
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, I think we can get going, please, Yeşim.

YEŞİM NAZLAR: Sure. Certainly. Once we start the recording, then I'll go ahead with roll call. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO monthly call, taking place on the 18th of October, 2016 at 18:00 UTC. Call today, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Oksana Prykhodko, Yuliya Morenets, Mirjana Tasic, Yrjö Länsipuro, Jordi Iparraguirre, Anne-Marie Joly, Tatiana Tropina, Sebastien Bachollet, and Wale Bakare. We have received apologies from Gabriella Schitteck, Roberto Gaetano, and Alan Greenberg. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar. Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking for the transcript purposes. Thank you very much, and over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Yeşim. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Have we missed anybody in our roll call?

It doesn't look like it, so welcome, everybody, to this month's EURALO call, the last one before the meeting in Hyderabad, ICANN 57. We're only a couple of weeks away, and time really flies. Today, we'll just be going through the usual policy work of the At-Large Advisory Committee. We'll have an update from Yrjö Länsipuro on the EURALO Task Force, on the At-Large Structure Engagement. A very quick update

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on the ALAC and the At-Large Leadership Team, the ALT. And then, an update on the activities of the EURALO Board. And finally, a discussion of the EURALO Strategic Plan for Outreach. That's the current agenda, as it stands. Is there a request to add, or amend the agenda with additional items, like "any other business"?

I don't see any hands being put up, so the agenda is adopted as is on your screen at the moment, and we can swiftly move to the Action Items. The Action Items are such that there is only one remaining Action Item that hasn't been fulfilled yet; that's for the EURALO Bylaws Review. Michael Yakushev, the Vice President for Europe – sorry, for Eastern Europe – has to come back to EURALO with an update on the request for legal support for our Bylaws Review. If you remember in Helsinki, we were told that this could be available. The last feedback that I had from Michael was that they were waiting for the end of the IANA Stewardship Transition to take place, and that has taken place now. So I understand that Michael is today in Poland; I've spoken to Jean-Jacques Sahel earlier today on other matters. But Jean-Jacques Sahel is also in Poland. There is an IGF going on over there, and the two of them are active locally. But hopefully, we should hear from him shortly with the next steps to get our EURALO Bylaws Task Force to start moving again.

All the other tasks, as we've said, are all complete. So I don't see anybody putting their hand up, which means we can move to the next agenda item, and that's a review of the current public consultations. Not that many, considering the time of the year. Usually, just before an ICANN meeting, there are quantities of consultations. You can look at these by clicking on the correct portion of the agenda. You can see

them either on the At-Large website itself, or on the At-Large Policy Advice Development Page. Currently, there is one statement in process, and that's creating a consumer agenda at ICANN that's a long-term discussion that was started a little while ago by Garth Bruen – and “a little while ago” means the 3rd of August, 2016. We're still awaiting a full – well, there's a lot of discussion underneath, at the bottom of the page. So if you wish to take part in the discussion, please do it now. And I'm not quite sure what the status of this is, but it obviously is moving forward, since it's not a statement that's currently marked as stalled.

I note that Heidi Ullrich has put her hand up, so Heidi, perhaps you wish to speak to this?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, thank you very much. Hi, everyone, this is Heidi. Just two points. One is on that consumer agenda item, Rinalia has informed the Board that At-Large will likely be discussing it in Hyderabad with them. Just again, keep in mind that this is something that Steve Crocker requested At-Large prepare during the ICANN 56 meeting in Helsinki. And we do have it on the agenda for the Thursday, the 3rd of November – the first day – we have that as a long discussion item for At-Large to discuss. So that will give you some time to prepare that a little bit more, and then present that to the Board, I believe, the next day or so. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Heidi. That's helpful. So we can then continue on this. The statements that currently seem to be stalled: the input requested for the SO/AC/SG/C – of course, Supporting Organization Advisory Committee Stakeholder Group and Constituency Outreach. The new generic Top-Level Domain subsequent procedures – Alan Greenberg and Holly Reich are all currently working on a statement. It seems to be closing on the 1st of August. I do not know where we are on this; unfortunately, it's not in my hand at the moment. So, it's stalled; if you're interested in giving it a kick, then please email them and we'll find out and follow up.

Let's see, next – the public comments to which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements. There is one for the Georgian Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules. Now, these are rules which are in place when you have internationalized domain names. It usually has to do with visual similarity or rules that you would need to have if you have words with accents, and which mean the same thing with an accent or without an accent, or sometimes mean a different thing with an accent and without an accent. These are the rules that would decide on whether two seemingly different words, by their characters, actually mean the same thing and should be equated to the same domain. We have the luck and the ability of having people in Georgia – we, as in the At-Large community, have people based in Georgia who have been involved with the work of the IDN-ICANN Working Group that creates those rules. Same as for Ukraine, same as for – so the Cyrillic script and the Armenian script as well, and Chinese scripts, as well, and I missed, I'm sure, lots of other scripts. So the ALAC has not provided any statements on any of these – at least recently, except that there really

was something that would stand out as being wrong. But obviously, those people putting together those proposals absolutely know what they're doing, which is great to see.

The new public comments that currently require decisions: there is a Latin American and Caribbean DNS marketplace study. That closes on the 1st of November. I understand that LACRALO, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional At-Large Organization, is looking at putting together a statement for this. The proposed amendment to .XXX registry agreements to transition to a new fee structure, and to adopt additional safeguards – that one closes on the 24th of November, 2016. .XXX is obviously the Top-Level Domain under which you would get a lot of pornography, and the structure and the safeguards themselves are meant to further protect consumers. I must admit, I haven't looked into this statement yet, so if you think the ALAC absolutely needs to write something about this, then please – you're very welcome to step forward.

And finally, the Phase Two Assessment on the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program follow updates. I'm not quite sure what that is supposed to mean; it certainly doesn't mean such – I guess it's Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program. And currently, no statement there. I must admit, I haven't looked at this, either. It obviously is an assessment of the – probably some competitive effects. There we are. And so that's, I think, particularly important for our community, especially since the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team has been working on this topic. So I can see here, this is actually a request made by the CCTRT – so the Consumer Choice, Consumer Trust Review

Team. I would say this is definitely something that the ALAC would need to be working on, and if you are interested in these issues – issues of competition and consumer choice – then I would highly recommend that you have a look at this, and perhaps even volunteer. You don't need to be the main penholder, but I'm sure there will be several people that will step forward for this. But please, do consider that. The competition issues are very, very important in Europe, and we certainly want to have our say in this.

That's the current public consultations. Are there any comments or questions on any of these issues, or indeed, anybody stepping forward to say, "Yes, please, I want to pick the pen up and I want to be the main drafter of the [inaudible] for the ALAC! I would like to see my name up in lights."?

Nobody wishes to be famous? Okay, well, let's just then move on to the next part of our agenda. And that's the EURALO Task Force on the At-Large Structure Engagement. And I wish, by the way, you will notice in the [inaudible] brackets are introduced [inaudible] by the ICANN email system, so please – just forget about what's in the squiggly or square brackets.

Yrjö Länsipuro is on the call. Yrjö, are you able to provide us with an update on what has been going on in this Task Force?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO:

Yes. This is Yrjö Länsipuro. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We can hear you very well, Yrjö. Welcome.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Okay. Thank you, Olivier. Okay, so the Task Force on At-Large Structure Engagement. At the end of September, a message went out to all EURALO ALSes from Olivier, asking for two things: asking to identify a few subject matter experts from the ALS, so that they could participate in the drafting of the advice ALAC and EURALO gave to various ICANN [inaudible]; and the second, asking for information about the engagement of the ALS on a national level. That is to say, in the multi-state [inaudible] Internet governance activities on a national level. I'm glad; I'm happy that, actually, more than a majority of ALSes have replied; perhaps the staff can provide the exact number in the chat, but it's a majority, anyway. And of course, the deadline is tomorrow, so we might still have a few.

Now, we didn't quite get what we asked, because ALSes seem to be reluctant to name – to identify by name and email address, the experts – and I can understand that, but I think that that's a [inaudible] step. I'm happy that many ALSes have identified the areas where they have expertise and where they would be willing to contribute. We also have pretty good information from all of the national-level activities they are involved in, so that the next step will be a Task Force. I would imagine that first of all, what we try to get information from all ALSes [inaudible], and also engaging with all ALSes that had indicated expertise in one or another area. We have to keep them in mind, and actually when there are common areas and other opportunities for

using their expertise, we should really do it. So far, so good. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this thorough update, Yrjö. It's good to see that things are moving forward. What I was going to suggest is that I perhaps would send a quick reminder after this call to the ALSes that have not responded. Or perhaps – would you be open to extending by a couple more days? I do recall that at least one of the At-Large Structures has come back and said they were extremely busy in the past couple of weeks; that they would be able to only respond next week.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, this is Yrjö. Yeah, I think that we could extend, sure. For a week or so. There's no hurry.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Yrjö. Let's just follow up after this call, then, and we'll see if we can perhaps extend it by a couple more days. I don't have the exact statistics of how many ALSes have responded so far. I know that there is a link – well, the staff are putting all of this together on a Wiki page – or, sorry, not on a Wiki page. On a Google Doc, I think it is. But I haven't had a chance to have a look at it. How many ALSes are we still running after with a question mark? Maybe Sylvia might know. Sylvia Vivanco.

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Yes, hello, Olivier. Thank you. Yes, just an hour ago, we had a very good rate, and you can see there on the Google Sheet, I counted – most of them have replied, and we are just waiting for replies from thirteen ALSes. So we are updating this every day, and hopefully we will get the thirteen to reply very soon. And you can see there on the chart, they are highlighted in orange color, the ones that are still sending replies. And some of them are also telling us that they will reply in the next few hours. Terri Agnew from At-Large’s staff is updating this Google Sheet. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Sylvia. That’s really great, so thanks. It’s Olivier speaking. Whilst I was reading the Action Items, actually – and we might go back to this – the Action Item Number 2 might need to be explained more explicitly, because I’m not quite sure main penholder on what would be a question on this – just finishing on this, it’s just to let you all know that earlier today, there was a call of the RALO Secretariats and Chairs, and we shared a discussion on this specific topic, because this whole topic of actually being able to get the input, or know what our At-Large Structures have in their guts – know of all the competencies that they have – is a recommendation from the Second At-Large Summit. And whilst we are conducting some direct email exchange with our At-Large Structures, NARALO has come up with a very shortened survey, which has also been – actually, just a quick one-pager, and it seems to be quite – they haven’t launched it yet, but it seems to be quite complete, as well – and other RALOs are very likely to follow suit and perhaps either have a very short survey, one-pager, or to ask their members for more information. So the work that we’re doing

is not only helpful for EURALO, but it's obviously going to be helpful for all of our communities and the overall At-Large community.

Sylvia, you have your hand up, still?

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Olivier. I have [inaudible] with Tatiana, and she is a volunteer for the Competition and Consumer Trust CC that we mentioned earlier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, fantastic. [CROSSTALK] Thanks for this, and we'll – so thanks for this, Sylvia, and we'll put Tatiana in touch, then, with the people who are currently holding, or they're the co-authors, and maybe she can move this thing forward. That would be excellent.

Are there any further questions for Yrjö? I don't see anybody else. So, the Working Group is unlikely to meet, I think, until Hyderabad. Is that correct?

Yrjö Länsipuro? Have we lost Yrjö?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, this is Yrjö. Yeah, that's correct.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, what are the plans moving forward?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: So, moving forward, as you said, I think the next step is tomorrow; so after the deadline is over, I'll send a reminder for all those who have not answered. Then the Task Force, I think, should take a look at all the answers and perhaps put a short paper together. But I think the most important thing is that we – now, when the ALSes have indicated that they are interested in contributing on some topics, that we actually use their – we actually make some use of their offers, and when opportunities arise for using their expertise, that we [inaudible] we have to constantly keep in mind that we have those people out there, and when preparing for public comment and so on and so forth, actually inform them and ask for their opinions and their statements. That's a long process, but I say that this is really how we can slowly but surely activate the ALSes. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Yrjö. Next is Sebastien Bachollet, and then we'll have Heidi Ullrich afterwards. Sebastien, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Just a question. When you look through the document with input, it seems that there is one ALS requesting decertification. Strange way to use this request for input to say that, but I guess we will have to take that into account and to decide what we do with the Committee for Democratic United Nations. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thanks for this, Sebastien. It's Olivier speaking, and maybe we have to amend this table not to reflect this. We will be touching on the KDUN in a moment. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you, Olivier. So I want to congratulate the EURALO on this. This is excellent, and I think the information that we've been looking from staff – and Olivier, when you were Chair as well, we were looking to see if we could gather some of that expertise and identify the ALSes that offer certain expertise for policy work, for working with presentation that perhaps GSE couldn't get to – so I think that this would be something really useful for the other RALOs to learn about. And Olivier, perhaps you could discuss this or raise this point during the Regional Secretariat Meeting in Hyderabad for the other RALOs to consider doing something similar, that we could then – as Sylvia mentioned, we are currently updating our ALS database to make it, a) much more accurate, and b) much more extensive in terms of the information that is on there – and some of the items that we could add would be the expertise within all of the ALSes. So that's something else we could work with. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Heidi. It's Olivier speaking, and indeed, one of the questions for today's Secretariats call was, what was going to be the content of the Secretariats meeting in Hyderabad. And I did suggest that this subject would be touched on, as well, when we meet face-to-face in Hyderabad. Perhaps by that time, we will already have more

information about our own ALSes, and that might even trigger the RALOs from the other regions to say, “Hey, we really need to have that information, as well, for our own ALSes.” So that’s really great. I’m happy to see things moving forward.

Any comments or questions? Further comments or questions? No?

Okay, then – so the only thing here is just to amend this response from KDUN. I don’t know why that would be on the table. And perhaps we should have, since this is a Working Group [inaudible], I don’t know who is supporting this group, but somebody should add a link to the dashboard or the document that is currently being put together by staff, at a suitable time or a moment. But I’ll leave that over for you to deal with.

Let’s move swiftly on to our next discussion, and that’s ALAC and the At-Large Leadership Team.

Now, you will have seen on the mailing list that there was a call for nominations of the At-Large Leadership Team. That’s a five-member team. One person from each one of the regional At-Large organizations – ALAC members, of course, it would have to be an ALAC member – and it’s also a team which includes the Liaisons for the Generic Name Supporting Organization Liaisons, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee Liaison, and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization Liaison. Three Liaisons. And of course, the ALAC Chair is one of the five ALAC Leadership Team people.

Now, the function of the Leadership Team is primarily to do a lot of things in the background, do things when they need to be done quickly.

Mostly when it comes down to any of the – there’s a lot of paperwork and things, the daily activities of the ALAC, and sometimes a few strategic discussions. Although the discussion of the ALT are absolutely open, and the calls are open, if anybody’s interested in this. All of this discussion to let you know there has been a nomination of Veronica Cretu on the – to be a member of that team, of that Leadership Team. She is the incoming ALAC representative, replacing Sandra Hoferichter, and there had been some discussion with other people, perhaps moving forward – just in all transparency, there was a discussion between the ALAC members yesterday, on a quick ad hoc call between us – private call – saying, “Well, we’ve got good coordination between us, and Veronica is the right person to be on that Leadership Team.”

So that’s it, really. I don’t know if there is anything else we can add. Sebastien was on the call, so Sebastien, do you have anything else to add to this?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Not directly, Olivier. I wanted to ask you one question, because when you listed the members – or the participants, sorry – of the ALT, that means that they are members of five regions, members of ALAC and the Liaisons, you talked about CCNSO, GNSO, but I didn’t hear you talking about GAC; and I guess that as it’s a new position, it may be important to have the GAC also participating. And the other reason I am mentioning that is, as Europe will not be anymore the Liaison to the GNSO, the only European Liaison will be Yrjö, as Liaison from ALAC to the GAC. And I think it’s important, because if not, there is a very heavy weight from LACRALO. There are three Liaisons [inaudible] CC and

GNSO, and Yrjö may be a good weight to balance the inputs of the different regions. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks very much for this, Sebastien. It's Olivier speaking, and I will plead my ignorance when it comes to this, because I think that this has to be reflected in the bylaws, and I'm not quite sure – has this change been reflected in the bylaws? Indeed, I know that the GNSO Liaison was just added as a temporary position until now, or ad hoc position and now has become part of the ALAC's fabric, and I do not know [CROSSTALK]

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I'm sorry Olivier – you just said “GNSO,” but you wanted to say “GAC Liaison.”

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry, GAC – sorry, the GAC liaison. Sorry. Apologies for this. Yeah, I felt that the GAC Liaison so far was ad hoc until this meeting, and now it's going to be absolutely permanent. Heidi, have you tracked whether this is now reflected in the bylaws, and whether then, as a result, the GAC liaison would become part of the ALT?

YEŞİM NAZLAR: Hi, Olivier. This is Yeşim. Heidi has just disconnected. We're trying to reach out to her again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Thanks, Yeşim. Alright, it's Olivier speaking. We can move on and we can ask the question and any other business, then, at the end. But I would say, what you're saying is absolutely correct, Sebastien. And I would imagine that, if the bylaws are being amended, the GAC Liaison would be a Liaison that would be part of the ALT. It would definitely be that, and it would also be a funded position, in that there should be a travel slot, hopefully, ultimately, for the GAC Liaison, as well. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Olivier, thank you. Just one point is that, yes, it's better if it's reflected in the bylaws, but the Bylaws Chair of the ALAC can invite who he wishes to. Then I think even if the bylaws are not yet updated, we need to make sure that the ALAC Chair, Alan Greenberg, will invite Yrjö to the ALT meetings.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks very much for this, Sebastien. It's Olivier speaking, and I think that we should also note that the ALT meetings – the At-Large Leadership Team meetings – are all open. It's only if there is any part of the meeting that needs to take place in-camera – so in other words, behind closed doors – that the ALAC Chair has the ability to invite whoever he wishes or she wishes to invite, at the time itself, anyone who is not actually part of the Leadership Team.

So let's then move on, and Yeşim, if you could let me know when Heidi is back on the call, then we'll probably be able to ask her the question. Next is the EURALO Board update about the – sorry, it's the update on the EURALO Board Conference that took place on the 26th of September. So there were some discussion, as there always is – if you want, you can listen to the whole recording, which is available – but just as a summary, there was a discussion of the EURALO hot topics, and I think it's quite important that we mention it here, as well.

We have – in the past EURALO call, we had a discussion about the EURALO Hot Topics Version 3 document that was sent to the Board, and there was a suggestion that this should be actually made into a standalone page that would be reviewed at every EURALO call. And so, here we are, we've got EURALO Hot Topics 2016, we've got the Wiki page, and there is a Google Doc that is linked from this page, and you're all very welcome to comment on this Doc, to add things to this document and to make sure this is a living document, as a result. Because hot topics do come and go, and it would be helpful for anybody who suddenly comes into EURALO – maybe a new At-Large Structure, or somebody who is interested coming from an existing At-Large Structure, or an additional individual member in EURALO – to find out what the hot topics are at the moment. And perhaps we can even continue developing this document with links to our various Working Groups, etcetera, depending on what the hot topic is.

So that's one that we continued working on and looking at. There was a review, of course, of the different Task Forces. And then there was a discussion of the At-Large Structure decertification. And if you look at the agenda, there is a link to the decertification workspace. Every now

and then, RALO – as you know, we certify new At-Large Structures – but there are also some At-Large Structures that are not At-Large Structures anymore. Perhaps the organization has been dissolved, or doesn't exist anymore, or has merged with another organization, or indeed has indicated the fact that they would not wish to remain an At-Large Structure. And recently, we have received such a request from the KDUN, the Committee for a Democratic United Nations. Bill Drake was very kind to hold this seat for a few years, when the primary representative moved jobs, or left KDUN, and has now gotten us in touch with the leadership of KDUN, who have basically told us that they have been particularly busy in other matters, particularly United Nations-related matters, and did not have – or did not feel that they had the time to devoted to EURALO matters in any significant way, thus asking us to delist them, or decertify them. So that's in the process. The process has been launched, and because it's a request from KDUN, there really isn't much of a case to make against their own request, and we have therefore forwarded the request for decertification to the ALAC, and the ALAC is going through its own process, which will have to include a vote, since it is the ALAC that certifies and decertifies ALSes.

When it comes down to ISOC Luxembourg – there is a discussion that was started with the people currently in charge of ISOC Luxembourg – it was thought previously that the organization had completely been dissolved, but this was not the case, and we have found that there are efforts at the moment currently in place to renew this organization, have a new Board, and certainly there is some interest in this organization to remain an At-Large Structure. So the decision that was made during our last Board call – I believe it was the Board call – was to

say that ISOC Luxembourg would be suspended from voting until it actually notifies us – notifies the EURALO leadership that it is ready to be in action again, and to start votes. So as a result, this lack of voting would not affect our quorum, which is something that is certainly possible. It's not something that is cast in stone in the bylaws; this is something which I think we will be including in our bylaws in the future, but it certainly is something that we do need if we want to have any significant positions taken when we proceed forward with votes.

That's the current state, and that really was the discussion that the Board had. The last discussion on the EURALO Board's agenda was the Strategic Objectives and a plan of action for the Outreach and Engagement Strategic Plan, and we are going to be touching on this a little bit later on on this call; it's Agenda Item Number 7. So first, I'd like to ask if there are any questions or comments on the EURALO Board's agenda and activities.

I don't see anybody responding at the moment. Oh, I see Wolf Ludwig has put his hand up. Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. As this is a particular case we are just now mentioning, and what Olivier followed up is the Committee for Democratic United Nations, etcetera, which was one of our earliest German ALSes, but which became a problem case over the last years, as well. And I think we will have, even if we now prolong the deadline for posing questions to our ALSes, they are meanwhile more than half responded. But I think in this context, we

will still find out one or other problem case, who may, after repeated reminders, may not respond to the circular mail which was sent by Olivier. But then, I think there may be some more, one or two cases, on our list. We have to discuss this with the Board and then with you about how to deal with them, or whether they are still potential candidates for decertification. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Wolf. That's helpful. And indeed, staff has pointed me to the Action Items of the EURALO Board conference call, where it speaks of the suspension of ISOC Luxembourg, the follow-up with the Outreach Strategic Plan, which mentions that last year's plan is to be used as the basis for this year's strategic plan, with some amendments. And the rest of the Action Items were to be with the bylaw drafting and with the engagement letter to the EURALO Engagement Task Force – ALS Engagement Task Force letter. So all of this was pretty much affected.

I don't see any other hands up, which means we can probably move on, then, with the last item on our agenda, and that's the EURALO Strategic Plan for Outreach. That very Action Item, which was put down on paper on the 26th of September EURALO Board Conference Call, has been completed. There is a link in your agenda that will take you to the EURALO Outreach Strategic Plan. There are – and this seems to be the wrong link, unfortunately. Ha! Yes, we're looking at FY 17 Strategic Plan, and I'm sorry about this. I thought we had the right link, but this is not the correct link. This is CROPP Fiscal Year 16. We need to look at Fiscal Year 17. Anyway, I wish I had checked this, and I apologize for that, ladies and gentlemen. Let me quickly try and find it; if I could also

ask staff to also look for CROPP 17. The plan is different from last year. Just to take you through this, this year's plan is looking at a lot of the discussions that we've already had on how to proceed forward with outreach in Eastern Europe, outreach in those countries that we do not have any ALS, At-Large Structure, in. And I've now found it. EURALO draft. Here we are. CROPP 17, and I'll put that in a moment, if I can share this with you – there we are. So that's where the EURALO draft is, at the moment. That's the CROPP page for EURALO – the EURALO Outreach Strategic Plan Draft is filed on that page. And it basically builds on the previous year's outreach strategy. It looks at focusing on the annual EuroDIG events to take place in Tallinn, Estonia.

The annual ICANN Studienkreis Meetings in Europe are what we repeatedly ask for ICANN support in vain. We felt it was important, or the Board felt it was important to mention this. The European Summer School on Internet Governance, EuroSSIG, in Meissen, Germany, where several members are involved – receiving the feedback on ICANN-related matters from members participating in national IGF initiatives. So, Germany, Switzerland, France, UK, and Ukraine – inviting and supporting up to five members or potential candidates to attend EuroDIG meetings via CROPP, although that number is likely to be reduced this year. So outreach is not just CROPP; it's a lot of other things, as well. We mentioned in our plan the distribution of EURALO fliers, and there has been a discussion with staff to make those fliers available in the local offices, so they are more easily sent around and distributed than is currently the case. And of course, there is also a whole lot of other material that could be dispensed electronically. There is also big progress with the discussions we have had with the two

regional Vice Presidents that this region is covered by, Jean-Jacques Sahel, who is the VP for Europe, and Michael Yakushev, who is the VP for Eastern Europe and Russia.

And when it comes down to EuroDIG, we are going to reduce the number of slots for EuroDIG this year, but our – in fact, there is a call for everyone to try and identify potential other events to participate in, using the CROPP system. Maybe starting with the event called Republica, in 2016 instance which took place in Germany, in Berlin. The next one, I'm not quite sure where the next one is, but last year, there were 7,000 participants, so it's a lot of last year – this year, sorry, there were 7,000 participants – I'm already thinking 2017; I apologize. But there is, of course, a challenge in identifying venues because of the variety of languages and being able to send the right person to the right location, so as to actually have people that could express themselves in English is important, too, since the work of EURALO takes place in English.

I'll very quickly run through this plan. The whole plan is just one full page. What I would ask you now is to have a quick read through it, and perhaps – I note that Wolf Ludwig has put his hand up – perhaps Wolf could add a few more words. And Wolf is one of our EURALO CROPP representatives, so perhaps he could put his seal of approval on this plan if he thinks that it's worth doing, so – Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier, for the floor. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. Just to answer a couple of questions. Let me start with the last one. The next

location of Republica – it's always in Berlin. It started in Berlin, and the bigger it became, there are not many alternatives in Germany that you can accept for [inaudible], etcetera, but this is a completely different onion or pair of shoes. So the next Republica 2017 will be again in Berlin.

Tanya asked the question, "Can't imagine outreach at Studienkreis. It's a small meeting. What kind can be carried out there?" Tanya, at the beginning, the first Studienkreis Meetings, and when I started to apply for fellowships or support from ICANN to send some of our members to Studienkreis Meetings, it was a little bit broader. It was not the expert circle it is nowadays, or it became over the last years. It was a bit broader, and I know another advantage of the Studienkreis Meetings was, it always took place annually in another country. And outreach consideration was that we may find in the country where the Studienkreis Meeting takes place, potential people or groups we can get in contact with, we can discuss with, we can encourage them to become a member of EURALO. This was the basic consideration behind the locations where Studienkreis Meetings took place. And the other component besides outreach was capacity-building. And the capacity-building element for EURALO members would be still valid until now. And as we discussed at the last – I think it was a Board meeting – where we reiterated one of our primary goals to have at least one ALS in each European country, etcetera, which is a long-standing goal from the beginning, and which hasn't been really followed up or pursued unfortunately, but we have to take any opportunity where we participate in the meeting. And just to sum up, and as a final info, there will be the next Bosnian-Herzegovian IGF on Friday this week, and I will

participate there on behalf of EuroDIG. But this, for me, is also an opportunity to meet people in Sarajevo, where we still have nobody. Fortunately, due to several attempts, when we had meetings in Belgrade, we met Mirjana and we met Nenad, and after repeated talks, we could successfully encourage them to become a member, etcetera. And I'm still confident that, by the end of the week on Friday in Sarajevo, I will meet people and I can talk to them again. Thanks. That's all possible.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. And would you be able to then just approve this document? I think it requires your approval; because at the moment, the EURALO would not be able to file any CROPP requests, or any other requests, because it's currently marked as not being approved. I'm not quite sure what the process is, but I shall leave it in your hands.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, I don't know. This is not now directly linked to CROPP, because I didn't ask for anything from the CROPP side [inaudible] if a trip to Sarajevo could be made possible otherwise. And the CROPP procedure, to my knowledge, for next year, has not started yet.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Wolf, it's Olivier speaking. The CROPP procedure for FY 17 has started. What I'm asking – not the trip to Sarajevo – but I'm asking with regards to what we currently have on the screen, the EURALO Draft, if you could

please move forward with the process. I don't know how you approve this or something, but I think it's down to the CROPP rep to just fill the right thing, and the magic happens. Perhaps you could check with Dave. Because I'm not –

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: – I haven't taken any interest in this. I just filed the report; that was all.

And yes, we are now in Fiscal Year 17, ever since the 1st of July. So I think it has six weeks to file for a CROPP request, so if anybody has suggestions for things – for trips – that need to be taken in the near future, it's worth really looking at them and pointing them out early in advance, so we can file for requests on time. I've seen way too many CROPP requests from other Regional At-Large Organizations being refused because of the late requests and the lack of time to be able to process the request. It's not just the request itself; it's obviously the obtention of tickets, suitable price, and accommodation, and all sorts of travel things, so – yeah. It takes time, basically. And all of the different agreements along the line.

Has anybody got any questions on this, by any chance? Any comments on the EURALO Outreach Strategic Plan?

I don't see anyone has any questions. I see Tatiana is writing that there's some – that it's eight weeks now for the CROPP Review Team.

Okay. I think it used to be six; maybe now it's eight. It's just become longer. Anyway, it's a long time.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yeah. Olivier, I'm looking into it, because there is a difference. It's six weeks for the – it's a minimum of six weeks, but I'm just double-checking. I'm going to put the link to a page on the process, so there are more details there.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks for this, Heidi. And I must apologize – earlier I did ask, and thought that it was the wrong link in the agenda; and in fact, I was looking at the wrong agenda, which obviously would then lead to the wrong link. But the current agenda has the correct links to the EURALO draft.

In any case, we are now reaching the end of the current agenda, and I would like to ask if there are “any other business”?

It seems that we have a very silent audience today. Either that, or you are all tired from a long day at work, so unless anybody else wishes to take the floor, I would like to thank you – but I see Sebastien Bachollet has just managed to put his hand up. Sebastien, you have the floor. Go ahead.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Olivier, I wanted just to know, when was our last EURALO call? When was our last –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I guess –

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: – our last, or the one before that point?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Before this conference call, the previous one was on the 13th of September, 2016.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Just to help you to take your other hat, and in between important events happened with ICANN. And I guess you may say a few words to our EURALO member about the transition, maybe.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Sebastien. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking, and I thought that this whole story of IANA Stewardship Transition was behind us, and thought we would never hear about it ever again. But yes, indeed, thanks for the kind reminder on this. The IANA Stewardship Transition took place on the 30th of September. The contract that the National Telecommunication Infrastructure Administration has with ICANN and with the other component parts that use the services of IANA – that contract finished. There was some last-minute – a little bit like in a film, like in one of these really amazing series – there was a last-minute challenge to this, a legal challenge that

was mounted in none other than the state of Texas, of all places. And the judge, who had been previously praised by the person really behind Senator Ted Cruz, basically, actually said that the whole – well, dismissed the case, effectively. And I'm not quite sure that he is now praised as much by Ted Cruz as he was before. But yes, the transition took place, and so we are now in this new era, where the IANA functions are shepherded, or somehow stewarded, by the empowered community, the ICANN-empowered community, where a customer standing committee is in place, where an IRT – sorry, another team is there just in case things need to be changed; and so, it seems that everything has changed, but at the same time, nothing has changed for the end user, since the Internet has continued to work as reliably as it ever has so far.

And I think by this, I should really thank the ICANN community and especially the At-Large community in the IANA Issues Working Group, which we have had running for the whole length of that preparation period, with the great input that was received from everyone on that Working Group, and to remind you that there is a follow-up Working Group. It's the same Working Group, but with just more – well, different topics being discussed, and that's of course the second part of the ICANN Accountability work. The first part of the ICANN Accountability work was a component part of the Stewardship Transition Plan, and now the second part is all of what was not addressed during the first part of the plan, and there are quite a few Work Streams of interest – that could be of interest – to people in Europe. I know that we have a number of people who are on this call actively following the discussions and actually involved in the Work

Streams themselves, which are pan-ICANN Work Streams, so the Cross-Committee Working Group Work Streams. But we are always searching for new people, if there is an interest in this. So I think that's all really I can say about this. I know that things are moving in that respect. If there is interest in this, then perhaps during the next call, we could have a quick update on the work that's been happening. And we were told a few days ago that the deadline for the work of Work Stream 2 is probably likely to be or currently targeted to be in Copenhagen, at the ICANN meeting in Copenhagen, and that's the first meeting next year, in March, I think. March or April next year. So we are again looking at very short deadlines, but certainly a lot of work in perspective. And that's really all I can say about this.

The name of the Working Group is now called At-Large Evolution, and I can just add one more thing before I left you all go, is the different Work Streams that we have. There is one on diversity, and I think we're particularly strong when it comes down to diversity in Europe, diversity in our countries. There's one on guidelines for good faith, one on human rights – very important, and we have several people from this region who are involved in this Working Group. There is one on jurisdiction, with again, a strong component part from Europe, one on the [inaudible], with Sebastien Bachollet actually being the Rapporteur for this Working Group, and there's one on reviewing the cooperative engagement process – a little bit more technical in nature. There's one on Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee accountability, where again, someone from the At-Large community, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, is the Co-Rapporteur. There's one on staff accountability, and finally there is one Work Stream on transparency across all of ICANN;

and again, some strong contenders from our region, people taking part in that. So you really are recommended to either take part in the work of the Working Groups or the Work Streams or, in joining the ICANN Evolution Working Group, which provides regular updates to everyone – weekly updates to everyone – on these topics. Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Well done. I don't want to add another topic; I just want to take five seconds to remind everybody, if they didn't have already answered the questionnaire about At-Large review, that there are still some small days to do so, and it will be very useful if hopefully one from each ALS from Europe answers this review. And thank you very much, Olivier, for all your input.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Sebastien. And with this, I note that we are past the top of the hour. Sebastien, your hand has gone down and up – and it's down again. Okay. Thanks very much, everybody, and with this, I hope that you will be able to follow us. If you're not coming to Hyderabad, you'll be able to follow some of the discussions remotely. If you are coming to Hyderabad, I look forward to meeting you, and hope that we've all received – that everyone's received their visas. Any of the travelers received the visas. Anyone else – yes, remote participation is obviously possible, and we look forward to that. And otherwise, we will speak at the next EURALO call, next month. And with that, this call is now adjourned. Thank you, and have a very good night.

YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Thank you. Bye-bye. [inaudible] is now adjourned. [inaudible] will now be disconnected. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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