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GISELLA GRUBER: Wonderful, thank you. We will officially start the recording now. Good morning and good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Board Special Purpose Call: CROPP Discussion and Selection teleconference on Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, at 1400 UTC. On the call today, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Länsipuro, Annette Mühlberg, Erich Schweighofer, Olawale Shakiru BAKARE, Andrei Kolesnikov, Bastiaan Goslings. From Staff, we have myself, Gisella Gruber, and if I can please remind everyone to please state their names when speaking, for transcript purposes. Thank you, and over to Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Gisella. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Today's call is going to be essentially about choosing the people that will be selected to go for the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program Travel Fellowship that will take them to the EuroDIG that will take place in Tallinn in June this year. As you recall, we have discussed on a previous call, first, what type of event we would send people, how we would use CROPP. This is for CROPP's FY 16, which ends at the end of June this year – June 2017. We will have to also think quite carefully and early enough for CROPP FY 17, so as to be able to make use of other times and other events, and able to send people to other events like SEEDIG, for example, like re:publica, like [inaudible], and any other events that we might find as being good events for outreach.

The CROPP procedure takes eight weeks to go through. It starts with the CROPP Review Team. So, each RALO has two members on the Review Team. They look at the request, they clean it up, they find out if

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the request follows the guidelines and follows also the Regional Strategic Plan guidelines, if the objectives are clear, and if the objectives, of course, fall in line with the guidelines – and then, once that is done, then it gets passed on over to the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team. The Vice Presidents look at the requests – they also have to give it a green tick for it to then be passed over to the travel and for the purpose is to start for people to get their tickets and to get the hotel bookings, etcetera, etcetera. So, it takes a while. It takes two weeks to be in the CROPP Review Team, and then six weeks for the rest of the process. So, we have to have requests that are more than eight weeks away, which is one of the reasons why we're very pressed for time in this call, in order to be in time for being able to send someone to EuroDIG. Plus, we were out of time for sending people to any earlier events, such as [inaudible], for example, and [inaudible] in Europe during the SEEDIG, [inaudible] Southeastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance.

Now, you have on your screen the various applications that we have received this year, past requests for anyone who wanted to apply. And there are – one, two, three, four, five, six – there are seven people that have applied, and perhaps I should pass the floor on to Wolf Ludwig for introductory remarks. But then, when we start discussing the people, themselves, we will have to go what we call “in camera,” which is to stop the recording and make sure it's just the Board on this – the reason for this being that, of course, we will be discussing personal details of people, and it's customary for us, when we discuss personal information and so on, to not have a public recording of the discussion. So, there

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will be a recording, I guess, but it will just be kept separately, if there are any questions or any conflicts that might arise from this selection.

Anyway, over to Wolf Ludwig, please. Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. I just want to mention, as I put already in the chat, that after I compiled these applications yesterday late evening, there was one more application coming in from Rim Hayat, who is also an individual member. She is originally from Algeria, but she is living in Denmark. And as I checked with the [inaudible] of the EURALO individuals, she is listed among the individual members there. So, we have one more application.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG: And [CROSSTALK] she also has sent a short message to the list. It's a short biography – it's a short bio.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alright. Thanks for this, Wolf. Next is Andrei Kolesnikov.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: Hello, Andrei Kolesnikov speaking. I see the list is not a very good balance in terms of Russian [inaudible]. What I suggest to do – and

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reach out to the EuroDIG organizing committee – to actually take out [inaudible], who is Director of [inaudible]. He is not very much – how to say – not very much related to the domain name industry. He is a very good [inaudible], very good organization about the end user rights and legislation, in fact. So I will try to locate him through another source of sponsorship to travel to Tallinn, so we can – I recommend just waiting [inaudible] so we can go on further. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Andrei, for this – it's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking – so, but then we can certainly do that and take the name out to shorten the list. But then we're going to – we'll take those decisions once we go in camera. I was just going to mention that Adam Peake was on the call for the Global Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach. I've seen Adam contacted me and said, well, maybe it would be better if he was not on the call when we start discussing specific names. Adam, did you want to say a couple of words before we proceed to being in camera?

I don't know whether you are able –

ADAM PEAKE: Ah, hello. Yeah, I'm sorry – I've just connected my microphone. I just wanted to just say that it was great to have Bastiaan at the [inaudible] meeting a couple of –last week, I think it was. I'm losing track of time with traveling. And we were able to distribute EURALO information – excuse me – and we now have a – oh, I seem to have lost my voice. We now seem to have a stock of literature and your business cards in the

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Brussels office, so that's a good beginning. I do think it would probably be best if I dropped off the call when you discuss names. I'd hate to cause any disquiet or whatever later on, when this process is reviewed, and it would be best if I do that. But just to say it was great working with Bastiaan, and let's keep it up. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Adam. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Just before you go, then, could I ask if anybody on the Board – on the EURALO Board – would like to ask any questions to Adam, or whilst you're there, whether Bastiaan, you needed to say a couple of words about last week at [inaudible]? Take this opportunity.

BASTIAAN GOSLINGS: Thank you, Olivier. This is Bastiaan speaking. Can you hear me properly?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Very well, indeed.

BASTIAAN GOSLINGS: Hello? Oh, excuse me. I was [inaudible] the sound earlier. Well, again, I would like to thank ICANN for the opportunity to attend the [inaudible] – a great experience for me personally, good way to interact with civil society organizations and other and likewise people, activists, and civil rights defenders, and [inaudible], etcetera, etcetera. This was my first [inaudible], it was close by Brussels; technically speaking, I would

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[inaudible]. I brought along a number of fliers; there was a lot of stuff already available, so [inaudible]. Yeah, and I hope, you know, I was able to spread some of the gospel. I learned a lot myself, actually – there was a lot of material there that I had not seen before, so that was great. I spent a number of hours on both days at the booth [inaudible] – together, actually, with Michael from the NCSG, the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group. We worked together great, and – yeah. I think I managed to drop the EURALO and At-Large to a number of attendees at the conference. To be honest, I think it was harder to get people who knew nothing about ICANN and At-Large, specifically to get them to get to the booth. Most of the people who did come by were actually quite involved in ICANN and knew a lot about it, and had very critical questions, you know, and went into very much details, so that made some interesting discussions

So, again, I had a great time there, and I hope that [inaudible] spread the gospel [inaudible] At-Large and EURALO [inaudible] and see what comes from that. Maybe next time, we could also talk to some other people who have been doing this or intend to do it, and ask their experience, what is the best way to approach people [inaudible] not coming to the booth [inaudible] be more practical, in a sense, [inaudible] about this and [inaudible]. But – something for future. Again, thank you very much. I had a great time. It was a great opportunity. I will leave it there.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Bastiaan. We look forward to speaking to you more about this and seeing a flock of new ALSes or individual

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members joining, thanks to your visit at [inaudible]. And it seems that, great, you were able to make full use of your opportunity over there. So, I do hope that you have no brochures left in your possession. Just [inaudible] – Andrei Kolesnikov?

ANDREI KALESNIKOV: Yeah, Andrei Kolesnikov speaking. Just a short question, Olivier, and everybody. If you could maybe give me to the people who are in charge of EuroDIG organizing – the organizing committee – so I can discuss [inaudible] participation [inaudible] of CROPP, that would be really nice. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for that, Andrei. We will – well, Wolf Ludwig can follow up with you immediately afterwards, as Wolf is with the organizing committee.

So, ladies and gentlemen, I think we're now going to go into the discussion of the candidates, themselves. There are – there is one question I do need to ask you, which is: this is a EURALO Board meeting. When we go in camera, which is when we stop the recording, we do have a guest with us at the moment. Lutz Donnerhacke is not a Board member. I know that Adam will drop off. I'm okay with having Lutz on the call; I don't know if anybody else – I don't know if there are any wishes to have this as a closed call, or should we let people on the call – non-Board-members? Are there any preferences here?

I don't see any preferences –

WOLF LUDWIG: I don't have preferences – yeah, no objections or whatever. I think everybody can stay on and – I mean, there is no secret, as far as I understand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, well – Lutz has already left, goodness. Okay. I scared him. It was just a question that I was asking, that's all, but – okay, never mind. Well, that's fine. So, let's then please go in camera, so we stop the recording now, and we will be able to discuss the individual candidates.

GISELLA GRUBER: Olivier, Gisella here. Let me just confirm that we have gone in –  
  
[AUDIO BREAK]  
  
– [inaudible] for a few seconds. Just having confirmation from carrier operator that the recording now has started again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Wolf, did you wish to speak off the record, or on the record?

WOLF LUDWIG: On the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay.

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GISELLA GRUBER: The recording has started again. Thank you, Olivier, for your patience.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Gisella. Welcome back. We are now on the record again. So, the EURALO Board has had a pretty long discussion, actually. We have spent nearly the whole hour – well, a good twenty to thirty minutes discussing the candidates – and after much discussion, the following short list of candidates has been agreed: with Andrei Kolesnikov, [inaudible], Annette Mühlberg, [inaudible], and Rim Hayat being the selected candidates for the CROPP. And [inaudible] being put as a backup in case one of the candidates that are selected is not able to go to EuroDIG. I'm going to hand over the floor to Wolf Ludwig, and Wolf, can you pick things up from here? Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. You were asking about the next steps. The next steps from here after we've reached agreement on the short list and the backup option, to have a first mail to the EURALO list, pointing to our Board call from today and shortly summarizing the discussion, and then publishing the [inaudible] of this Board call by explaining why we have made this choice by simply recapitulating and pointing to the criteria that we had [CROSSTALK]

UNKNOWN 1: – anyone speaking, or is it just me who's lost audio?

UNKNOWN 2: It's you.

UNKNOWN 3: Well, now I can hear you, at least.

WOLF LUDWIG: We can hear you –

UNKNOWN 1: Wonderful, then it's not only me. Olivier was dropped and we are just dialing out to get to him again as I speak. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, then I will wait until Olivier is back.

UNKNOWN 1: And [inaudible].

WOLF LUDWIG: [CROSSTALK]

UNKNOWN 1: But he said, "I can't hear."

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WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, but –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Hello! Olivier. Olivier back, here. I was just dropped, and then Wolf started speaking, and unfortunately, I couldn't hear anything.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. So, I will summarize again. The first next step will be the communication to the EURALO list, what I will do in the late evening, by pointing to our call and communicating the results, and by mentioning some of the arguments why we came up with this decision, considering first the preference for candidates from Eastern countries, and then also reflecting gender balance, I think, as a result, should be rather consistent. When I have – after this is done, communicated to the community – then we need to start the formal procedure. I have to fill in the application form for CROPP, as we did the last years, and I will try to produce it over the weekend. And then, once the application [CROSSTALK]

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: I thought that the telephone bridge was disconnected from [inaudible] because I'm sure I can hear you – the ones who are on Internet [inaudible] there was dialogue on the telephone line.

ADAM PEAKE: Yes. Andrei, can you hear us?

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: That's it, yes. I can hear you, too.

ADAM PEAKE: Okay, so it seems that the AC audio is not working now on the Adobe Connect for some reason, except for those people – well, I'm on the phone – we've got a technical problem, but – on the record, Wolf has explained what the next process is, so [CROSSTALK]

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: – [inaudible] are we getting [inaudible] why are we expecting people – what happened to Stockholm? [inaudible]

ADAM PEAKE: Okay. Can you hear us?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, that's infuriating when the technical stuff doesn't work. Wolf, I guess we are on the – yeah, if you are on the Adobe Connect only, you will have no sound, as Gisella has mentioned. Since I'm on the phone, all the people who are on the phone appear to be [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG: I am on the phone as well.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So you can hear me. That's why you're fine [CROSSTALK]. But the people in the AC Room cannot. I'm not in the AC Room; I'm also on the phone. So, anyway, you will only hear people on the phone bridge; that's correct. But the recording, I believe, is with the phone bridge. So, thanks for this, Wolf. I just heard that you will be working on this over the weekend and then filing the names. Are you going to send out a note to the candidates yourself, as well, or should I?

WOLF LUDWIG: That's a good question. Maybe we can just bilaterally agree on a more-or-less standardized message. And I'm just asking myself – it would probably be the better way first to communicate back to the candidate to let them know [inaudible] before we communicate it to the list. I think this is a more appropriate way to do it, because it doesn't make much sense to tell them afterwards, after it has been already on the mailing list.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I agree with you, yes. Absolutely. So, Wolf, if we have the list of candidates there, I'll send a message to each one of them telling them – congratulating them and letting them know, and I'll also let [inaudible] know about his outcome, as well, if that's okay. [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG: Let me check, Olivier, immediately now, after the call, whether the application for ISOC Fellowships has already closed or not. If it has not closed, so we can at least refer him to the ISOC Fellowship organ.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:       Excellent.

GISELLA GRUBER:               Great.

WOLF LUDWIG:                 I will communicate this via Skype chat.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thanks very much, Wolf, and thanks to everyone on the call, even though we have a problem on the Adobe Connect – I know it's that Andrei Kolesnikov and Erich Schweighofer are unable to hear us, but we will communicate the results to them, as well. And with this, I would like to thank you all for being on this call. It's good to reach consensus, and we'll follow up by email. So, with this, have a very good evening, everyone. Or a very good day, actually, everyone. Sorry, it's evening here, but it's day over where you are. So, have a very good day.

GISELLA GRUBER:               Alright, bye-bye. Thank you, Olivier. [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG:                 Thank you, everybody. Bye-bye.

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MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks; bye.

UNKNOWN 4: Bye-bye.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, everyone. The meeting has been adjourned, and the audio will now be disconnected. Thank you for joining today's call, and have a wonderful weekend. Bye-bye.

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