# APRALO Newsletter, June 2018

## ICANN62 Update

The ICANN62 Policy Forum was held 25-28 June 2018 in Panama City, Panama.

Prior to the meeting, the ICANN Board held four public sessions and a public Board meeting. Some of the highlights of the entire Policy Forum include:

- **The ICANN Board accepted the At-Large Review** immediately prior to the start of ICANN62. The Board directed the ALAC to convene an At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) that oversees the implementation process of the proposals, including the development of a detailed implementation plan. **The At-Large will soon hold a call for membership for the ARIWG.**

- Stéphane Van Gelder posthumously awarded the 2018 Multistakeholder Ethos Award.

- Announcement of the locations of 2020 ICANN Public Meetings: ICANN67 in Cancun, Mexico; ICANN68 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; ICANN69 in Hamburg, Germany.

- The Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD) celebrated its 20th anniversary.

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and access to WHOIS data were discussed, including the Unified Access Model and the proposed Expedited Development Process (EPDP), and subsequent community organization.

- Various Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) sessions were held, including the CCWG-Accountability WS2 Face-to-Face Plenary to discuss the WS2 Final Report, and Cross-Community Session on Geographic Names at the Top-Level.

- Additional sessions included the GNSO Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Face-to-Face Session; High Interest Sessions such as Community Input to GNSO Expedited PDP Charter Development and RDS-WHOIS2 Review; Retirement of ccTLDs PDP; The Proposed Governance Model for DNS Root Server System; At-Large Review Implementation and Next Steps; ICANN's Strategic Outlook Initiative.

*ICANN62 by the numbers*

## ICANN Update

During the month of June, ICANN:

- Appealed a decision by the German regional court regarding GDPR/WHOIS. After the appeal, the German regional court has decided to revisit the ruling.

- Published the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) Phase 2, Cycle 6 Report.

- Updated gTLD Marketplace Health Index.

- Announced the formal restart of the Second Review of the Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR2) and the formation of the Generation Panel to develop root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Myanmar script.

- Released the Final Report of the Nomination Committee review, undertaken by the independent examiner.

- Organized webinars on the Pre-ICANN62 Policy and GNSO Policy Briefing.

- The public comments regarding Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews and Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews were extended to 31 July 2018.

- There was a call for Expressions of Interest for the 2019 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect, which closed 2 June 2018.

## At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

**All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large Staff](#).**

The following public comments were announced in June:

- [Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata](#) 27 July 2018
- [Proposed Renewal of .COOP Sponsored Registry Agreement](#) 27 July 2018
- [Draft Proposal of the New Fellowship Program Approach](#) 27 July 2018
- [Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process](#) 31 July 2018
- [The Independent Review Process Implementation Oversight Team (IRP-IOT) Draft Recommendations](#) 10 August 2018
- [ICANN Seeking Community Feedback on Proposed Unified Access Model](#) Requested ASAP

**Have your say!** To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder.

**The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 2 Policy Advice Statements in June:**

- [Release for Registration one .COM Domain Name with a Single-Character Label: O.COM](#)
  *During ICANN62, the ALAC revised, ratified and resubmitted their Statement. The ALAC supported the proposition, provided it offers the proceeds to nonprofit organizations that serve the public interest. The ALAC offered three suggestions to that end: (1) ICANN should permit the release of O.com and allow Verisign to conduct a third-party auction, (2) Third-party auction service providers should screen candidates for auction, and (3) Verisign should forfeit the auction's proceeds and renewals to non-profit entity.*

- [Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review](#)
  *The ALAC is responsible for representing the interests of Internet end users within ICANN, and there are few parts of the Internet as critical as the Root Server System. The ALAC commented specifically on recommendations 1, 2 and 5 of the RSSAC2 Review, related to 1) RSSAC membership criteria, the 2) RSSAC charter and 3) engaging more effectively with ICANN.*

**See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)**

# ALAC Update

- The ALAC ratified the ALAC Statement on the Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review.

- The Supplemental ALAC Statement on the Release for Registration one .COM Domain Name with a Single-Character Label: O.COM was ratified during ICANN62.

- Volunteers from ALSes were invited to draft ALAC Statements on Draft Community Travel Support Guidelines, Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews, Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews; and the Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata, among others.

- [The Capacity Building Working Group organized its 5th webinar for the new At-Large Capacity Building Program - 2018](#) on the topic of the KSK Rollover, led by David Conrad and Patrik Fältström.

# At-Large Elections Update

**RALO Elections and Appointments to the ALAC**

An announcement was made regarding the results of the RALO elections and appointments for

ALAC and Regional Leaders, which will come into effect at the end of ICANN63. The results per RALO are as follows:

- AFRALO - ALAC Member: Tijani Ben Jemaa; Secretary: Sarah Kiden.
- APRALO - ALAC Member: Holly Raiche; Chair: Satish Babu; Vice-Chair: Ali AlMeshal;
- EURALO - ALAC Member: Bastiaan Goslings.
- LACRALO - ALAC Member: Humberto Carrasco; Chair: Sergio Salinas Porto; Secretary: Harold Arcos.
- NARALO - ALAC Member: Marita Moll; Chair: Eduardo Diaz; Secretary: Glenn McKnight.

**ALAC Chair Election during ICANN62**

Maureen Hilyard was elected as the ALAC Chair for a period of one year, beginning at the end of the ICANN63 Annual General Meeting, when current chair Alan Greenberg's term will conclude.

There were two nominations for the position: Maureen Hilyard and Tijani Ben Jemaa. Out of the 15 ALAC members who participated in the voting process held during the ICANN62 Policy Forum, 9 voted for Maureen and 6 voted for Tijani.



*(L-R): ALAC Chair Alan Greenberg with ALAC Chair-Elect, Maureen Hilyard*

# APRALO Update

- The APRALO monthly call for 21 June 2018 was rescheduled, since many APRALO members were traveling to ICANN62.

# ALS Highlights

**Interactive Meeting with ICANN CTO organized by ISOC Delhi**

The Internet Society Delhi Chapter organized an interactive meeting with ICANN Sr. Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, David Conrad on 5 June 2018. The ICANN CTO spoke on a range of topics, including the KSK Rollover, scaling up mirror servers in a country or region with increasing Internet end users, resolution of domain names, security of domain names and the root zone DNSSEC. The presentation was followed by interactive Q&A.

**Regithon 2018**

The Internet Society Armenia launched meeting in Tsakhkadzor from 15-16 June' 2018, with around 25 local registrars. Representatives from all Armenian registrar companies, as well as RA

Police and NSS, took part in the inaugural meeting. The outdoor meeting format became an important innovative platform for the stakeholders to get to know one another, and to discuss issues concerning the community.

The meeting started with a welcome speech by the Director of Internet Society NGO, noting that the key objective of the meeting should be the definition and adoption of clear methods of dealing with emerging issues.

Among the speakers were Alexandra Kulikova, ICANN Head of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Eastern Europe & Central Asia, who joined remotely. Topics covered included web security in Armenia, ICANN and GDPR/WHOIS, domain name registration policy, Ukrainian experience of domain name disputes and arbitration rules for domain name dispute resolution.

The discussions concluded with an action to hold such meetings regularly, to enable cooperative solutions to issues in a more relaxed and trusting atmosphere.



*Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice-Chair, at Regithon 2018 in Armenia*

## Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- The 6th Africa DNS Forum was held 3-5 July 2018 in Cotonou, Benin. The theme this year was "Building a Sustainable Domain Name Industry in Africa".

- The APAC Space web conference on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data will take place 17 July 2018 at 11:00 (SGT) / 03:00 (UTC).

- The ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October 2018.

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