discussion and we have to see at what stage this task force may come up with some proposal, some recommendations, for the broader membership. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay thank you very much. Let's open the floor for comments or questions. I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so the task force will have a call later on this week and will continue its work. The other task force as I mentioned earlier is one where I'm a little concerned because it's the At-Large Structure Engagement, and let's hope we can kick start it in the next few weeks, perhaps ahead of the Helsinki meeting and then get that one in motion as well.

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Now we can move to the next agenda item, and that's #6 – the EURALO election. As you know, we now have been asked by the ALAC to provide details or to run a process to fill the vacancy of Sandra Hoferichter. Sandra is not running for election again, so she is actually running now for the Nominating Committee position. You should have a link on your page – thank you, Terri – EURALO elections 2016. You'll see a link which has got the details of the different people running for the elections, so Sandra Hoferichter has been nominated to be on the Nominating Committee. This is the committee that chooses people to go on the Board, people to go in the Generic Names Supporting Organization council, people to go on the ALAC, and I think they also choose one person to go on the ccNSO council as well. So the post was held before by Veronica Cretu, but Veronica has finished her term there and so Sandra is going for this, and I believe that Sandra is the only person who was nominated for this position.

When it then comes to the ALAC itself – so the position was vacant and so we now have the ability to... We did ask for people to be nominated and it was pretty hard to find someone, unfortunately. But thankfully, at the very last moment two people stood forward and we have on the one hand Bastiaan Goslings, and on the other hand – and I'm trying to look for that information on the page and I can't quite find it. Yes, sorry. So we have Veronica Cretu nominated and we have Bastiaan Goslings, who has himself been nominated but also supported by several people. And so there is a nominee statement. Now, that's a bit strange because Bastiaan's statement should have been updated when he – he actually sent his details through, so I'm going to have to ask Silvia. I'm not quite sure why that hasn't been updated on the page.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, Olivier. I see that he sent an e-mail to you replying to some questions you presented. I believe that's what you are referring to as the statement, correct?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: No, I'm not. I'm speaking about the original nomination. He sent an e-mail out and said, "I'd like to nominate myself for the position," and it was quite a long e-mail with his reasons for nomination. So that should be on the wiki page. I have sent some questions out and both Veronica and Bastiaan have answered the questions, so I think that should also be put on the page somewhere, I'm not quite sure where. And I see that Bastiaan is on the call at the moment. Is Veronica on the call as well?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, she's not.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I note that we haven't sent an invite to the two candidates to be on there and that's partially my fault, I guess. I should have mentioned that we are going to be discussing the elections briefly. What we might have is a special purpose call where we can just have the two candidates answer questions if there is demand for this. I haven't seen any further questions being asked on the mailing list, but I would certainly ask if anybody has questions here. Or Bastiaan, if you have a few words that you'd like to say to the people who are on this call, and we can certainly

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point people to this call recording later on. But I guess in all fairness it would be better if Veronica was also here.

Bastiaan, do you have anything to say or ask?

BASTIAAN GOSLINGS:

Thank you, Olivier, for all your kind words. Well, what can I say? Thank you very much for having me here. I was actually not aware of this agenda part. I saw the invite for the call and I'm not much of a candidate. I'm going to at least try to participate in the call so that's why I'm here. As you mentioned, I indeed sent two quite lengthy e-mails to the list to introduce myself and to follow up on some questions you so kindly provided. Very detailed, but I'll take that positive in the sense that I'm very enthusiastic and I do take this very serious. I hope people had the opportunity to take notes of these e-mails and to read them. And I hope they were clear.

As I said, I'm actually quite new to this ICANN world, and also more specifically the ALAC environment. The first time I attended an ICANN meeting was during the ATLAS 2 Summit when I attended on behalf of the At-Large Structure. I represented the Internet Society Netherlands Chapter. And since then I was able to attend a couple of ICANN meetings on behalf of my employer, the Amsterdam Internet Exchange, one of the largest Internet hubs in the world and I'm employed by them act as their Regulatory and Public Affairs Spokesperson. And I use the ICANN meetings basically more as networking events, Internet Governance events, and the topics as such are not necessarily something that belongs to the core business of what my employer is

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involved in. But I do feel, especially seeing what happened since the IANA transition was announced and the work that was done and I was partly involved in that with the other RIPE community and also in the Netherlands in the Dutch community.

I think this is so important. I've been learning so much from this. I somehow need to give something back to this community and invest more time into it. But as I also said in my e-mail, as an At-Large Structure myself personally we actually struggle with the fact how to engage with the ICANN community. All those other urgent topics that we're working on on a national and local level and then the ICANN since sometimes seems very abstract and far away. But I believe it's very important and initially I knew the candidacy was up for grabs and Sandra was not putting herself up for election again. But I took that as a "for your information." I thought it was very interesting but I never thought to actually apply myself because of my lack of ICANN experience. I never thought I would have a serious chance to actually become the person to do this.

But then when it became clear that no volunteers were actually applying, and I had let some people know that I was interested, people started asking me, "Go ahead. Please apply. This is important." And I thought, "Okay, I'll do it." And actually I was on the verge of sending my application in and then Veronica's nomination came in which is actually great I think because then people have something to choose from.

My enthusiasm and the fact that I want to go for this is very clear to me. I'm very willing to commit and spend time and resources into this because I sincerely believe in the good cause that as an ALAC

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community we are trying to achieve within ICANN. I'm sure veronica is an excellent candidate too. Just the fact that she did this before, the job, and she can come back. That's probably a clear demonstration that she's perfectly fit to do so again.

And I'm aware of some of the comments that people made. I have to be completely transparent. I'm a 45-year-old Caucasian male, so when it comes to gender balance and maybe regional balance, I'm from Holland. That's up to other people to decide how important that is. I can only demonstrate that I'm more than willing to do so and put my heart into it and my best effort and I think I have quite some experience and also knowledge with regard to how the Internet works probably more from a technical perspective than [inaudible] ICANN policy making process.

But I think I can add value and I hope that people can appreciate that. And once again, I'm very honored to be a candidate, and if people have any questions please let me know. I'll be happy to follow up on them.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Bastiaan. I wonder if we have Sebastien Bachollet still on the call. I know that he did come in at some point, and that he is on holiday so he is sort of coming in and out. He was the nominator for Veronica and perhaps he could say a few words if he is on the call.

TERRI AGNEW: He is no longer on the call. And he did confirm poor Wi-Fi service where he's at and he's unable to connect via telephone.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, dear. Okay. Thank you. That's a little bit difficult. Fair enough. I note that there are several seconders. Does anybody wish to say a few words about Veronica? I know that she is known by our community already but maybe a few additional words on what she's been up to.

I see Jean-Jacques Subrenat has put his hand up, so Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Hello, Olivier, and to all. I'm sure there are other colleagues who have worked more closely with veronica, but let me just say a few words of what I knew. The first striking thing when I met her is the extraordinary extent of her relationships throughout Eastern Europe but much more widely throughout Europe and other parts of the world.

The second thing which struck me was her command of the subjects which she was dealing with, meaning the interface between policy and technology. And she does that particularly well.

The third thing I would say is her ability to listen, to express clearly – by the way, in a number of languages, it's quite an achievement – and to be convincing. But her ability to convince comes very much from her ability to listen.

So I think that as far as I'm concerned and with the experience I have had in meeting with her in ICANN events, I would say she is a good candidate. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for that, Jean-Jacques. It's very helpful. And I see Yrjö Länsipuro has put his hand up. So Yrjö, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Just briefly, Veronica was the EURALO representative on the Nominating Committee and I was enormously impressed by her contribution to the committee. And what she is also involved in [inaudible] open government scheme around the world. So [of all the] organizations, I think that she will be a very good candidate for [inaudible]. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Yrjö. That's helpful as well. So that's great. And I see that there are no further hands. Does anybody have questions to ask? I can't see any of the candidates, but certainly any questions for Bastiaan since he is here? Sandra Hoferichter.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We can't hear you.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello. Can you hear me now?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you.

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SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I'm sorry, I'm on my computer and also on my phone doing some garden work while I'm listening to this call.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Is it e-gardening, or is it actual real gardening?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: No, it's real gardening with dirty hands and so. But this keeps me very focused on the call, so you can be assured I'm following.

I would like to also support what Yrjö and Jean-Jacques Subrenat just said about Veronica. I also got to know her as a very hard working, experienced, and extremely intelligent person. Still, I would like to consider for the next ALAC [inaudible] to think also about the point of bringing in new people. Veronica was already at the ALAC and also at the NomCom. She was always connected to this community which is great, but as we realized, we have not really new people coming in. Although she is perhaps a good candidate and it's really nothing personal, I would really opt for Bastiaan as a new ALAC member because I think we should really put more effort in bringing in new people. For my feeling, sometimes looks a little bit questionable if the same people are getting recycled again and again. So this would be my reason for Bastiaan. I don't know Bastiaan. It's very good to be so close to the Internet community with his Amsterdam Exchange Point, so I'm sure he has the knowledge to contribute meaningful to the community and it would also bring in a totally new angle which we never had at the ALAC. But I would really opt for broadening and widening this

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community without neglecting Veronica's experience and skills. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Sandra. I realize we are now six minutes beyond the end of this call, but that's been a very interesting, and thanks to everyone who has spoken just now. Thanks to Bastiaan and thanks to Jean-Jacques, and everyone else on this. It has been helpful. And I think that what we can do is to point out to people who are not on the call that they can listen, if they don't want to listen to the whole call they can certainly listen to the last 10-15 minutes of the call or read the transcript and they'll learn a little bit more about the two candidates. Of course, pointing them also to the EURALO election page.

At this point there is just one thing that I was going to ask of the people on the call. Since we only have one candidate for the Nominating Committee position, Sandra, I was going to ask whether there was any objection to having Sandra being selected for the Nominating Committee by acclamation. So what it basically means is we don't have a core among the call here for all of our At-Large Structures, but certainly because we are here we can certainly do by acclamations say yes our recommendation would be that if Sandra who goes onto the Nominating Committee and we then issue a consensus call on our mailing list regarding Sandra, and so then we don't need to conduct any other elections or whatever one calls it. I know that some people say, "For every position we need to have the name of the person and none of the above." But that just complicates matters I think on the one hand. And on the other hand, it's also something that is not particularly

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nice. If you don't like a candidate then just don't vote at that point I guess.

Ultimately, I was just going to ask if we can be okay with that. I see some +1s in the chat and I think I saw also a few green tick marks in the participants list. And I don't see any -1s or anybody being against that. So with this, so let's note this then that the participants have given a green light for Sandra by acclamation, but we need to issue a consensus call to the mailing list. So send an e-mail to the list announcing it and finding if there's anybody who is objecting to this. And they can, of course, object privately if they wish, to ICANN staff.

And Sandra, since I know you I think it would be very unlikely that anyone will object to you being on the Nominating Committee, and I think you have all the qualifications required for being able to find the best people for ICANN, the best people for all of the different positions that are there.

And with this, I'm apologizing to everyone for being a little bit late on the call, but it's been I think quite helpful. I'd like to thank you all for participating on today's call. And I'd like to – unless there is any other business – going once, going twice, I don't see anyone putting their hand up. So with no further business this call is now adjourned until we meet and have our General Assembly. Thank you very much and have a very good evening, everyone.

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TERRI AGNEW:

Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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