
GISELLA GRUBER: Good evening. Welcome to the EURALO monthly call on Tuesday, the 12th of December at 1900 UTC [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: We cannot hear anything at the moment. Or at least I can't hear anything.

GISELLA GRUBER: That was Clement on his line. I have just muted him.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm just going to start the role call again. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Roberto Gaetano, Matthias Hudobnik, Yrjö Länsipuro, Salve Nilsen, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, [inaudible] line with your Adobe Connect. I will continue with Annette Muhlberg, Anne Marie Joly, Wale Bakare, Rainer Rodewald, Clément Genty, Tatiana Tropina, Lianna Galstyan, Sandra Hoferichter, Erich Schweighofer has just joined us as well.

Apologies today from Bastiaan Goslings, Matthieu Camus and Sebastien Bachollet. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, and myself Gisella Gruber. If I could also please remind everyone to state their

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names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you very much and over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Gisella. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Welcome everybody to this monthly EURALO conference call. Just one quick note regarding those people that are going to be speaking and so on. If you could consider, perhaps, getting a dial out, it is usually more reliable than speaking using Adobe Connect which has all sorts of problems and hasn't, by the way, been improving in recent months. For example, Clemont, I'm not sure that we'll be able to hear you with the amount of interference that we had when you unmuted your mic, so please can you check with staff if you can get a dial out or if you can dial in using a mobile phone or a normal telephone.

Welcome everybody to this call. We've got three main parts to this agenda today. We've got the whole public consultations. We'll try and fly through these quite quickly. Then we've got a big discussion on the EURALO Board Appointments. Quick update on the EURALO preparations for the Global Internet Governance Forum. These are the three main things. After that, we've got two more announcements. First, the launch of the additional budget requests, and also, an explanation of whether leadership program -- that's really leadership training program actually I think it should be called.

So, that's today's agenda. Is there any other business to add to this? I wonder whether -- I know Christopher Wilkinson had asked for something else, maybe in any other business. Can we have that in

there? Christopher, are you okay? If you could explain what you wanted to briefly discuss. [AUDIO BREAK]

I thought I had heard that Christopher Wilkinson was with us. Okay, well, I can't hear Christopher, so are there any other amendments to the agenda? Can anybody hear me? [AUDIO BREAK]

Okay. Tatiana Tropina says, "We can hear you." Okay, excellent. So, the agenda is adopted as currently listed on the screen. Let's move swiftly to the action items from our last call. They've all been done. Bastiaan unfortunately is not on the call, so we'd have to check regarding the holding of the pen on the coming on ICANN jurisdiction. In any case, we'll be dealing with this shortly in the public commenting process.

The action item that remains for me to coordinate with RIPE on complete steps to start collaboration and participation of EURALO members in RIPE meetings is something which I've purposely waited on because it's quite likely that I will be meeting with the RIPE members and employees in the IGF in a few days' time in Geneva, so it's probably better to start the discussions and so on face to face, and I'll report back to you all in January.

That's the current action items. Are there any comments or questions on any of the action items, whether open or closed? I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so let's move then to the policy and current public consultations.

Now, the consultations are quite a few of them. Let me just reload the page. I would suggest that if you are on the agenda page, you reload it

so it's all updated. One statement was approved by the ALAC recently. That's about the reserve fund and the whole discussion on the rationale and the target of the reserve fund. A very short statement which basically supports that the reserve fund should be at the level of 12-month expenses. There was a long discussion in the ALAC and on the email list as to what level the reserve fund should be set at. It's interesting because a similar discussion has taken place regarding the reserve fund for the IANA Functions, and similar lengths of time were looked at for this.

The current statements in process which are currently being drafted are as follows: Enhancing Accountability, Recommendations for Diversity. That is part of the Accountability Cross Community Working Group Work Stream 2 recommendations. There are more of these, all part of the Cross Community Working Group Work Stream 2. So there's the Recommendations for Diversity.

There's Recommendations to Improve the office of Ombudsman. There were recommendations to improve ICANN Staff Accountability, recommendations on ICANN jurisdiction. These four are all part of it. And then, there is a separate public consultation on Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team.

Now, that's something which will feed straight into the next round or the potential next round of new, generic, top-level domain creation and there are new sections that were added to the draft report recommendations and the At-Large is commenting on the draft statement. Do you wish me to go in any detail in any of these? If you

wish, then I first open the floor and if there are any questions on any of these, then we can go into further detail. [AUDIO BREAK]

No? Okay. That's going pretty fast for today. Most of these we've actually spoken about, so the recommendations for diversity, the ombudsman, the staff accountability and the jurisdiction are all things that we've spoken about in the past, so perhaps those are not something that we need to speak on. Now, I can just let you know that there should be drafts submitted already in each one of these.

I haven't actually checked, but I think that there's a first draft already submitted for each one of these, and as a result, please comment on the draft. You can see the one on diversity is a very short paragraph, so in order to comment, you log in on the wiki. If you don't have a wiki login, then you ask staff about a login. Login on the wiki and then you write your comment at the bottom of the page. That will provide quick feedback. I should actually mention that on diversity we had both Yrjo Lansipuro and Bastiaan Goslings that had both participated in drafting this.

The second one on the office of the ombudsman, that doesn't have a first draft yet. Bastiaan Goslings, as we said earlier, has said he will be contributing to this. The deadline for this is the 5th of January, so there is still some ample time for a first draft to go into this. The one on improving staff accountability already has a comment from Maureen Hilyard after she had reviewed the comment and there was a response from Basitaan Goslings on this. So, you can already start the discussion on this comment. Again, just log in to the wiki and post your comment underneath.

The one on ICANN jurisdiction has got quite a number of people from our community that have volunteered to be part of the drafting team. There's no first draft yet on this. I'm not sure when a first draft is due to be drafted. I wonder if anybody who is on the team and who is on the call can let us know if they know whether there is a draft coming up or not. Otherwise, you may of course comment on this and that will be taken into account by those people that are holding the pen.

The one on the consumer trust and consumer choice has a first draft submitted, so at this point in time, please comment on this. The draft was put together by Holly Raiche, Abdulkarim Oloyede, and Sarah Kiden, and the two people who sat on the review team, Carlton Samuels and Kaili Kan, are both agreeing that this statement is well drafted, but it would certainly be interesting or important to get more support from the community and even point out if there are any errors or any amendments that should be made on this.

The floor is open for any comments, questions and suggestions. Annette Muhlberg, you have the floor.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Thank you, Olivier. Annette Muhlberg for the record. I'm just very interested in the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team. I'm wondering, it's open until the 8th of January, right?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It certainly is. Yes.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Oh, this is a very short time left and I wondered how we could organize something about this to have a little bit more time on that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks, Annette. Actually, the 8th of January is the time when this whole statement will be submitted. If you look at the table, let me try and see if I can put a link. Yeah, there's the link. Thank you, Silvia, for putting the link there on the chat. If you click on the link that's currently on the chat that Silvia has very kindly put up there...

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: I know this page.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: We've got the comments opening on the 11th of December, which was yesterday, and a call for comments closing on the 18th of December with the vote opening on the 22nd. The votes closing on the 28th of December. I'm not quite sure why this has to be so short.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: It's Christmas. It's just wonderful.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Do you wish me to make an inquiry about this? Because if this is due in on the 8th of January, perhaps there could be a concern about voting, about when the ALAC would be able to vote on this, or because one always has to work backwards, effectively. So, one goes from the 8th of

January, going back five days for the five day ALAC vote, then working backwards for the time that the drafting team would need to put together the statement, and from all the input received and amendments and so on from the input. It's a tight timeline. It's a very tight timeline.

I can certainly inquire about this, but seeing that there is a statement already on the screen, and already drafted or first draft already drafted, I don't see that much need to take so much more time on that. We're not reinventing the wheel here. Let's go to Yrjo Lansipuro and find out. I can certainly make an inquiry, Annette, and I'll do so and find out why it's closing so early. Yrjo Lansipuro.

YRJO LANSIPURO:

Thank you. This is Yrjo Lansipuro for the record. If there will be more time, this would also be a good subject for submitting it to the experts in ALSes like we did a few times before. That's to say asking those who are experts on consumer research and so on and so forth among our ALSes and independent members to take a look at this report. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Yrjo. It's Olivier speaking. That's a good point. We can certainly have an action item that we can do this immediately after this call, and ask for the feedback from the ALSes. That would certainly be okay as well. Shall we have this as an action item?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Hearing no no's, let's go for another action item then, which is to -- so, [inaudible] and Yrjo to contact European At-Large structures that focus on consumer issues regarding the statement on Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team. Annette, your hand is still up, is that a new hand?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Oh no, sorry.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. I don't see any other hands up, so we can just continue through the list that we have here. There are no statements currently stalled. There are no statements that the ALAC has decided not to submit statements. No public comment requests to which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements, and there is a brand new public comment request that has come out, which is Operating Standards for ICANN's Specific Reviews.

So, we spoke about the consumer trust review team. ICANN has a whole set of processes for reviews about every single component part of its organization. The ALAC review took place recently, and there is a whole set of operating standards that are now being reviewed. So, the reviews process is being reviewed as we speak. If you are interested in these sorts of things, very procedural, have to be very accurate, quite

organizational in nature, then please read through the draft operating standards and comment on it.

Again, you can comment on it. I already see a couple of people have commented on it, but you can certainly comment on it by going to the wiki and writing your comment after having logged in.

Upcoming public comments request. There appears to be two more requests for December 2017, as listed here. The new gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross Community Working Group and one from the Next Generation Registration Directory Services Policy development process. So, the Next Generation Registration Directory Services is all about the replacement to what we commonly know as WHOIS, this dictionary or registry that links a domain name with the person that has registered that domain name.

The one about Auction Proceeds is the amount of money, several millions, dozens of millions -- let's not put an exact price on it -- a lot of money that needs to be somehow be used or will somehow be used and the procedure for selecting the ways in which that money will be used is currently developed in this cross community working group. So, I guess the first report about this is going to come out first soon.

I do deplore that this is happening at the end of the year. It's unfortunate, but then the sort of traditional holiday period that we see in Europe is not the same in other parts of the world. With all of this whole global reach that ICANN has, it's pretty difficult to include all the global holidays and delay things because of all the global holidays worldwide.

January 2018, there will be a lot of things coming up. The number of registry agreement renewals, which the ALAC usually does not comment on. There will be some discussions about privacy and proxy services accreditation, which could be something of interest to our community as in Europe we're very strong with Privacy.

There's a proposal for some Root Label Generation Zones and internationalized domain names for the Devanagari script, which I believe probably doesn't have much to do with our region. There's proposed changes to community top level domain registration policy, international and government organization discussions which have gone on forever in the generic name support organization and seem to now have been receiving some kind of a recommendation that will come up.

The whole thing about the rights protections mechanisms in all generic top level domains. That's a very important process because of the possibility that too many rights protection mechanisms would be there to make it even viable for anyone to apply for domain names. Big discussions in January. That will probably be the subject of our next call.

Let's move on now, having not seen anybody put their hands up, to the next part of our agenda. That's the EURALO Board appointments. You will have seen some emails and discussions going on on our mailing list, and the main parts of the discussion come in two things. There's one on process and then there's a discussion with candidates in itself, the right time having this week as a week with voting taking place to have the candidates speak and let us know a little bit what their plans are for their time on the board which is a two year position.

On the process, Roberto Gaetano has raised a question regarding the limit that we have in the votes for voting on a per country basis. The EURALO board has to be geographically distributed in that only one member from each country can be on the board. Last time, we didn't have that many people that applied from the same country, so there wasn't much of a question there. The voting itself was set up so as to need to select candidates from different countries.

On this occasion, Roberto Gaetano raised the point that he had nominated several people that were from the same country, so it would put him in a position where he could only vote for one of these people, and he was precluded from voting for the others. Personally, I don't know if it makes that much of a difference if there is a restriction at the voting stage or not, except perhaps if we had more candidates, there would be less likelihood of a person from a specific country to be on the board, if there were more than one candidate from that country, because the votes would have to be then either one person or another, so it would defectively weigh down the number of votes for the person from that country.

So let's say there are three candidates coming from the UK and there are seven other candidates. The three candidates from the UK would all together have a maximum number of votes depending on the number of voters, but that could be a third each, rather than having a total number of votes with the number of people voting. I hope I haven't confused anyone here. I might have. I'm on the verge of confusing myself as well.

So, I thought we'd have a quick discussion on this. So far, I've heard people suggesting that there should be no blocking at the voting level. A couple of people have also sent me emails and told me actually they think that there should be for various reasons. Some have also said there should be a maximum number of votes per ALS, a maximum number of nominations per At-Large structure. That's something which goes beyond all of our current discussions.

So, I can certainly mention -- do we have any points? No, that's really all I wanted to say for the moment. I'll open the floor for interventions and thoughts on this. Roberto Gaetano, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes, thank you. You can hear me. Roberto Gaetano for the record. Mine was a genuine question, and it is somehow unfortunate that you want to make a decision just on the eve of an election, because I think it is an abstract procedural question, and the answers that we might give now might be affected by the current population of the candidates for the board and so on.

So, I'm not pushing for any particular decision on this particular election. I just want to have this issue, this task, in a moment when we are not pressed by new elections so that we can talk about this in theory and not related to the contingency of the population of candidates.

This said, the reason why I am favoring why the mandate doesn't have the restrictions that are applied for the final results is very simple. It's that the voting population, we have a few dozen of ALSes that are

voting for EURALO might be, especially in the situation in which we give multiple votes, so we can indicate up to five candidates, we might be in serious trouble in identifying, especially for ALSes that do an internal process where the vote is directed by the membership of the ALS rather than by the decision of the top management or whatever it is at the ALS.

It might be really complicated to conduct a poll of the membership under these circumstances of limitation that we have for the nationality. This said, I'm happy with whatever result will come from the discussion and whatever decision is made, but I think that this is something that we need to discuss in the future away from the contingent voting process and this should be part of the program of the new elected who are in the next biannual. Thank you, over.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Roberto. It's Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Are there any other comments on this topic? Erich Schweighofer.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Erich Schweighofer speaking. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: As a lawyer, I would urge you not to change rules during elections. I agree with Roberto. We [inaudible] by the rules and we should discuss it, developing the discussions on the bylaws, but for now, it's very difficult to change the rules. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Erich. It's Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. So, just to let you know, at present, there have already been some people having cast their votes, and it looks as though there are nine ALSes who have cast their votes, so if we were to change the restriction, lift the restriction, we would have to reopen the votes and in fact, we would probably have to restart this from scratch, which certainly would delay us in the current process.

So, that's the thing we have to weigh between continuing with the current process and sticking to the same deadline or not continuing, restarting the vote, then lifting the restriction. Jean-Jacques Subrenat, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. This is Jean-Jacque. I hope you can hear me. Hello.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Can you hear me? Good. Just an answer to Erich's remark. Looking at the rules as they are applied today, and which Olivier has kindly repeated on the chat about, it says simply the number two, there would be a maximum limit of one board member per country. Board member means already elected, not candidates. So, the limitation of candidates per country is not at the candidate level, it's at the board level, meaning after election. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Jean-Jacques. It's Olivier speaking. We obviously have now two points of view on this. In order to see where we go, could I ask for a show of hands on the people who are currently on the call, just to get an idea? So, if you think that the vote should be stopped and the rule for the current restriction for voting be lifted, if you could put a green tick, and if you don't, if you believe that on the other hand there shouldn't be a change to this vote and we should just continue with the current rules and you raised a concern for the future, then you can put a red cross please. [AUDIO BREAK]

Wow. I'm seeing a lot of red crosses at the moment. I don't see any green ticks. Interesting. Okay, thanks for this. So, it looks to me, by the number of people on the call here, it's quite a number of people that we're not going to move forward and we'll just continue with the current vote, and perhaps we will have to raise this during the next time there's a vote, which will be in two years' time.

And perhaps, as a step forward, because at present, you see, there is actually not very much explaining of our procedure for selection of the

EURALO board. We're in this moment when we have, on the one hand, our bylaws which are being rewritten and there's a working group working on this. It's taking a bit of time, but we want to make sure we've got good bylaws that reflect the way that things work.

Immediately after the bylaws, there will be operational procedures written, and these operational procedures should have full details of how the EURALO board should be selected. At present, we're just working on what has been done in the past, and it's just an evolution, but it's not actually written down in any way. The only restrictions we have are restrictions that were written in the bylaws regarding the composition of the board itself, but that's it.

So, I see from Heidi, "Could you please state the rules to be followed on this vote?" At present, the rule that there is in the bylaws is to do nine above the board. And it just says, 9.1, "The board of the association shall consist of at least five members. The size of the board may be expanded, reviewed by the general assembly as they shall see fit. The general assembly elects at least one chair-person and a treasurer," and you already see here that these are the old bylaws. We're now removing the function of treasurer because there's no money in the whole EURALO thing, we're 100% funded by ICANN. "The board shall establish rules of procedure which shall be generally available and are subject to the review of the general assembly." That's what we will be drafting afterwards.

And then 9.2 says, "In order to enhance diversity of the association as provided in article 3.4, at least five members of the board shall be nationals of different countries, and to the extent possible, from

different regions of Europe, and to the extent possible, gender balance shall be sought.” These are the basic rules and we’ll probably have to expand on this in the rules of procedure and how to select those people.

Okay. I think that’s all we have here on this topic. Roberto, judging from the feedback we’ve had on this call, I’m quite reticent to move forward and stop the voting process at this point. I have had several notes by email of people saying, “Well, we’ve already started the vote. It would be quite a problem if it were to start it and restart again.”

We’re dealing with a EURALO board at the end of the day. I don’t know if it’s going to make such a difference to the vote at the end. It might do, but let’s just proceed forward with that as it was the same rules we had last time, and then we’ll change the rules or we’ll actually set the rules for the next time that we have an election for the EURALO board. Roberto Gaetano, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes, thank you. This is Roberto for the recording. As I put my comment in the chat, I think it’s very appropriate that we think about this modality in the next biannual. I think the next board has to tackle this problem. What it is very important is to do this consideration away from the moment when we have to physically do the nominations and the elections, because then the risk of being biased by the candidate population is very high.

That is the problem that we have in Italy, that we discuss about elections only every five years when we are three months before the

elections, and that's why we have a screwed up elections system. I don't want the same to happen with EURALO. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Roberto. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Let's have an action item for the future EURALO board to tackle this and to address the issue of how the board is selected, and perhaps even start putting together a set of guidelines on the procedure for selection of the board, so then it can suggest it and go through the process. I'm reticent to send it to the working group that deals with the EURALO bylaws because there's already a lot going on in that. Certainly, the board members can look at the way that board members are selected and make some suggestions.

Okay, let's move on then. And, by the way, some are asking, what was the number of votes for and against? This was not a vote, the illustrious word that a chair at ITU once said. This was just to gain the temperature of the room and to have a feeling as to which way we could go on this one.

The board work space has got a number of candidates, and I would like perhaps to ask each one of the candidates to tell us for about a minute, a minute and a half, what their aims are for the board, and let's just note also that's it's at 19:44 UTC, so about 40 minutes into the call that we're doing this, just in case we need to point anybody who is not on the call to hear the candidates' statements.

We'll go by the order in which the candidates are in the wiki page. So, we'll start with Jean-Jacques Surbrenat. You have the floor. [AUDIO BREAK]

And I think, can we hear Jean-Jacques now? There we are. It seems to be a problem with the Adobe Connect.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Hello, can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you, Jean-Jacques. Yes, go ahead.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: This is Jean-Jacque. Thank you, Olivier. I'd like to say a few words to explain my candidacy. First, I have a long experience of serving on boards both in the ecosystem and outside. Second, I just spent two years as the chair of the EURALO individual's association, and with Roberto and Wale, I think I had a certain role in setting up the association and making it active in outreaches where we have put out a lot of information on our website. We have improved that website, and I even conducted an online survey. The results of which were communicated to the association members.

More specifically, I think I would be able to contribute on the board to, of course, policy development; after all I was a member of the ICANN board, but also to things which we have just been discussing. For instance, changing or perfecting some of the rules by which we are

governed. For instance, this thing about the number of candidates per country etcetera. But also, I think I could improve the communications part of it along with the chair of the EURALO board for the website and other forms of reaching out.

Finally, I have a long habit in communicating not only to the people of various nationalities, but also knowing their background and working really in an international fashion. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Jean-Jacques. Next is Annette Muhlberg.

ANETTE MUHLBERG: Hello, everybody. I would just like to focus on some issues. I think the next year is a really interesting year for Europe and the world, and the ICANN world in respect to the General Data Protection Regulation. I think there will be a lot left to be done, and I'm very happy that Christopher started this summer the discussion on WHOIS and I think he especially, with the help of some others, made good input on the WHOIS issue, and I think that we should work together in the GDPR issue and I would like to help to organize also an individual user's input together with the European registries who have an issue with all these things. So I think this will be one of real importance.

I also have a long-term issue. We will have the next IGF right next door this month, but there will be another at the end of 2019. And I would like to have a long-term idea for doing outreach for EURALO at this huge event and also to organize some discussions in the interest of users

there. Then, there are some other issues. We just talked about the new gTLD program, but I think I'll limit it to this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Annette. Next is Erich Schweighofer.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Erich Schweighofer speaking. I've followed the ICANN process for a very long time as an international lawyer, and my role [inaudible] being outreach, particularly in computer [inaudible] and academia. I also would like to focus on [inaudible] issues. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this. Next is Clement Genty.

CLEMENT GENTY: Hi. I hope that everyone can hear me. Yes? It's correct?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you well, go ahead.

CLEMENT GENTY: Okay. Thank you. For my part, I'm a Ph.D. candidate and I enter in ICANN by the Next Gen program where I met Matias [inaudible] who is applying too as a EURALO board position. I'm coming from the initial field and I want to create the direct link between factory, industry, customer, and ICANN in the domain name industry.

I'm not coming from low from IT or diplomacy, but from the engineering field. And I think that in France we just have four At-Large structures, and EURALO is composed of only 37 At-Large structures, and I want to improve this figure. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Clement. Next is Roberto Gaetano.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes, unlike my usual speeches, I will try to be brief. I think that EURALO, generally [inaudible], but EURALO in particular, is in a very difficult moment. I think that we have [inaudible] upon us and to a certain extent, we've tried to even avoid the comments that were coming, some of which are [inaudible], but some of which are really on target.

I think that in the next biannual, we need to have a more active and effective EURALO. Personally, I might be wrong, but I think the major problem lies with the EURALO board that is not supporting the EURALO chair and that is not fulfilling the two major roles that, in my opinion still, the EURALO board has. First of which is to give strategical directions and second of which, for each EURALO board member to be a role model for the new comers but also for the old comers. I think that EURALO suffers from a lack of participation, notably with a few exceptions.

In PDP policy development working groups we are not active collectively in the policy development which is the primary role of EURALO. We are supporting also a lot of people that are much more interested in having

a ticket to travel rather than to participate. I have an incidentally long record of not making friends about this issue, but it is nevertheless one of the points.

I think that we need to show participation and then come to ask for contributions to the participation rather than doing the reverse. And I'm still dismayed by the lack of participation of the vast majority of the EURALO members in the policy development. I think that the role --

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Roberto, it's Olivier. Sorry for jumping in, but you're time goes very quickly.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Fine, fine. I think I did my usual speech, and over to you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Roberto, for this. Now, next listed in the table was Stephane Van Gelder. You will have noticed that Stephan has withdrawn his nomination earlier today. It's actually a first that someone had withdrawn during the process where the votes have already started. I'm told that nine ALSes have already voted. I'm not sure, because the vote is anonymous, there's no way to find out whether the ALSes have voted for Stephane or not, and therefore if you are one of these At-Large structures that have voted, please contact staff if you would like to vote again, and they will have to take your vote into account.

If you have not voted for Stephane Van Gelder, then of course, don't contact staff, or if you want to completely change your votes after you heard the candidates today, perhaps you would need to contact staff, but we can't find out who voted for what because the selection is fully anonymous. So, that's one point.

There was also another discussion, but I'll come back to procedural issues after we've heard from the remaining two candidates. Matthias Hudobnik, you have the floor. [AUDIO BREAK]

And at present we cannot hear Matthias.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello? Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, now we can hear you. Go ahead. You have the floor, Matthias.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello. Okay, Matthias Hudobnik speaking. Hello. First of all, thank you very much for the great opportunity to have a small talk. For those who do not know me, I joined the ICANN with the Next-Gen 58 in Copenhagen, and afterwards I joined the individual association and was now also ambassador at the ICANN60. To my background, I did a college of electronics, specializing in computer science and now I'm finishing -- I'm a low Masters at the University of Graz.

So, to the motivation for the EURALO board. To be a member of the board for me would be a great opportunity to get a profounder involvement in EURALO's outreach activities and also the possibility to provide our region with some fresh ideas. A very important point for me is really as a nation, so what does it mean? Trying to get younger, like-minded people involved into the very important policy process, especially from our region.

I think we should more or less use also the programs like Next Gen or Ambassador. I still try to recruit people from there, although I am also part of the Next Gen selection committee.

Regarding the working and sharing ideas, I'm very interested in the data protection because I've also some legal background and I think this issue will be very important also for EURALO because we are [inaudible] our region and there is no real statement regarding this issue. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Matthias. And finally, last but not least, Yrjo Lansipuro.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Olivier. This is Yrjo Lansipuro for the record. If reelected, I would like to continue the efforts to get the ALSes and, of course, the individual members, engaged with the work that has started over these couple of years. There were some results I guess and now we are trying to do the same as we decided to try to get the ALS and independent

members' comments also on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review. This is important in view of the review to show how wrong ICANN's [inaudible] were about ALSes and their role in the At-Large.

The other important issue of course, the role of the ALSes as elements of the multistakeholder community in their own countries and in their own areas, and I'd like to see if we could somehow help them there too. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Yrjo. And that concludes the overall statements from each one of our candidates. I wish we had more time. It's already the top of the hour, would you believe it, so we're going to be very late on today's call. I wish we had more time to ask questions. If you have any questions for the candidates, please follow up on the EURALO mailing list. There's still some time before the end of the vote.

I did receive a question separately regarding if there was a tie between two candidates from the same country. So, which one of the two would be the candidate that would be selected for the board. The way that the selection usually takes place, there generally are two levels. Often, on the ALAC, the first level is for the chair to decide which one of the candidates, so the chair casts a tie breaking vote, but I think that in the occasion that we have here, it does make it a little bit difficult for me as the EURALO chair to make a decision on a board that I will be working with, so the next level of tie-breaking is random selection, which has

been used in the past, and that's only, just to remind you, if there is a tie breaker between two candidates from the same country.

I don't see any other potential problem on this, and it would of course be for every country concerned. That's another procedural thing that we will have to include in the procedures when we actually write them and how the EURALO board is selected.

And with this, being careful about the time and mindful that we're already very late, let's move on to the next part of our call. How much more time do we have? Heidi is already having to drop off I think, but Silvia, we can have another 10 minutes then? 15 minutes? I'm not hearing Silvia so silence is consent I believe.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, I am speaking. Yes, we can do 10 more minutes. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. With apologies to everyone on this, let's move to the EURALO preparations for the Global IGF. Just mentioning, I didn't want to rush the EURALO board appointment discussions and I certainly have learned some interesting things from each one of the candidates today, so it's quite exciting, by the way, for me to see that there are many different projects that the candidates have, so I look forward to seeing the new board being selected because next year is going to be an important year with one meeting taking place in Europe was mentioned, another IGF taking place in Europe, and quite a few big discussions including the General Data Protection Regulations that are

going to come into force in April of next year. So, big things on the horizon.

EURALO preparations for the Global IGF is just one week away. There is an IGF activities wiki page which has been put together with a working group that worked quite extensively to prepare for the Internet Governance Forum. I'm a little surprised that we didn't have more European involvement in this. I did announce it during the last call and we had very few volunteers, so perhaps next year we should have more volunteers on this.

There are a lot of ICANN and At-Large organized events that are listed on the wiki page that should be in the chat, and if you are an organizer or a part of any IGF session, please add those details to the page. There is a table of all of the different sessions that our community is involved with.

EURALO will be involved in at least two of the booths, if not three. The first booth is the common EURALO and European Stakeholders Group that will have the EURALO banner and some EURALO flyers, so we can certainly do some outreach there, and it's a common bullet with several other players, including EuroDIG and others, so European corner if you want.

Opposite that, and what I mean by opposite, just on the other side of the area, very close will be the At-Large booth. That will have other members of At-Large, and we'll have, again, some EURALO flyers, but mostly At-Large flyers with some goodies that will be given out, including some pins and some power adapters that will bring people's

interest to come here so that we can effectively get anyone interested EURALO and At-Large from both directions. I think there will be some chocolates as well dispensed in that booth.

And then, there's the ICANN booth which is not actually located in the same area, and we will need to have some presence there as well. So, I think you've kind of guessed where I'm going at. There will be a number of opportunities to perform outreach from three different locations, which means we need to have help from you. If you're going to the ITF, please consider spending maybe like half an hour or an hour in the week, or even like 15 minutes.

Pass by the booth, say hi, talk to a few people there, make these booths happen. Make them buzzing because there's nothing worse than an empty booth that looks absolutely derelict. It feels more like a derelict land rather than something that's busy. A busy booth always attracts more attention.

And, if you have meetings at the IGF, you need to meet with people, you can use the booth as a good location. Say, "I'll be over at the EURALO booth at 10:00," or something, and you can just meet there and then sort of wander around the corner, but from that position.

That's what's happening at the IGF. I think that's really it. A number of people are traveling there. There is at least 10 to 15 people from our community that are going there funded through various different ways. Any questions or comments?

I don't see anyone putting their hands up. It's worth noting, as Annette Muhlberg mentioned, next year, the IGF is very likely to take place in Germany, so perhaps this is going to be our --

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: 2019.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: 2019 is it? Or '18?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: '19.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: '19, okay thank you Annette.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Long-term.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I don't know where it will take place in 2018, but it's worth noting that this could be our rehearsal for our outreach. So, let's see how we do on that, but I'm quite excited about it because it's happening just in our backyard, and I hope that many of you will be able to make it to Geneva. It's quite a central location. I'm not going to advertise any specific airline that has very cheap prices across. You can even consider flying over for a day, and trust me, I've actually done something like that

in the past and it didn't cost me more than like 50 or 60 euros to go back and forth in the same day. A bit crazy, but it's nice to just go for the day.

However, there is just one problem, if you haven't registered for IGF yet, then you will be faced with a problem because you need to have registered, I think the deadline was about a week and a half ago, two weeks ago. So, if you haven't registered, then don't bother. So, that's the IGF activities.

Now, we've got the additional budget requests process. That process has started. I mentioned it during the last time, the last call, and there wasn't anything describing the actual budget requests process. Now the wiki page has been filled, so it's linked to the agenda and it provides you with a detailed calendar of when the kick off period starts, which was just a few days ago, and the kick off period, so submission period, the time that we have to submit requests, will end on the 31st of January, 2018.

I really wish that we used standard notation rather than US notation on these dates because it doesn't make much sense. 12/05/2017. Ugh. That's the 12th of May. It isn't, but it's confusing, sorry, for us in Europe. So, effectively, yes, the submission period ends at the end of January. We're going to have more time to submit these things and we're going to have more time discussing potential submissions during our next EURALO call in January, but please, put some thoughts together as to what we wish to request money for, funding for.

The previous requests that we have had where on the one hand, for this year, it was for a workshop to take place at IGF. That workshop, unfortunately, we got the money from ICANN, but it was dependent on whether the workshop was going to be taken up by the MAG, and unfortunately it was refused.

The second request we had was about ICANN student crises and I think that we've now gotten the message that we will not, probably never get anyone funded to go to ICANN Student Crises using the additional funding requests, so we'll probably have to look into using CROP in the future for this.

So, think of other things that we can get funding for our region. Some of the other regions have submitted seven, eight requests of which some of them were allowed. Unfortunately, if we only submit two and both of them are refused, then we don't really get much. That's the planning process, so you've got now the full detail of timelines and so on in front of you.

Next we have, and this is the last but not least, the ICANN academy leadership program. The new round of searching for a candidate has come up. The leadership program is a program to train people that have reached leadership positions, such as for example being on the ALAC or being a RALO chair and to basically teach them the ins and outs of how to both run meetings but also chair things and how policy development process takes place. It's kind of an advanced course on leadership that develops your facilitation skills, etcetera.

So, the individuals have to be endorsed by their organization so it would have to be someone endorsed by the advisory committee, by the ALAC. The current ALAC members that we have are Andrei Kolesnikov, Sebastien Bachollet and Bastiaan Goslings. Both Sebastien and Andrei have already I think had a chance to be on the leadership training program; these are not new comers, they already know how to do all these things.

Bastiaan is the latest person that EURALO has selected to be on the program, and then we've got a brand new newcomer, and that's Wale Bakare, who's our EURALO secretary, so it would have to be between Bastiaan and Wale Bakare. I think personally, let's take this offline, but this is just to let you know that this is going on, and we'll see how it goes. I'll have a chat with both Bastiaan and Wale after the end of this call and see who really wants to be on that. The program would take place in Puerto Rico, I think it's just prior to ICANN61.

Okay, that's I think the end of our call, except we still have any other business. So, is there any other business? And I think I've heard Annette go, "Um." Annette Muhlberg for the record.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG:

Right. I just wanted to make sure that you're going to handle that. You don't want to have any support or something? We feel it's in good hands with you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Annette. It's Olivier speaking. We're not electing someone to be on that program. It's really going to be as to who is going to take more out of this, and a lot of their leadership program has to do with the facilitation and so on and so forth. So, I would just ask both Bastiaan and Wale to come to come amicable solution as to who needs it the most, and then we'll select who goes there.

We haven't got a huge selection. I certainly don't need it, so I'm not going to be in the run. Sebastien Bachollet has been in ICANN for longer than I have. Andrei Kolesnikov has also been in ICANN for a very long time. He's also sat on the Generic Name Supporting Organization, so I don't think either of us three really qualify as someone who would benefit from the leadership training, and in fact, I don't remember if Sebastien was on any of those courses, but I certainly was in the first leadership training program, so I've benefitted from it already. So, we've got Christopher Wilkinson and Sandra Hoferichter here, so let's go for Christopher Wilkinson.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Thank you, Olivier. Just a quick word to say that I agree with Tatiana that ALAC does need a position on geographic names. I'm not sure which of my past statements Tatiana disagrees with, but maybe we could do that offline, because you've got until the end of this meeting, but I do want to put that issue on the table because it will become quite important next year. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Christopher. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. I was writing just before starting the call. I did write a quick email to you. I haven't sent it yet. The concern I have is you're asking EURALO. The reason why the ALAC has not responded as a block, an ALAC statement on this, is that there are differing views and I don't think we've found consensus on that.

Now, one thing. If you were to drive this, I would suggest that you email the At-Large mailing list and ask the question and start a discussion on this and see if maybe we can find consensus on this. I'd be the first one to agree. I agree with you, it's an important issue, so if we can certainly get you to lead this discussion, that would be really helpful. Next is Sandra Hoferichter.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello, everyone. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You sound very far away, Sandra. It sounds as though your mic is not plugged in or your microphone is very far away from your face.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Is that any better NOW?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Nope. It's still very far. Maybe you've selected the wrong microphone.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Actually, I just want to mention that the leadership program -- hang on, is it better now? Yes, wonderful. So, I just want to mention that the leadership program is not only for incoming leaders but also current leaders. It was always the case that we need to bring together experienced and newbies so to say to also have this peer-to-peer effect and to gain advantage from the experiences of those who are around ICANN for quite a while.

However, it's up to this community to decide whom they want to send, but I do remember that when I was still working at the ALAC, that the ALAC had the last say, and then taking care that there are not only newcomers but that there is actually a mixture between those who can tell already stories about ICANN and those who are really the new ones. So, just take that into account. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for that, Sandra. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. I have an issue with this because looking at the past number of selectees, EURALO has traditionally sent people who are seasoned participants. I don't think, and correct me if I'm wrong, I don't have the list in front of me, but I do not recall EURALO sending newcomers on many occasions.

Most of the time we had seasoned people. I think that we also need to benefit from this program with our newcomers, and certainly we have a couple of people that are new comers compared to past years. So, that's why. Let's go to Tatiana Tropina.

TATIANA TROPINA:

Thank you very much, Olivier. Tatiana Tropina speaking, and I'm not going to take more than one or two minutes of your time. Of course I have to [inaudible] myself actually from incidents in ALAC courses from this on the Work Track 5 because I am a GNSO councilor. But I want you to consider a couple of issues.

First of all, about maybe I didn't understand Christopher well on the email list, but I would like to remind that this is a GNSO policy development process, and it is natural that it does follow GNSO rules, and I believe that there can be no compromise on this. No, compromise. GNSO does not come to ALAC and teach ALAC how to give advice. The same applies to -- I'm sorry. I hear the echo.

And then, I would like to point out to another thing. If Christopher wants to drive the process on the development of the ALAC statement, I believe that there should be very much a neutrality from his side. Because we have in GNSO and actually in any cross community working force for whatever, we have a rule of neutrality, so I believe that if there would be a drive about this statement from Christopher, there should be a very new proposition from his side and only drive in a statement, but not really provide an opinion, and this would restrict him in a way. So, I would like you all to consider this. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Tatiana. This actually is the gist of the message I was sending to Christopher, so you saved me from having to draft a long email. Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record. I think the assumption is generally okay. You said about that EURALO sent for the most part [inaudible] and senior, experienced people like Yrjo, etcetera, but I do remember that we also had cases nominating new incoming members, and to my memory it was Timmy Schultz who was an EURALO incomer in November 2013, in Buenos Aires, and he participated in the leadership program as well. So, there's always space for improvement. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. And I don't see any more hands up. So, since we are 24 minutes beyond the official end of this call, I wanted to thank you all for being on the call. It has been very interesting. I just wanted, before we close the call, to welcome our new At-Large structure in the persona of Salve Nilsen, and I wonder if anybody else from that ALS is there. No, just Salve. So, it's great to see ISOC Norway having joined the At-Large community and EURALO in particular.

Now, everyone, I don't know how many of you are going to be at the IGF. I'm arriving there on Saturday, and staying there the whole week, so I look forward to seeing you all there, and helping out in the booth and seeing you in sessions and so on. If I don't see you until next year, then have a wonderful end of year with the holiday period coming up, and see you in the new year. See you next year. Thanks everyone and this call is now adjourned. Have a very good evening. Bye-bye.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you, everyone. This meeting has been adjourned and the audio will now be disconnected. Thank you for joining today's call and wishing you happy holidays. Bye-bye.

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