
MARIO ALEMAN:

Great, thank you Olivier, for confirming. It is now 17h07, the scheduled time of the call. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Board conference call on Friday 31st March 2017 at 17:00 UTC. I'm going to start doing the roll call right now. On the call, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Länsipuro, Sebastien Bachollet, Andrei Kolesnikov, Erich Schweighofer. And we have apologies from Jean-Jacques Sahel, Adam Peake, Bastiaan Goslings, Matthieu Camus.

From staff, we have myself, the call manager, and Silvia Vivanco. Interpreters, we have on Adigo on the English Channel Kerry. And I would also like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking, not only for transcription purposes but also for our translators. With this I will turn back to you Olivier. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Mario. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And the first thing I'm going to have to ask you is to reload the new EURALO agenda because that's been changed. I don't know why we have the old agenda on the screen at the moment on the Adobe Connect. The agenda of today—welcome everyone—is a lot more lean in that we are going to be dealing with the EURALO CROPP request for Fiscal Year 16. That's until the 30th of June 2017. And then from the 1st of July we'll then be looking at Fiscal Year 17, which is a new CROPP, Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program, cycle and so we will have some time to work on that later.

But for now, we have five slots that we still have not allocated and there is a requirement of eight weeks between the time we make the requests and the actual travel time itself. On the agenda, you will have a link to the CROPP Procedures and Guidelines. We've got a link to the CROPP Processing Flow Diagram, and you can see why it mentions eight weeks. It's quite a complex process of the program criteria to be satisfied. And then the process by which the ALAC completes the draft trips and gets reviewed by the CROPP team.

And then it gets given a green light to be processed by ICANN staff so as to then be able to book the tickets on time, book the travel and hotel accommodation, etcetera. So, it's quite an involved process but it's like that for any travel request. You can't just get flights and bookings within 24 hours and also at affordable costs. And also, for each one of the requests we need to satisfy a certain set of guidelines so that it is not just a travel to a lovely country with tourism, but they actually perform the needs of the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program, which is to go out there and perform outreach or to have someone being funded to, at the end of the day, either get them to join EURALO or to spread the word about EURALO. So, it's for us to get more At-Large Structures but also more individual members.

So, that's the current status of where we are. We've got a link to the EURALO Drafts. That's the page where our CROPP representatives are going to fill in the details and things with the person who would be travelling. And you've also got a link to the overall At-Large Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program Review Team, the CROPP RT. And on there, you'll not that our two representatives are Yuliya Morenets and Wolf Ludwig, and Wolf is on the call here, there as an observer.

And I think historically I was on that team because I was the Chair of the ALAC and I think that I just remained on there to monitor what's going on and see what's going on. So, that's the current status. I was going to give the floor to Wolf whether he wanted to say anything as well as our CROPP representative on the call. Whether there was anything that I've missed in regards to the Program. Wolf Ludwig?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. I don't think that you have missed anything.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this then, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. I think I might have just forgotten one thing which is what is the CROPP. And we do have a link in our agenda to say what the CROPP is. In the Procedures and Guidelines, it mentions what the whole thing is about. So, what it does, is to sponsor, I think it's three days and two nights for a person. Ah, here we go, so, the trip allocation used to be less but now it is more. It's four days with three nights being standard. So, it's anything up to four days, of course, if the conference is for two days then it could be two nights and two days.

And in EURALO, as I said, we've got five individual regional trips. It has to be regional trips so it's for events that take place in our region. And there have been some exceptions made when it came to Armenia in previous times. As we know, a few At-Large Structures that are currently in the APRALO region are actually physically quite close to

events taking place in the EURALO region and so it was possible to get them to make use of the CROPP.

But it was an exceptional event and since these countries haven't swapped over to EURALO region yet, I think it probably is a good idea to try and focus on our region. Certainly, when we note that there are quite a few countries in our region that still do not have an At-Large Structure or a presence of any individual members. So, we have to think a little bit differently than we have in the past.

Now, what did we do in the past? In the past, we took EuroDIG as being a major event and we have sponsored prospective At-Large Structures or people from new recently accredited At-Large Structures to go and meet up both with other members that were going to EURODIG but also with the EURALO leadership that went via other means, and managed to either get prospective At-Large Structures to sign up shortly afterwards or to bring more engagement from an At-Large Structure that has already just signed up. And certainly, being able to meet people face-to-face always helps.

Now, we've met various levels of success on this. In some years, we've had great success, in other years there's been more mitigated success. And the other RALO's are doing things in a different way. In fact, all of the other RALO's are doing things in a different way. What they're doing is to take some confirmed At-Large Structure representatives or individual members that are already very active in their region and send them as ambassadors to those events. And spread the word over there by being active on panels and talking to people, perhaps even

representing EURALO on a booth. There's been quite a range of activities that have taken place.

In this respect, we've missed a number of deadlines. Due to the eight-week deadline period, one of the events that has just taken place that could have been a good event to attend was the RightsCon conference which took place this week. And unfortunately, I have to take the blame for this. Whilst I knew about this RightsCon conference back in December, when I was at the Global Internet Governance Forum, and I actually met with Brett Solomon, the Chair of the organization that was running RightsCon, it just fell off my radar and so we were too late to submit a request for someone to be sent there.

However, thanks to the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team, we did manage to have a representative going there and that was Bastiaan Goslings, and that's one of the reasons why he's not able to be on this call today because he's actually travelling back from RightsCon. Now, forthcoming events are listed in the calendar which is on your agenda marked as Future Events for March 2017 and onwards. In the meantime, I notice that Andrei Kolesnikov has raised his hand. So, I'll turn over to Andrei, you have the floor.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV:

Yeah, thank you very much, Olivier. Good evening everybody. It's a Friday night and I have a very particular question. First of all, it's sad that we missed the major event in Russia which will take place in Kazan next week, which is the Russian Internet Governance Forum, which will

be the collective work of the Eastern European Internet people plus there'll be some people from ICANN.

And just for the record, not to forget, in September there'll be a major event in Tbilisi, which will be the APTLD meeting. But Georgia is in between, actually, Europe and Asia and it's already confirmed that there will be a lot of organizations somehow related to ICANN and not related to ICANN at this event from Europe, from Eastern Europe, from Baltic countries, from Ukraine, Moldavia, Belarussia and Russia, plus there'll be a lot of guys from, of course, AP regions. So, just not to forget if it takes eight weeks to do the paperwork and preparation, so, we better start early with this one. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Andrei. When did you say that was happening? Let's write it down so we don't forget.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: It will be middle September. I'll send you the invitation letter so it will be in the calendar.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent, okay, thank you. That's very helpful and I guess we need to mark this because the amount of time that will be available between the time the new CROPP requests opens and the event takes place will be very tight. So, we will need to perhaps even work on this and decide whether we want to attend or not before the next cycle. At this point, are there any comments or questions? I was going to open the floor for

everyone to mention things. I don't see anyone putting a hand up. So, Andrei, you mentioned earlier the Russia Internet Governance Forum in Kazan. That's unfortunately not going to be possible to send someone officially. Are you going to go there?

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV:

Well, it's already in the past. I have a question related to the diagram on the work flow. At which point, regional VP's of ICANN, the guys who are in charge for the regions, are involved in this process? At which point?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thanks very much, Andrei. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. So, if you look at the flow chart, so you've got the first line which goes from left to right, then it goes, 'Transfer DRAFT to CROPP Approved Forms'. And then it says ALAC or GNSO, you follow the ALAC thing and it says, 'Complete DRAFT Trip Proposal in CROPP Wiki Community Workspace'. Then the next box, 'Monitor and supervise completion of DRAFT Trip Proposal template' and then that's where the regional VP's are checking things.

It says, 'Confirm outreach trip purpose within internal organization/structure and Stakeholder Engagement Vice President'. It's only when they give their green light, then once we got the confirmation, then the program admin gets told that the CROPP DRAFT is given a green light, and then whole process of ICANN travel, etcetera, starts moving already.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: I got it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Any other comments or questions on this? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. So, just a couple more things that I need to let you know about. The link which says Future Events for March 2017 is a Wiki page that was prepared by the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team. So, it's quite general into what there is on that page. There is another link just above that called Outreach & Engagement Calendar, and that's a page which we apparently do have access to, where we could actually fill up the table of future events that we have, both local events but also events that we're aware of.

It's desperately empty at the moment, apart from the month of June where we have the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance, the EuroDIG, European Dialogue on Internet Governance, and the World Summit on the Information Society. The three are listed there. I haven't listed the WSIS in the agenda page. I've listed three events that we might have been interested in attending. The first one was re:publica from the 8th to the 10th of May but if one goes back eight weeks, that gives a deadline for application on the 20th of March, which is past.

The next one was SeeDIG, the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance, and the event is on the 24th and 25th of May with a deadline of 29th of March and we've just about missed it and I know that we can say, well, let's try and see if we can push it through. I could

certainly ask the CROPP team or Wolf could ask the CROPP team if they would be okay with passing this, because we're beyond the six-week period which is the time that things have to be filed with ICANN travel and so on. But I'm not 100% sure whether they would allow this or not.

And then, of course, EuroDIG we still have time, we just have 11 days to file something so that looks as though it's the only one so far that is within our time limit. But if we have any other suggestions then it would be great, so, we could perhaps have more than one event covered. The WSIS is after EuroDIG so that's also within the time period. We could actually make some applications for that. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor. And Mario, have you given a green light to Wolf? I don't know, I see his mic but I don't see his hand up. So, anyway, I'll put you over to Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record. Yes, I have also noticed that there is a mic instead of my hand. If I got your question right, to ask the CROPP team if the event, it's again regarding the eight-week period to submit an application, is that right?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Correct, yeah.

WOLF LUDWIG: I do not need to ask. I simply can just refer to previous decisions. I remember cases where submission had been submitted six or seven weeks and it was not approved by the review team. So, they insist and

it's also because of ICANN and travel arrangements that the absolute minimum to submit any application for events supported by CROPP are strictly eight weeks, as a minimum.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. It's a bit sad but unfortunately, we're kind of stuck. If we turn to the Future Events page, Wiki page, which there is a link to, so it's Future Events (March 2017), the real deadline then is we're going to miss SeeDIG and then a few days later, the 29th and 30th of May, there is the Swiss IGF with provisional dates. So, that could be a potential time. After that there is just the EuroDIG and then we move into next year. Is anyone aware of any other event that is taking place before July 2017 but after sometime in June basically, to make it simple?

WOLF LUDWIG: It's Wolf again. The only two options we still have for submitting CROPP applications are either EuroDIG at the beginning of June and afterwards, I think middle of June, there is a WSIS Forum in Geneva, what I personally consider less relevant, less interesting, etcetera. So, it would basically mean to try to focus on EuroDIG again. It would be a good context, it's an interesting program, it's a ten-year anniversary, we were founding members of EuroDIG, etcetera. So, my recommendation would be to concentrate—or we can ask the list whether anybody would be interested to go to the WSIS Forum in Geneva, so there would be two options. And if there is no interest for the WSIS Forum then we should concentrate, in my opinion, on EuroDIG entirely. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. Olivier speaking. And does anyone have any suggestions on the suggestions that Wolf has made?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yrjö has agreed already with me. Let's focus on the EuroDIG.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. I see Yrjö has actually put his hand up. Yrjö, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, it's definitely a repeat. Let's focus on the EuroDIG. I would say that that's a major event and let's concentrate on that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Yrjö. So, seeing no other voices on this, I'm planning to be at both meetings, by the way. So, of course, EuroDIG as a EuroDIG Board member, I will be funded to go there, so, I will be there anyway. On the WSIS Forum in Geneva, being a Co-Chair of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance. I'm yet to see if there is specific funding for me to be in Geneva in that moment. But in any case, I will be attending that as well and I can certainly perform some outreach there. Which basically gives us five slots I think for the EuroDIG in Talin.

And I guess the next question really is, Wolf, you mentioned we should send a note out to the list perhaps and ask if anybody is interested to be funded to go there. I'm all for that but then how do we make the selections? And I tell you why. I'm a little concerned that when we send a note out and ask for people who wish to go, there are quite a few people and we often say, oh well, we're in such a hurry we'll do first come first served. And I've noticed that sometimes the first people responding are not those that are performing the most outreach at those locations. So, do we then decide that we should have a vetting committee before that or how do you suggest that we proceed? And I open the floor for anyone to come in on this. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record. Well, there was always a similar question over the previous years and therefore we started, I think it was for 2015 for EuroDIG in Sofia, where we also dedicated five travel slots. And what we wanted to avoid is always sending the same people who responded whenever there's a travel opportunity first and therefore we put down some criteria. One of the criteria was not primarily considering the same people from the previous years, but new people. And then we also focused on people from Eastern Europe and new incoming people.

And I think we should now adopt similar criteria to avoid that we have again on the first hand Marin from Armenia who is always amongst the first getting in whenever there is such an offer. So, we should when we make this call for interest, we should in the same mail, define some

selection criteria beforehand to make clear how our choice, if there are more candidates than five slots, that we have more or less an announced and justifiable basis for the selection afterwards.

I think it still makes sense to have criteria for it and I would still prefer to follow the previous criteria, etcetera, to prefer incoming people and particularly candidates from eastern countries, if they haven't been CROPP supported before. Thanks. That looks like a criteria for Andrei, you would be a perfect candidate, as a new incoming ALAC member, etcetera, from Russia, you would be my first choice.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Wolf.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: Thank you so very much. It's Andrei speaking. Actually, not from Russia, but let's put it like this, from the part of the Eastern Europe that will be more appropriate in my case.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. We don't give priorities for particular countries but we are giving priorities for people from the region.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Wolf. I think you've made a very fair point. It's Olivier speaking. I think you've made a very fair point and we have had some changes in At-Large Structure representatives in this part of the world. I

personally think we can do things in two ways. We could certainly have a couple of people that are newcomers, that maybe are new At-Large Structure representatives, and I can certainly think in Russia having new people including one very recently that was changed yesterday, I think.

And also in some of the Eastern European countries, certainly the south-eastern parts of Europe, we could also make use of maybe one of the slots for someone who is a seasoned, you know, an active At-Large Structure representative that has proven in the past that they're good at doing outreach and going to meet with people and basically take some brochures with them and go to the booth etcetera. So, I think maybe a mix might be a good thing and they don't necessarily need to be from—well, we can have certainly a preference for Eastern Europe but they don't necessarily need to be all from Eastern Europe. Any thoughts on this? Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig again for the record. I was just thinking while you were speaking, it's in the same direction, perhaps not to limit it only on Eastern Europe but let's put after Eastern Europe, all other peripheral regions of Europe. And I also have in mind that contact point for ISOC Portugal changed recently, then (inaudible) resigned and Jose, I think is his name, came in. So, he would also be such a new ALS representative from, let's say, a disadvantaged country or peripheral part of Europe. And I think we should also think to include such people.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. And I note that Andrei also agrees with you. "Peripheral Europe has a good selection of potential candidates as well." Do we wish this year to look at organizations that could be potential At-Large Structures and to perhaps select a candidate from those organizations to come to EuroDIG in Talin so as to speak with them face-to-face? Or do you believe that the funding is better used by actually going over to Talin and having people over there to go and speak to others?

I'm not sure whether we even have any At-Large Structure in Estonia, I think we might not. In which case, we could certainly have, bearing in mind there is likely to be representatives from all the regions, we could have someone that is able to speak the local language, plus maybe language of the countries around, and do some outreach over there. It's an open question. But I see in the meantime, Yrjö Länsipuro, who has his hand up. So, Yrjö, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you. This means that we don't have an At-Large Structure in any of the Baltic countries right now. Actually, the Estonian ISOC chapter is also putting itself together again. They actually had yesterday the Internet Day there with (inaudible) and other prominent guests so that I think that by the time of the EuroDIG, the ISOC chapter will be going and I think that they can also be enticed to become an At-Large Structure. I hope that there will be people from Lithuania and Latvia to EuroDIG so that we can approach them and find out if there would be a chance for setting up an ALS in those countries as well. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Yrjö. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I was going to mention—so, that's a good point, but I guess the Estonian chapter doesn't need any funding to go and travel to the location, but I was thinking of some contact that we've had from the fellows in Copenhagen and I just remember a chap that I had spent some time speaking to who was based in Norway and also another chap who was based in Russia, Alexander something. I'm sorry, I forget the second name.

So, these are potential. If we were to go down the route of funding people so that we can speak to them again that were not an At-Large Structure already or already an individual member, we could perhaps look at these potential people. But I must admit that so far the response and the "return on investment", if you want, and we put that in quotes, has been better by having people that we send to these places that are already seasoned or already At-Large Structures, that already know something because they can themselves perform outreach rather than just coming there and being the recipient of outreach. Any other comments?

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: It's Andrei Kolesnikov speaking. You mean Alexander Isavnin, the fellow guy from Russia, right?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's correct, yes. That's the one.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: Okay, so just a quick update. There was a change of a Director in the Internet Support Foundation. Now we have a Director in the Foundation, his name is (inaudible) and he just sent a formal notification to Olivier to change the contact in ALS database. There is not much activity however in ISOC Russian Chapter which Alexander Isavnin is a part of. But there are a few candidate organizations here. It may take me a few months just to try to understand if they can be possibly engaged. Also. I'm thinking about Belarussia which is now very active in the internet world, in the region, so I'll spend some time trying to find some appropriate people there. So, there might be some ALS's. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Andrei. It's Olivier speaking. Certainly, when I mentioned about the newly changed people in At-Large Structures I was thinking about (inaudible) as being one person. Okay, I don't think we're going to spend an hour on this whole thing. I think that we've got an idea of what we do on the selection process. Can I suggest that perhaps the EURALO Board makes the selections and we could meet with the, what we call, in-camera, as is usually the case when we discuss people so that if there is any discussion taking place about a specific person it would not eventually affect them when the call is transcribed, or if the call is transcribed afterwards, as in for any selection committee, and of course, the same would be in ICANN nominating committees.

So, we're just using standard practice. That's of course if we have more than five people. Otherwise we can follow up by email but we do have to bear in mind that the EURALO Board emails are also archived publicly, so if you have any negative points to mention about anyone applying, then please do not send that to the EURALO Board mailing list as it is a public forum. I note in the chat whether you have anybody to suggest from Belarus, Andrei?

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV:

Well, let me put it like this, I know very good the guys who are running the Country Code TLD there and there are some hosting communities around them, kind of, encounters. So, I'll try to find out, okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks for this. I guess there isn't really very much else to discuss. I haven't seen anybody else putting their hand up on this so are there any other points that anybody would like to make on this process? Not seeing anyone putting their hand up. I guess our next steps are going to be to send out this email to the EURALO members list. And do we have agreement that if we have any individual members that apply, we would also consider them? We're not just considering At-Large Structure representatives?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Olivier? It's Wolf speaking for the record. Yes, of course, I would also include the option because formally they are ALS members, being part

of the EURALO individual's associations and if there are candidates from the ALS individuals I think we should consider them.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Wolf. Any other thoughts on this? Okay, so I see agreement.

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier? I have already somebody in mind from the individuals, that is Mikael/Michael, this very active and brilliant young guy and if we give him an opportunity for sponsoring to EuroDIG, I consider him as very capable to do outreach. He's a young chap, he's knowledgeable, he knows already a bit about the different fields, etcetera, so if he would apply, I would recommend to consider him.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. I believe you are mentioning Michael (inaudible) who is based in Serbia now so—

WOLF LUDWIG: Exactly. So, he would be from a disadvantaged region, so to say, and he would also fulfil as a criteria for doing outreach. Language knowledge is also an argument, if you want to do good outreach you much have some decent knowledge in English.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. So, are you going to send then the email to the EURALO mailing list as a follow up?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, I'm ready to take this over the weekend. Let's say Sunday or Monday latest.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. So, Monday would be the 3rd of April. We have time until the 11th of April to submit these CROPP requests. May I suggest that perhaps we give it five days, so, basically the whole week. And then by the end of the week, so, opening on the 3rd, closing on the 7th at 23:59 UTC and then over the weekend of the 8th, the 9th and the 10th, that gives three days to submit the CROPP requests. If that's okay?

And I guess on the EuroDIG side of things, we've already made requests in the past for EuroDIG so it's a quite straight forward CROPP request, it's just a request to select the names. How are we going to be able to make the selection of those people if we have a lot of requests. We probably need to have a call on Friday? Or maybe on Monday?

WOLF LUDWIG: Wolf Ludwig for the record again. I would say if we send this out Monday latest, so we will have most of the response by Friday what would be more or less at that line. So, I would suggest, if we have several candidates or many more than five, what would make a

selection delegate, then I suggest to have another call next Friday around the same time to sort out our preferences.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. So, you're basically saying a deadline of Friday the 7th at 00h00 UTC?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We can't have the deadline after we have the call because some people might apply at the very last moment.

WOLF LUDWIG: Then let's say 7th April, high noon. Lunch time. Twelve o'clock.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: 12h00 UTC. Okay, that works for me.

WOLF LUDWIG: 12h00 UTC.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. That works for me. Having a call at the same time as now is going to be a bit challenging for me but I can certainly try it. I'll be in

Singapore so, I'm going to be six hours further than this time, which is three in the morning. Oh dear. Two in the morning. Maybe we try and do it slightly earlier time than this. Earlier as in if we close the candidates, the application at 12h00 UTC, maybe we can try 14h00 UTC or something?

WOLF LUDWIG: I could arrange any earlier time slots.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, excellent. Alright, I think that's it. We don't need to take on the whole time. Is there any other business or any other thoughts that need to be added? Have we forgotten anything? And I note that Sebastien has arrived on the call, we're just about finishing and wrapping up. Sebastien, I don't know, I think you followed the call on the phone? Is there anything that would need to be added to what we've discussed so far? And I certainly haven't heard from Erich either today. So, Sebastien, Erich, would you like to add something? Erich Schweighofer writes in the chat that he has no further comment.

And I don't see a response from Sebastien but I gather that there is nothing else to add. Ah, he cannot talk at the moment. Okay. So, I guess there is really nothing else to add to this. So, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for joining. Sebastien is writing to me on Skype. For some reason, he doesn't appear to be in Adobe although he is on Adobe now. He wanted to add something but is not able to speak. I could give him 30 seconds. Sebastien, I think you can hear us now, if you want to type it then I'll relay it to the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I don't know if you can hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you, yes. Welcome.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay, thank you very much. And sorry, I was driving from Versailles to Burgundy during the call. I was at the beginning of the call for the 21st minute and then we go through the forest with no connection. I am just arriving here at my house and I tried to connect. And I don't know what was the discussion about CROPP, and sorry for jumping here, but I wanted to take this opportunity of this meeting of the EURALO Board to give again what I suggest during the ALAC call the other day. I think that the review of At-Large is a very important topic and I know that a lot of you were very involved in that to set up the answer from the ALS and the RALO's and some of you with the answer of ALAC.

And I really think that we need to think how we will go ahead with that and I was suggesting that we need to have, for ALAC members and some of the RALO leaders, a face-to-face meeting specifically on that outside of a ICANN meeting. Because I think the topic is so important, we can't leave just to the external reviewer, we know where they get. And we can't leave that in the hands of the other SO and AC and we can't leave that in the hands of the Board.

And we will have to have a very deep work and I really think that it deserves what in the other parts of ICANN they call inter-sessional

session, but this one just specifically on that issue. And I think that EURALO and the other RALO can think about that. I am just taking this as an opportunity to talk about that and it was really any other business if it wasn't where you were at the moment. Thank you and sorry for the jump here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for that, Sebastien. It's a very good point and you're already setting the scene for discussions on Fiscal Year 17 where indeed, instead of having this CROPP system of sending people to places and then to come back, there's been a case of them requesting an inter-sessional, and we've seen that as a potential way forward. So, that's I'm sure, something that should be discussed among the CROPP Review Team members, but also, I think maybe the Outreach and Engagement Working Group perhaps should also be discussing this, the idea of having inter-sessionals. Especially in light of what's going on with the At-Large review where it's quite obvious that I don't think we can say, oh, everything is fine, far from it.

The review has been very harsh on some of the work that we have done, possibly because of misinformation but also, there is no smoke without fire, and so I don't think we can say we're doing everything fantastically well. We definitely need to meet and improve things. Okay, and I notice that Wale has just made it. Unfortunately, this is the end of the call, Wale.

So, unless there is any further other business, and I don't see anyone putting their hand up, I would say that this call... well, first, thank you all

for being on the call. We've got a way forward and we certainly are on a very tight timeline to make a selection of those people that will make it to the EuroDIG. Thanks everyone for participating and have a very good weekend. And with this, this call is now adjourned. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks all of you and bye-bye.

MARIO ALEMAN: Thank you. The meeting has been adjourned. Thank you everyone for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day and a great weekend. Bye-bye.

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