
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Let's get going.

ANDREA GLANDON: Great, thank you. Give me just one moment, please. Thank you. We will now officially start the recording of this call. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference on Tuesday, 15 May, 2018 at 18:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Andrei Kolesnikov, Anne-Marie Joly, Salve Nilsen, Sebastian Bachollet, Olawake Bakare, Yrjo Lansipuro. We also have ...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think we have someone else ... Okay, they muted. Thank you. Andrea?

ANDREA GLANDON: You may begin.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Welcome, everyone. I believe we had a roll call. I'm not sure if it's complete. Have we missed any names in the roll call so far? I'm not seeing any hands up, so the roll call is complete. My name is Olivier Crepin-LeBlond. Thanks, everyone, for joining us on this monthly EURALO call.

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Today, we're going to have a bit of an agenda in two different pieces. The first part of our agenda is going to be our regular EURALO call reviewing action items, dealing with the policy statement, and then afterwards having an update on the EURALO members outreach activities and then we'll move to a second part of the call, which is to meet the candidates for the EURALO elections for this year. There are only two candidates for one of the positions. The other candidates for the other positions are single candidates, so we'll have a consensus call on that person that we can then carry up to the mailing list. Then, we have a short item on any other business.

May I ask if there are any additional items or any amendments that anybody would like to add to the agenda? I'm not hearing anybody's voice or seeing anybody put their hand up, so the agenda is adopted as such. Apologies for the background noise. I'm currently in a hotel lobby, so it might be a little noisy sometimes.

The second agenda item today is the review of our action items from our last calls. We've got the action items from two different calls. There were some carried over action items.

The first one is from the 17th of April and I'm glad to say that although that link doesn't work, I think I'm glad to say that there were no action items remaining there.

The second one is from the 27th of March call. There were two action items that still remain. The first one is for Olivier to follow-up with Vanessa – that's Vanessa [inaudible] – when she's back in her office to

organize a webinar on the topic of framework of interpretation and to develop a checklist for human rights impact assessment.

Vanessa and I have been in touch with each other and checking on the progress on the human rights cross-community work party that is the work party that is likely to provide some avenues for human rights impact assessment. They are still a little bit behind somehow, so so far there is no progress on their behalf, and therefore we decided that we might delay this until there is actual progress and until we actually have some kind of a matter that we can play with to have a checklist for human rights impact assessment. So, that one will go on the back burner for the time being.

The second one is for me and Yrjo Lansipuro to coordinate the third EURALO webinar with a target date of the end of April on the topic of GDPR, its impact on WHOIS, and the impact of GDPR and end users. You will have seen on the mailing list an invitation for EURALO At-Large Structures to share their experiences on what they are doing in their own part of the world. We've had a handful of At-Large Structures respond and perhaps ... I hope that there will be more that will step forward to let us know what they've been doing with regards to their mailing list, with regards to their—

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm sorry? I'm still here. Have I been lost? I'm still here.

ANDREA GLANDON: I can hear you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Well, someone has lost [inaudible], but not me. I'm still here. We haven't had that many At-Large Structures step forward, so I hope that if anybody is listening in and hasn't so far stepped forward, we just need maybe two or three minutes from you during that call to be able to do this.

I see that Yrjo says that my voice has disappeared. I hope it's not a split between the bridge and the WebX because we've had that problem in the past. Could staff please fix it?

ANDREA GLANDON: We'll check that out.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: If that's the case, then obviously we need to stop for the time being. I'm going to say testing, testing. It sounds like ... I've seen several people say that they can't hear me, but Sebastien who is sitting opposite me and is on the bridge tells me thumbs up for hearing me on the headphones and we're face-to-face. I'm really sorry for this.

ANDREA GLANDON: I can hear you now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. It sounds as though there was a temporary problem then with the audio bridge between Adigo and WebX.

I was basically saying that on the topic of the sharing experiences, of At-Large Structures sharing experiences on what they're doing on GDPR, we haven't had that many At-Large Structures come back to us on this. So, if there's anybody on the call whose ALS has not stepped forward, to just let us know in two or three minutes how this GDPR has affected them, whether it's affected their database, their membership database, their mailing list, etc., then it would be great to be able to populate [inaudible].

Yrjo has been in touch with [Raul Plummer] and [inaudible] asking them to participate as speakers and they've agreed. So, we are planning to have this call towards the end of May. And as you know, or maybe as you might not know, the GDPR comes in full effect on the 25th of May, only ten days from now. By then, we'll also be able to probably discuss some of the feedback and some of the events that might have happened after the 25th of May. No one really knows where we're going, so that should be a really interesting webinar, and that therefore remains an action item [inaudible].

Are there any comments or questions on this topic? I'm not seeing anybody putting their hand up, so we can swiftly move to the next topic on our agenda and that's the review of the ALAC public consultations. You'll notice there are quite a few as per usual taking place in parallel. There were three statements recently approved by the ALAC.

The first one was the draft final report on the NomCom 2 Review, the second Nominating Committee Review. A thorough review undertaken and several recommendations. I think a total of 26 recommendations were given and the ALAC has agreed to a majority of them. Of course, in EURALO, we've actually asked our representatives on the NomCom for the past five or six years to comment on this and I'm glad to say that the comments from our representatives were taken into account in the ALAC answers. Only a couple of recommendations were pushed back on.

One is the recommendation 17, maintain NomCom diversity at current levels, mentioning that [inaudible] diversity is something we can never have enough of. We basically are saying that we haven't reached enough diversity in there. Perhaps the ALAC has been very diverse in the people that it has appointed, because of course the fact that it has to appoint one person from each geographical region, but other times other constituencies have appointed people that were very much in the same part of the world and perhaps even gender diversity requirements not being met at all in previous years.

Recommendation 20 was preliminary screening by external consultants. Again, the ALAC does not agree.

Then recommendation 21, standardized matrix. Again, a bit of a question mark on the ALAC that matrix might not be feasible in the diverse environment that we live in.

Finally, recommendation 25, advancing its nominations [inaudible] into a leadership development function. Basically, the response of the ALAC

being that what was really outside the remit of the Nominating Committee.

I was about to forget recommendation 26, clarity on independent directors. The answer of the ALAC is currently the NomCom appointed directors are a mixture of independent directors in ICANN [inaudible] and therefore there's no reason to further harden the structure and the current system appears to be working. Anyway, that's the statement that was sent by the ALAC on this topic.

The next topic is the draft project plan for the proposed name collision analysis project. That's an interesting project in that its—

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: I have audio on the WebX now. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Thank you for letting us know. Seems that might have been a problem. Welcome.

Now, on this topic, the proposed name collision analysis project. This is a project that was launched as a follow-up to the problem of collision, potential collisions, on dot-corp dot-home, and dot-mail. As a quick recap, dot-corp, dot-home, and dot-mail are mentioned in manuals, are used or have been used for years by Microsoft and other software vendors as examples, often as a default name, and there have been applicants for the generic top-level domain dot-corp, dot-home, and dot-mail. Their applications have been suspended throughout that time

because of the potential collision between people using this locally in their network and the global generic top-level domain.

Now, the board has basically asked for the Security and Stability Advisory Committee to launch an extensive research project to really find out how much collision there is in those name spaces. So, the ALAC has commented on it and has basically said that we support the SSAC and its efforts to address the issue of name collisions.

Let's move on swiftly to the next one and that's the ICANN reserve fund, proposed [inaudible] strategy. The ICANN reserve fund is one that was always around for what one would call in colloquial English a rainy day – any unknown unknown, anything that might suddenly turn up in a year that ICANN would suddenly require some money to be able to inject in the system. Things that we're basically non-budgeted for.

As you might or might not know, the ICANN accountability work and the IANA stewardship transition came over in a pretty hard way and pretty unexpectedly. Therefore, this reserve fund was somehow depleted by a few million, about \$17 million I think was the expected shortfall. But, the amount of consideration is such that one would have to resort to another source of income than the usual ICANN budget. There was some discussion as to whether this should be from auction fee or some other way, perhaps operational savings, etc.

The ALAC has basically responded that it's supporting the allocation of operational savings of \$3 million per year. It's also looking at the \$36 million – actually, I think that this was corrected, but on the draft final version it says \$36 from the auction proceeds. At this rate, it might take

a few hundred years to replenish if we just allocate \$36, but [\$36 million] looking at a limit of 25% of those available funds. It also mentions that ICANN shouldn't shy away from seriously considering a temporary increase on per-domain registrar fees.

Finally, the interest in other revenue from the reserve fund investment could be included in the replenishment calculations. We'll see where that goes.

Now, there are four statements currently being drafted or being commented on or voted on. The first one is the release of the registration of the one-letter dot-com. I think it's o.com that they wish to release. The single-character second-level domain. In fact, it's not the first time that this has happened. There are already such domains allocated. It's i.net. There's q.com, q.net, x.com, x.org and z.com. These are the current ones allocated over in 1993. And in the country code top-level domain names, there are a number of [inaudible]. So, it's not technically something that the SSAC has flagged as being dangerous in any way regarding stability, but when it comes down to the actual topic itself, because it's a little different, it's not something that is standard, there's a public comment on this. There's a penholder, Jonathan Zuck, on this. There's of course a Wiki space on this, so if you wish to comment on o.com, then goodness should I – my name being Olivier – should I go for this. At that point, please comment on it.

The second is the PTWG Cross-Community Working Group Accountability Work Stream 2 final report. The product of several years of work, hundreds and hundreds and thousands – perhaps hundreds of

thousands – of hours of volunteer time for the work stream 2 final report.

There was a webinar that took place I think it was last week where it was more of a working group meeting where we discussed overall points that we might wish to make as a community. It's really too late to look at each work stream or work track and start complaining about one of the work tracks, but the important thing here is perhaps to point out what discrepancies there are. Javier [inaudible] has been the penholder on this and has done a smashing job in putting together a statement. It's gone down at the moment for the ALAC vote.

Now, there are two that are still in draft form. We have the initial report on the review of the Customer Standing Committee charter. The Customer Standing Committee is one of the organizations that was created as part of the process on cross-community working group on IANA stewardship transition. It's related to looking at the performance of the [inaudible] that runs the root and adds details of top-level domains into the overall worldwide root.

Now that we've been in operational, the CSC, the Customer Standing Committee, has been in operation for a while, there's a review of the report on this.

Next, there is the IPC BC accreditation. So, IPC, Intellectual Property Constituency and the BC is the Business Constituency. Accreditation and access models for non-public data.

These two organizations are actually constituencies of the Generic Names Supporting Organization and they have proposed a model for

accessing the WHOIS data or the data that was before in WHOIS. It's not a formal ICANN public comment. It's an initiative spearheaded by those organizations and it's of course related to the general data protection regulations.

As you might know, if you've been reading your e-mails recently, and perhaps you might have attended the webinar just a short moment ago, the general data protection regulation comes in place on the 25th of May. It's not even in place. It's already in place now, but it will be enforced from the 25th of May. The model that ICANN has opted for is kind of a layered model where the public data or the data of registrants based in the EU, in the European Union or European Union citizens, will actually not be made available [inaudible] and made available.

The IPC and the BC have worked together to come up with a proposal on how this whole thing could be worked out. I'm not going to go into details into it. There's still some time to comment on it. There's no real public comment close time for this, but the earliest we can come up with a follow-up on this, the better.

That's what we currently have on the table. I'm going to open the floor now. I think this is certainly a matter for discussion here, so the floor is now open for comments, questions, and any further discussion on these policy topics. I'm not sure if I'm seeing anybody put their hand up.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG:

May I jump in? I just wanted to say hi, and sorry there has been some trouble with the dial-out.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much, Annette, and welcome. I see Sebastien Bachollet is putting his hand up in reality. He really is putting his hand up. Over to you, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Just to give you a quick update on where we are with work stream 2 and CCWG, we are currently working on the comments of At-Large or ALAC and at the same time were already published in the comments. I guess there were very few comments. I guess the [inaudible] comments from different parts of ICANN and a few others. All the comments made by staff [inaudible] because we don't have yet a [inaudible] session on the CCWG on work stream 2 to say that there is no inconsistencies identified in the comments.

I am still wondering why we are just talking about that because I was from the side that [inaudible] who are concerning two or more subgroups and two or more topics of the CCWG work stream 2.

The call tomorrow was just [inaudible] and the one in one week also, then the next call will be in two weeks and we will have time to analyze the comments. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. Are there any other comments or questions? I see that Sebastien has put his hand up virtually as well. He has put it down. Anybody else? Just before closing up on this, I've noticed that the new current statement draft basically says a draft

hasn't been written yet. If you wish to contribute, please either send your contributions on the mailing list. You can send it on the At-Large mailing list or EURALO mailing list and we'll copy it over to the Wiki, or log into the Wiki and just put it as a comment. That will be taken into account by the person holding the pen. You will notice on the agenda that we've got four penholders: Jonathan Zuck, Javier [inaudible], Christopher Wilkinson – actually, five – Holly Raiche and Alan Greenberg.

No statements [inaudible] at present and there are a flurry of upcoming comment requests. We're not going to go through the whole lot of them, but as you can see, as we reach the end of May and we arrive closer to June, there are a number of [inaudible] which are going to be going through.

The label generation rules we usually do not as a community comment on. Certainly, the [inaudible] registry agreement renewal in general, be it ICANN has not commented on either. I gather that the proposal for updated support and traveler guidelines is going to be an interesting thing for the ALAC and the new generic top-level domains procedures policy development process is going to be very interesting as well, as this is again the fruit of several ... I was going to say months, but I think it's several years of work already, and that's of course looking at the possibility of another round of new generic top-level domains.

The implementation of privacy and proxy services accreditation program seems to be somehow sidelined I think at some point because of the GDPR discussions that are taking place. It will be interesting if that will be delayed or kept on track.

The fellowship program review consultation is going to be important because the ALAC is on record for being outraged when it comes down to the budget about the fellowship having been ... No, let's not say outraged. Upset somehow about the fellowship funding having been cut down so much. In June, there are a few more and I'm sure that we'll grow, but we'll have to cross that bridge when we have it in our sight.

I'm not seeing anybody else put their hand up, so we can probably swiftly move to the next section of our agenda and that's an update on the EURALO members outreach activity.

A couple of ... Actually, the three activities listed there, the first one is actually a community regional outreach program funding. Matthias Hudobnik, who is funded to go and attend Republica. It's quite a ... What word should I use? Funky, perhaps. Yeah, quite a funky web online, young very much happening with startups type of conference with media and so on that took place in Berlin. Matthias was funded by the CROP funding. But, we also had the luck of having two other members that were based in Berlin, Annette Muhlberg and Oliver [inaudible]. Perhaps ... I know that Oliver is not able to join us tonight, but I heard Annette a bit earlier and I hope that Matthias is on the call as well. I'm seeing him here. If you could both give us your feedback on how you felt about this conference, and especially since we had funding to go there. Was it worth it? is it the sort of place where we could perhaps recruit more members for EURALO? Was there any interest in ICANN? Was there knowledge about ICANN, actually, to start with? And what was being discussed over there. I'm not sure who wishes to start, Matthias or Annette. At the moment, I have neither.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Matthias, go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Annette, I think Matthias has a problem for the time being, a technical problem. Can you hear me?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Hello, hello?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, I can hear you. Hello? Can anyone hear me?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, very well, Annette. Please, go ahead. You have the floor.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Okay, so I jump in. I think it is a very interesting conference. We did have some workshops on ICANN issues in the past. Not this time, but in the past. I think that there is still a need for the discussion on basic infrastructure, like ICANN. So, there was an openness to discuss ICANN issues with individuals, what we succeeded. I hope that some people

actually will join the EURALO. I don't know if it really works out, but we tried.

Matthias was really spreading the papers. There is a good approach and we should keep this in mind for next year maybe to really run a [inaudible] workshop again, because I think this is a very good basis and there were workshops on technical issues as well as, for example, the new [inaudible] European rights basic [inaudible]. That was also interesting and [inaudible] human rights I think was a good topic with people, and also to remind them what ICANN, the Internet users, in EURALO are about.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: [inaudible] as an intro. I think Matthias will continue.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Annette. Actually, I have a question for you. When you spoke to people and you mentioned ICANN, was there any knowledge of ICANN in the people that were attending there?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Excuse me? I didn't hear you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Was there any knowledge of ICANN of the people that were attending?
When you mentioned with ICANN we're really ...

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Some had no clue and some had a lot of knowledge.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's good to hear.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: It was quite interesting. There was a wide mixture of people, and yes, indeed, there were quite a lot of people who knew about ICANN.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, that's pretty good to hear. Perhaps maybe for next year, if we have the ability to do so, do you think that a panel discussion presented at Republica might be a good idea?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Sure, but not necessarily ... There are many different types. There are panels. There are workshops. There are lightning talks. There are different formats. Yes, I think there are ... If we have an interesting issue, we can hand it in and ask for to put it on the agenda. We should do that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Annette. I note that maybe a lightning talk or something. Something that's dynamic would be probably a good idea. Let's put this as an action item for EURALO to consider including a panel or lightning talk preparation for Republica in 2019, bearing in mind that the Internet Governance Forum will also be in Berlin next year. Lucky you.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Absolutely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Berlin is going to be the city next year. Maybe we can then add this over to the EURALO strategic plan.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: There are several things to [inaudible] make a calendar saying what's going to happen at what time in which region. I think that might [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Annette. We've already got a calendar. I think Olwale and I are going to have to have a look at that calendar and start populating it, find out when the next Republica is in Berlin and add this on the calendar. But, prior to this, add in EURALO strategic plan because we do have a strategic plan that needs to be done ... I think it needs to be finalized by September or October and we'll include that in our outreach and/or strategic activities for this. That would be great.

Let's hear from Matthias. Do we have Matthias on the call?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Just saying that again it will be the beginning of May again next year, 2019, the Republica.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Great, thank you. I understand that Matthias might have disconnected.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Maybe Matthias has also difficulties.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Matthias has his hand up, so I don't know if he is on there or if he's able to speak via the WebX.

ANDREA GLANDON: We are trying to reconnect him on the audio.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, it's the Murphy's Law, isn't it? When you give the floor to someone, the phone disconnects suddenly. It never happens until you give the floor to somebody. Okay, great. I note that Silvia has written the action item a little bit further up. EURALO to consider a panel or talk to participate in Republica in 2019. Add this to EURALO's strategic plan. Are there any questions or comments by the way from anyone regarding Republica? It's the first time we've sent someone over there.

Usually, we have made use of our community regional outreach program slots to go to EuroDIG, the European Dialogue in Internet Governance, but this year we've managed to spread this a little bit more and send someone to the overall Internet governance forum back in September and now here.

Whilst we try and reconnect Matthias, let's have Sandra Hoferichter please.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello, everyone. This is Sandra speaking. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Very well.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Perfect. Funny enough, although I live in Germany, I never managed to go to Republica, but I wonder to which extent is Republica a multi-stakeholder dialogue or [inaudible].

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello, can you hear me? Matthais Hudobnik speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Matthais, we can hear you. We'll give you the floor after Sandra. Sandra is speaking at the moment. Now we can hear you, but Sandra Hoferichter, please, back to you.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: The question was to what extent Republica is a multi-stakeholder dialogue type of conference or is it more kind of presentation and speeches and things like this? I have looked in some of the sessions, but these are obviously mostly panel discussions and I would like to find out what or if there is a difference to the Internet governance fora and EuroDIG in particular, of course. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sandra. Could I perhaps ask those people who have gone to Republica to answer this question? Annette, you've been to both EuroDIG and to Republica.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We'll have you immediately after Annette. Annette, you have the floor.

ANNETTE MUHLBURG: Just for the organization, it's not in that sense a multi-stakeholder basic group, but the group who decides on the sessions takes care that there's a multi-stakeholder approach in the sessions. So, I think that is quite important, so it's a mixture. I think as this is one of the largest conferences in this issue in Europe, I think yes it is very close to multi-stakeholder and it is much more open to different people who have an

interest in IT infrastructure, global infrastructure, and running of the Internet like ICANN. I mean, the questions ICANN deals with as well as other issues on smart cities, infrastructure, political issues, different issues. So, it's a mixture. I think it's quite interesting for us to join this conference, to get people more interested in ICANN issues. I hope this answers this a little bit, Sandra.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much. Matthias, you're back on. We're going to ask you to add to any points that Annette may have made, but also your reflections on Republica. You have the floor, Matthias.

MATTHIAS HUBDOBNIK: Perfect. Hopefully, you can hear me now. I'm really sorry. I haven't heard anything about Annette's talk because I lost connection. I would just try to give you a brief summary, if this is okay for you. Hello, can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you. You have the floor.

MATTHIAS HUBDOBNIK: Hello? Hello?

ANDREA GLANDON: We can hear you, Matthias.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We can hear you.

MATTHIAS HUBDOBNIK: Okay. It was the first time for me to attend Republica. I just want to say that Republica for me was a very great and well-organized event. It was indeed very diverse and a different range of participants and topics. Just to give you a brief impression, the sessions were split into different tracks like art and culture, research and dedication, politics and society, business and innovation, media and journalism, mobility and cities, science and technology, leisure and lifestyle, and Republica itself. This year's model was [inaudible].

It means [inaudible] kind of tried to get all people involved in the [inaudible] Internet and also get people deeper involved in all these issues. So, what do I mean with that?

They tried to make very diverse sessions in different fields, a strong focus was on artificial intelligence. I would say for EURALO it would be very good to have a session there. The one thing is that there are a lot of different people there in different fields. They have also the media convention where a lot of journalists are there. In general, the people are very open-minded. If you mention, for example, the panels, there were panels regarding block chain, there were panels regarding the Internet infrastructure, for example. Mirjam Kuhne from RIPE was also

there. I also tried to have a small advertisement talk after her sessions and said there were some talks of some younger people as well. Also, the networking session afterwards.

So, they have really a lot of different parties. On the second day, I also attended a smaller private party from [Amnesty International] and [Technical Tech] was there and also Electronic Frontier Foundation and I [inaudible] two people from there as well.

I think there is a really good chance to get some new people involved, especially because it's very broad and I really also had the feeling that there were people from a big variety of different fields, like hackers. I would say that I'm not very well-experienced in the ICANN sphere. I've only attended two meetings and one EuroDIG, so I'm not an expert, but I just had the feeling that it's much more diverse. People are really very, very open, also, and you can really recruit a lot of individuals, I would say, because there are a lot of interesting people from, I don't know, age of [16 until an age of 18]. I think a very good chance, especially for individuals. I really tried to also focus it a little bit on individual users because there's no [inaudible] to join, and also to get of course a lot of students involved for the Next Gen Program.

I think, also, ICANN can [inaudible] because there are already a lot of people there which are very interested in net culture and everything, and they still know a lot about ICANN, about RALO, about Internet governance. I think there is good potential there. I don't know if you have any questions regarding some panels. Just let me know. I am more than happy to answer you. I don't know if there are some more details or information needed. Just ask me. I will stop here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Matthias. The floor is open for any questions or comments on this topic, bearing in mind we do already have an action item in order to go and see and prepare for something next year some kind of a panel discussion of some sort. I can see no other hands, so I just want to thank both of you, both Matthias and Annette.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: May I add something, Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Please go ahead, Matthias. You have the floor.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: What I also really liked is they really separated the sessions [inaudible] of meet ups and smaller groups. There was, for example, a really good session about GDPR and tried to make the GDPR [inaudible]. And they were split in groups of five people, five different groups, so they tried to really get small groups and then we needed to ask [inaudible] questions and also possibilities how to get a kind of understanding of the problem with thick data and also how to treat and teach people, for example, also the older generation. How can you do that and how can you get the people a little bit of feeling, give them a feeling for the problematic?

I think there were really, really good ideas and we could also use this, for example, for topics or at least take this out for some sessions as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you for this. We'll take notes. I think we'll have some ... Definitely, from your feedback, we'll definitely have someone sent over to Republica next year again and hopefully we can have a session at that point, but we have to plan this a bit earlier so that we actually have time and are within time to submit for those session requests. But, it sounds very promising and I'm very, very glad to hear both of your feedbacks. It sounds like it was a winner this year, so thank you for holding the flag.

We need to move on. The next part in here is ... Outreach activities was supposed to be only a short time. Is EURALO at RIPE 76? RIPE 76 is the RIPE meeting taking place in Marseille. As you might or might not know, RIPE has signed a memorandum of understanding with the At-Large Advisory Committee and with the At-Large community for collaboration.

RIPE is a regional Internet registry. They deal with IP addresses. The whole topic of more collaboration between the regional Internet registries and the At-Large community came quite a few years ago. I think it was in Beijing with [inaudible] representative Ray Plzak, representative for Address Supporting Organization, on the ICANN board, selected to be on the ICANN board, turned around to our community and said, "Why in the world are you guys not engaging more with the regional Internet registries? It's not all about generic top-level domains."

Several of our regional At-Large organizations have actually signed now. Actually, I think all of them have signed with a regional Internet registry. Now, today or this week – and this is why I'm in Marseille right now –

I'm currently attending the RIPE meeting and they are being absolutely fantastic with all the meetings there. You might have seen a tweet with Axel Pawlik, the CEO I believe of RIPE. It was really friendly. It's been very interesting. RIPE NCC [inaudible]. It's been very interesting to note that this actually is a lot more technical type of conference than I thought it was going to be. Very much deeply into IP addressing and how to run servers and how to run large networks and so on.

But, what I am told by those seasoned participants is that the first two days are very technical and the next two days are going to be a lot more focused on policy. So, tomorrow starts the policy discussions. There will be also a session on the general data protection regulation. It will be very interesting to exchange with this.

Thursday morning the RIPE Coordination Working Group has a meeting and I've been asked to produce a presentation about the EURALO activities, who we are. What is At-Large? What is ICANN? So few people know about ICANN, even in this community. It's quite impressive.

Earlier today, actually, there was a session with a few representatives of the Internet Engineering Taskforce. It was again also interesting to see how people realize how the work that they were doing was very much in parallel with each other, but there was so little interaction between the communities.

I'm looking forward to the session on Thursday morning to let participants know what EURALO is all about and to continue building those bridges between what one could call the ISTAR organization. RIPE is one of the ISTAR organizations.

I hear also, by the way, that there are similar questions and similar problems in IP addressing as there are in some parts of the domain name world, such as domain name speculation where people invest in domain names and basically take on all the really good ones and then try and resell them for a price. As you might know, there's now a shortage of IPv4 addressing standard Internet protocol numbers, and some people are basically buying some all over the place, investing in them and trying to resell them for some pretty crazy prices. Speculation is everywhere. Anyway, that's what's been going on.

There are other parts, other members of our community, who are here. Sebastien Bachollet is here wearing another hat, but he's also been very supportive. I think that Bastian was supposed to be around, but I haven't seen him so far. But, it's good to see a few people that we know and that are taking part of the processes here. I think that we'll have a good impact on this. Are there any questions or comments on these activities? Matthias, your hand is still up. I'm not sure whether you wish to ask a question or put your hand down. I'll take it that you don't have a question to ask.

Next is the brief updates on planning for the joint [inaudible] At-Large outreach at ICANN 62. Again, we or the At-Large community has had a joint capacity building session. It's a mix of capacity building session and actual policy discussions for newcomers for the Non-Commercial Users Constituency, the NCUC. Those have been so successful that the wider NCSG which incorporates the Non-Commercial User Constituency on one side and the not-for-profit operational concerns on the other side, plus individual members of the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group. Yes, these exist, too, which are neither part of one group or the other.

The NCSG has asked whether we could do a joint session and we're currently planning for a joint session to take place on Tuesday morning. It will start at 9:00 in the morning. Now, Tuesday morning during the ICANN meeting in Panama. It will start at 9:00. It will go on until about 10:00, 10:15 and then there will be a coffee break, and then a second part again for more policy discussions.

It's quite good because it has brought a few people to our community and it certainly has gotten newcomers, people that are either part of the fellowship program or the Next Gen or even people that are attending their first meeting. They're not funded in any way, but locals that are saying, "Hey, I want to check this thing out." These people coming down and actually getting a bit of a feel and more understanding on what the discussions are in ICANN, by the virtue that we are not only operating a single point of view on topics, but because the NCSG and the At-Large community sometimes have slightly different perspectives, it's really brought forward some interesting debates and discussions. I'm looking forward to this as well and I know that several of our ALAC members who are subject matter and topic experts will be attending at least the first part of that meeting because it's unconflicted with any ALAC activity. The second part, some people might have to leave the room because we can't spend the whole morning on this. But, it's looking as though it's coming together quite well. I'm sure there's going to be some discussion on the GDPR. There's very likely to be some discussion also on funding, on the usual topics that we've actually spoken about during the policy discussions here.

Let's move on because we are running Well, not late, actually. We're on time, but I was hoping we'd be finished a little earlier. The next part

of this call is the second part and that's EURALO Meet the Candidates Election 2018. That's every year. There are some positions that are becoming available because some people are coming at the end of their term.

The process is actually a well-oiled process. We have a Wiki page that we've put together which is displayed on the agenda, 2018 EURALO Regional Selections. We call it selections because election term is actually a loaded term that might mean a whole lot of things, so we put a selection.

There are three positions that we always fill. We have two ALAC members and we have an ALAC delegate to the NomCom. This year, there are ... Well, in total, actually, there are three ALAC members, as you know. There's two ALAC members chosen by the Regional At-Large Organization and one ALAC member that is chosen by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, of course, is completely outside our purview, but when it comes down to the ALAC member selected by the RALO and the ALAC delegate to the NomCom, it's up to us as the At-Large Structures, the Regional At-Large Organization, to select them.

On the ALAC member, we only have one candidate and I'm going to tell you I'm a little disappointed I think that we only have one candidate, not because I'm unhappy with Bastian all together. In fact, I'm very pleased with the work that he's done for us. But, because the optics of having just a single candidate is not that great. I know that other regions have fielded many more candidates and there are some people standing forward for the position just to give the candidate who comes up for

review a little bit of challenge. In fact, in some cases, in the past historically that the candidate was in place had not done things too well, therefore the candidate was changed. Anyway, Bastian Goslings is up for reelection. He's eligible for reappointment. The only person that has stood forward on this, perhaps because he's been such a good candidate. So, the question that I should ask here is whether we should have an actual proper vote in EURALO or would it be possible to perhaps speed things up and make things a little bit easier by having a consensus call on him, something that we have done in the past where there's only one candidate where effectively the consensus call is there any objections to Bastian continuing and renewing his term for another term, basically?

I open the floor for discussions on this, if anybody wishes to take the floor and comment on that. The question on the table is should we just have a consensus call or do we absolutely need an election? The reason for an election, by the way, in some cases have heard voices where people have said we need to give a choice to people and maybe we need a vote with the name of the candidate and then none of the above. Some people are very vocal about this. Others are basically saying, come on, this is such a waste of time. I'm trying to present to you both sides of the argument in a balanced way. The floor is open. I note in the chat that Yrjo says consensus call. Jean-Jacques Subrenat mentions that it is a little late for a complete voting procedure. Salve Nilsen says he doesn't mind a consensus call. So, I think that what we'll do then, since I'm not seeing anybody else say anything ... I note Sebastien Bachollet has put his hand up, so let's have Sebastien. You have the floor, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I just want to add one point. In fact, Bastian didn't get the full term. It's one of the reasons I think it's good to [inaudible]. It may be not the case each time. The question about voting and none of the above is something we may consider in the future because if you ... Maybe you don't know, but it's exactly what happened at the election of AfriNIC. It's one way to allow people to [inaudible] themselves. It's better to have multiple candidates, but even with multiple candidates, in AfriNIC, they say no one of the above. A strange way, but it's a way to express for voters.

But, for this year, I don't think we need that. I agree with people who say that let's go with a consensus call.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. Welcome, Wolfgang. I now note that you're on the call. I note that Jean-Jacques Subrenat is mentioning about Bastian's incomplete term. It's a good point. We should take that into account. I'm taking it from people on the call today that we'll just have a consensus call. Usually we do a 48-hour or three-day consensus call on the mailing list, so I'll put it as an action item to send a consensus call to the EURALO mailing list. Euro Discuss mailing list for a consensus call for reappointing Bastian Goslings for another term as ALAC member selected by EURALO.

Now we've reached the second selection and that's the ALAC voting delegates to the Nominating Committee. The current incumbent is Sandra Hoferichter and she is not eligible for reappointment because

the appointment is for a maximum of two years, so she has done her two-year term and therefore we need to find someone else now to take her position. We've had the call for candidates and two people have been brave enough to step forward. That's Anne-Marie Joly and Wolfgang Kleinwachter. They are both on the call. There's a process that we've sort of put together here hastily. I think that most of you would probably know both candidates, but it's good to give an opportunity now for you to ask questions and so on. First, to ask them to introduce themselves, provide some details about themselves, and then we'll have a frank, open discussion as to why they think they should be the Nominating Committee member for the At-Large community or at least for the European At-Large Organization.

Each one of the RALOs is allowed to send one person or to nominate one person. It's the ALAC that actually makes the appointments, so we would just be sending a recommendation to the ALAC as to which candidate we think should be appointed.

Let's go with the list that we have, the order that we have in the agenda, so if I could ask please Anne-Marie Joly to start and just introduce herself and provide some background information about her. Anne-Marie, you have THE FLOOR.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: Hello, can you hear me?

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

ANNE-MARIE JOLY:

Good evening. I am Anne-Marie Joly. I am going to introduce myself. I am the representative in [inaudible] within EURALO and within [AFNIC]. The aim of the [inaudible] association is to fight against [inaudible] exclusion by providing access to [inaudible] information and communication technologies, [inaudible] people with a purpose of bridging and shrinking the digital [inaudible] between generations, caring for elders by fighting against senior isolation, and opening new [inaudible].

[inaudible] is also very involved in European [inaudible] end user in this project. I think I am worthy to serve EURALO by participating in the Nominating Committee and therefore European Internet users. I am a newcomer as [inaudible] responsibility, but I have participated in ICANN and EURALO meetings [inaudible] in the last ten years. I am involved in the EURALO ALS and [inaudible] Working Group. I know people in the different parts of ICANN, like ccNSO, GNSO, and the board. And for this application, during my professional career, in the [inaudible] department of [inaudible], I had the opportunity to work with executives [inaudible] aspect of applicant was so important ICANN [inaudible] organizes skills needed to take diversity into account when recruiting people. That is to say that Anglo-Saxton system is challenging for some other cultures and the Nominating Committee covers the whole world.

My experience and my skills would be very useful to the Nominating Committee to continue improving the process of selection of [inaudible]

in the different ICANN bodies. That's all for now. Thank you for your attention.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Anne-Marie. Very good. Let's then now have Wolfgang Kleinwachter. You have the floor, Wolfgang.

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Okay, thank you. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you very well. Please, go ahead.

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Very well. Good. My name is Wolfgang Kleinwachter. I'm a veteran indeed in ICANN issues. I'm involved in ICANN since more than 20 years, already the years before ICANN was established, I was involved in the discussion. And as I wrote in my statement from the very early ICANN meetings, I was involved in the making of the At-Large communities. At this time, the original bylaws had nine voting seats for the At-Large and I saw then the discussions [inaudible] the influence of At-Large via five members to one non-voting liaison and then via the first At-Large Summit meeting in Mexico, we could bring back at least one voting member from the At-Large to the community.

My motivation was all the time that I understood that ICANN as a multi-stakeholder organization needs a strong user representation. If you

leave the domain name system in the hands of the business people only, this will be a [inaudible] development, and so far the board and also the other councils and committees need a balanced representation from the different stakeholders, so that all voices can be heard before decisions are made.

So, over my more than 20 years in ICANN, I had various positions, particular in the NomCom. I served already six years in the NomCom. I [inaudible] the NomCom in the year 2009. I was delegated by the Non-Commercial User Constituency to the GNSO Council for two years and I was picked by the NomCom also as a member of the board.

With these experiences from various constituencies in ICANN, I saw a point when Jean-Jacques Subrenat before his candidature that probably my [inaudible] knowledge from the various ICANN constituencies could be helpful so that the At-Large EURALO will be represented by a strong candidate who can make a contribution that the NomCom as such makes a right decision in picking people for the board for the various councils and committees, so that the balance of representation of different stakeholders can continue.

I personally see ICANN now after 20 years at the crossroads after IANA transition was completed. This was a big success of the multi-stakeholder practice within ICANN, but as it stands for the moment I see a growing domination by some stakeholder groups, in particular business people, IP lawyers, and others. So, if I would be nominated by EURALO, I would fight in the NomCom to get people to the board and to the other councils who would provide balance in committees so that not only one stakeholder group dominates the discussion, so that other

voices representing users, representing the non-commercial groups, representing also small businesses in the various ICANN committees.

I am already a veteran. I am 71 years of age, so I have no other obligations, so that means I could give all the time which is needed to be an active member in the NomCom. I am involved in a lot of other activities around Internet governance including the Global Committee on Stability and Cyber [inaudible]. So, it's my motivation. I said, okay, this is probably the right moment, give back to ICANN something which [inaudible] benefit from in the last 20 years. Back to Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolfgang. Now that we've had an introduction from each one of the candidates, I open the floor for questions. Does anyone have a question?

Whilst you're all raking your mind and thinking, "What can I ask these two candidates?" I'll ask a question. ICANN, the organization, has often been accused of being a US-based organization. Its headquarters is in the United States. There's a huge amount of discussion on jurisdiction, etc., and yet the ICANN itself strives to be more diverse in all positions and so on. What proposals would you have to make ICANN more diverse?

I'm going to start with Wolfgang on this question, and the next question I ask, I'll ask it the other way around. Sorry to put the pressure on one way or the other, but we'll do it this way. So, Wolfgang Kleinwachter, please. In the meantime, by the way, I don't want to be

the only person to ask questions. I'd like to see if other people would like to ask questions as well. Thanks. Wolfgang, you have the floor.

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Okay, thanks, Olivier. Indeed, diversity is a big issue for ICANN and it's not only geographical diversity, it's gender balance, it's diversity of skills, in particular if it comes to the board. That means the Nomination Committee was established in the year 2003 to find the right balance and diversity within the board. That means if you have already four lawyers in the board, there is no need to appoint another lawyer, then probably you need probably more an expert for management or economic issues, a technical person or user representatives. That means I would have a strong eye on this balance and diversity.

If it comes to geographical diversity, we have a number of rules if it comes to the board and other committees. For instance, no region can have a domination in the board and every region has to be represented.

What I've seen in the last two or three years is that Africa and Latin America is underrepresented, so I think this would be certainly an important point to find good candidates from Africa and from Latin America.

However, quality first. That means it's not that we have a candidate from an underrepresented region. The candidate has to have the full committee to understand what ICANN does and to be convinced the multi-stakeholder approach is the best thing for management of the domain name system, so the quality of the candidate, woman or man, is

the first priority and then comes the diversity. This would be my approach.

If it comes to [inaudible] and US domination, I think we have already improved the situation, so we have a discussion about jurisdiction, how we can find additional options of contracted parties or something like that. So, this is not [inaudible] an issue for the Nomination Committee, but certainly to send people to the board and other committees who understand the issue and are sensitive that something has to be done [inaudible]. It's very important. Thank you. Thanks, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolfgang. Next to answer this question is Anne-Marie Joly.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: So, ICANN needs to take into account all types of diversity. Gender balance for the first one, but also culture, [inaudible] and also educationally because I think we have to point out the fact that other cultures, as a gap [inaudible] Anglo-Saxton and [inaudible] understand that the gap is big. In the board, for example, there are a lot of people with educational skills made in US or made in Anglo-Saxton countries, so they lose a little bit of that culture or it is needed for ICANN to have all the aspects of different cultures to bring together and to make ICANN better. It's very important for the selection of candidates.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Anne-Marie. Next I note that there was a question from Jean-Jacques Subrenat in the chat, but Jean-Jacques has his hand up, so I gathered he will be asking his question himself. This one will be answered first by Anne-Marie Joly. So, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. Can you hear me?

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

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. This is a question first to Anne-Marie Joly. Thank you for your presentation, Anne-Marie. That was very interesting. I do have a question. As you know, going to my previous profession, I do have some knowledge and experience in diversity which I support very strongly and have done so throughout my years in ICANN. Do you feel that you would be in a position to really have an impact in the NomCom because the discussions and the deals, to use a [inaudible] word, the negotiations in NomCom can be extremely tough and they move very, very fast? Is your command of the English language sufficient to do that? I say this as a former French ambassador who is all for diversity, including linguistic diversity, but one must recognize that, at least for the time being, the only language for discussions throughout ICANN is English. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Anne-Marie?

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: I can get by. I think I am able to convince some people that a good choice is this one, even with my English. I am learning all the time for my English language. But, I understand very well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Jean-Jacques, do you have a follow-up?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: No, Olivier, I have no follow-up. Thank you, Anne-Marie.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Jean-Jacques Subrenat, you did say you have no follow-up, but I noticed something in the chat from you which says what are the challenges for NomCom in 2019 and what is her or his strategy? Would you like to expand on those, please? Then, we'll get Anne-Marie to answer and then we'll get Wolfgang to answer.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes, thank you, Olivier. I was afraid of prolonging this discussion beyond the time you had allotted for it, but since you do invite me to do so, I'm very glad to put that question more specifically to Anne-Marie and to Wolfgang.

I think that, as in any organization, the NomCom is also time-sensitive and the priorities change from one period to another. I would very much like to hear first Anne-Marie and then Wolfgang state what in their minds will be the main challenges for the NomCom in the year 2019? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Anne-Marie Joly?

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: I am not sure I understand the question, but the [inaudible] has to be done within the NomCom.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The challenges for the Nominating Committee in 2019. So, what challenges will the NomCom have given the current ICANN?

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: The challenge is to take in account the diversity. I think it's a main goal.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Wolfgang, can you add a few words, please?

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Thanks, Olivier. As I said in my first statement, I see ICANN at a crossroads at the moment. After the IANA transition, we all celebrated victory and now we are fortunately out of the spotlight of international

diplomatic battles. For the GDPR, it's a special issue, but more or less, ICANN now has the opportunity to go back to its core business and to work more in the line of fire there ICANN was for many, many years.

But, the risk is that ICANN will then become like a trade association selling domain names, but this is not the nature of ICANN and the multi-stakeholder organization. [inaudible] have to have people in the various councils, and in particular, the board, who understand the subtle nature of the process, the multi-stakeholder processes. And ICANN's role is just more than selling domain names. Certainly, in particular, the new gTLD program.

So, a lot of open questions have emerged in the last two years and you have to have people in the various councils, in particular in the GNSO councils, who understand that it goes far beyond just a legislation of a domain name because the DNS and the related issues, IP addresses, the root server operators and [inaudible] for the whole Internet. ICANN has to be the responsibility to guarantee the stability and security of the Internet and so far it's just much more than making a business out of selling domain names.

I think this is important, that the people who have responsibility, a leadership position, in ICANN understand this broader responsibility that it goes beyond selling domain names. And so far, 2019 will be a critical year to broaden the understanding that ICANN is much more than just selling domain names.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. We have time for one more question. I see Sandra Hoferichter. You have the floor, Sandra.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you, Olivier. It's not really a question. I just want to share some of the experiences I had within two terms that are just recently. These two terms have been quite different from each other. The NomCom [inaudible] surely add a lot of new challenges and issues, hopefully for the good of the NomCom, over the next years – not only one year, but two years.

I would like to make the candidates just aware of the fact that at the moment, or at least it was introduced again this year, those candidates will have to commit to four times a year because an intersessional meeting between the meeting taking place in March and the meeting taking place when the selections are being made in June has been introduced to review all the applications. So, this is something I was not aware when I reconfirmed or reapplied for my second term, and I must say this was a challenge to add this fourth travel. We went to Washington, DC, beginning of April and this was a challenge to factor that in my schedule. So, this is something that the candidate should be aware of.

And just to let you know, the hours I spent this year already for ICANN until April was 128 hours. In April, it was obviously a lot because we were going through all the application and we had this additional meeting in Washington, DC.

So, this is just something I would like to make the candidates aware of, that this is going to happen most likely next year because at the moment there is broad consensus also that the possible future NomCom chair that this intersessional meeting will be kept as fourth travel over the year.

If you want to be in all these discussions, it's really utmost important – or, if you want to be in all these discussions, but if you really want to have an impact on this, it's really utmost important to participate in all these meetings not just remotely, but on the spot, because as you know, a lot of the talks are being made on the corridors and remote participation has its limits at that point. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for sharing this information, Sandra. It's good to hear from someone who has completed their tour of duty on the NomCom, the number of hours to be in excess of 120 hours, although that's about the number of hours I do per day for ICANN. [inaudible].

Okay, we really are reaching the end of this call. I hope the discussion has been helpful. I hear Annette, you wish to ask a quick question, because we really are in the last three minutes of our call.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: May I say something?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, yes, Anne-Marie. Anne-Marie Joly, yes, go ahead. You have the floor.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: I would like to say that I am available and I am retired, so I have time to travel and [inaudible] for that, just because I know it's a challenge.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, thanks very much to you, Anne-Marie and thanks to Wolfgang for joining us today. The process is that the vote will start I believe later on this week. What I should ask staff to do is remind everyone of the fact that we've had I think a pretty good session here with questions and answers from both candidates. We then can proceed forward and get people to listen to your responses and then place a vote forward.

I gather the process ... Maybe I'm going to turn to Silvia to find out. When is the process of the votes starting and when is it finishing, etc.? Silvia Vivanco?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Thank you very much, Olivier. We have this week for the call for candidates until May 18th. And on May 18th, on Friday, we will start the elections through May 24th. That's a Thursday next week. So, basically, we have this week for call for candidates. Today, we've had calls to other RALOs. Then, until the 24th of May for the elections that will be done through electronic means, as you know.

The, then the procedure, the newly elected ALAC members will be seated in the new positions at the AGM in October this year. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Silvia. That's of course the AGM, Annual General Meeting, in Barcelona, [inaudible], or Spain depending on which way you see it. We'll find out then. Excellent. Well, thanks very much for everyone to have participated in this. We now have one more thing and I note here closing remarks and next steps. We've got the next steps done. There's just one item of any other business and that's a note from John Laprise who is the chair of the At-Large Social Media Working Group.

What he's basically asking for is your help. There are a lot of people in Europe who are pretty good at social media. He is looking at repopulating the working group and he would really like to have content, language, help with basically content from each one of the RALOs and our RALO, as I've said, has got quite a few people who are pretty good at social media, so if you could try and identify social media champions, maybe yourself, maybe someone else in your At-Large Structure, maybe somebody you know that is too shy to come forward at present, and basically get volunteers to be more active in social media, relay things in Twitter and LinkedIn, and of course our Facebook page, which we have to fix by the way and I realize there's a small problem it. If we could have at least one or two individuals from EURALO to step forward, that would be really helpful. They need to recruit five to ten individuals with strong social media skills and online

presence, and it says here online presence in each RALO. I think it might be hard to find ten individuals in EURALO for this, but two or three hopefully we can get.

If you are interested, please send a note on the e-mail list or send me a note or send a note to staff and then Evin will work on assessing work-assessing skills and developing workshops to meet their needs so that they can be an asset to EURALO and At-Large, because in there there's also a whole ... I'm not going to say it's a course, but there's some training on how to be more effective at social media. I hope we get some volunteers for this.

Is there any other other business? I'm not seeing any other hands up. I really want to thank all of you for having remained for the 90 minutes of this call. I'd like to really thank our candidates for stepping forward to take on leadership positions and agreeing to share their points and share their views. I'm very thankful of all the volunteers that are in our community. I hope we can continue building on this. We're doing more and more in EURALO.

With this, I know there's a networking evening working for us over here in Marseille, a very cold Marseille, just across from the harbor. I look forward to bringing more people into EURALO tonight. In the meantime, thanks to our staff. Have a very good night, everybody. This call is now ended. Thank you and goodbye.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY:

Thank you very much, bye-bye.

ANDREA GLANDON: Thank you. That concludes today's conference. Please disconnect all lines and everyone have a wonderful rest of your day.

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Bye, thank you.

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