
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good afternoon and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the EURALO monthly teleconference call on Tuesday the 11th of September 2018 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wale Bakare, Oksana Prykhodko, Jean Jacques Subrenant, Sebastien Bachollet, Yrjo Lansipuro, Leon Sanchez, Andrei Kolesnikov, Bastiaan Gosling, Maureen Hilyard. We have apologies from Joanna Kulesza, Erich Schweighofer, and a tentative apology from Anne Marie Joly. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on-call management.

And before we begin I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking and to please mute your phone lines and you mics when not in use to avoid any background noise. Thank you and I hand it over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Claudia. Welcome, everybody, to this EURALO monthly call. It's not the last one before we meet in Barcelona. I think there is another one that will be in between October, but it's the first one that we have after this long holiday break that we've had. The month of August we didn't have any calls, so we had quite a few things to catch up on to this call. Well, a couple of things, but we also have the luck today and the honor of having Maureen Hilyard, the incoming ALAC chair, who will be speaking to us immediately after the policy development discussion. I've also heard Leon Sanchez who is listed in

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the list of attendees, so welcome, Leon. Leon is the Board member selected by At-Large.

So, the agenda, as it currently is on the screen – I guess we should have said roll call and adoption of the agenda. Are there any other business to add to the current agenda? If I could also ask staff to open the scroll lock for the agenda so people can scroll through. Thank you. No additions? No deletions? Okay. so, the agenda is adopted as it currently is stated on the screen.

Let's move swiftly to the review of the pending action items. There are action items left from two last calls that were on the 19th of June and the one on the 10th of July. The one on the 19th of June has some long-term action items.

The first one is for me, Olivier, to follow up with Vanessa - Vanessa [Millburg] that is – once she's back in the back in the office to organize a webinar on the topic of Framework of Interpretation and to develop a checklist for human rights impact assessment. This has been pending. I think I might've said a number of times now. This has been pending because so far there is no further work on the human rights impact assessment proposals, so we're still waiting for this to move forward and then to be proposed for us to then be able to have a webinar on this.

The next action item is follow-up with [inaudible] members to organize a panel to participate in República to talk or participate in Republica in 2019 and [add] this event to the EURALO Strategic Plan. Now this is half done. This event is added to the EURALO Outreach Strategic Plan, but

the discussion about the panel or talk to participate in República hasn't been dealt with yet.

What I'm suggesting is to get the [inaudible] on At-Large structure engagement that Yrjo Lansipuro is leading to look at this and look at our overall outreach in Europe, both with the community regional outreach program, that CROP program on one side, and the additional budget that we might have for conducting outreach in Europe.

I was going to suggest that we discuss this in agenda item five today, so that point for this. Now after that, Yrjo to follow up on the FY19 RALO discretionary funds to fund local activities for RALOs. That I was going to follow up exactly in the same discussion to get that task force to work on it and come back to the EURALO Board during our next call with a full set of proposals so we can proceed forward.

The action items from the July conference call is for Olivier and Wale to update the EURALO events calendar with the 2018 events. And I'm afraid to say that due to lots of work on all sides, we still have not been able to work on this. So let's cross fingers Wale and I ... I'll give him a call and we'll work on that together in the next few weeks, hopefully. Any comments or questions?

No hands up, no mouths open, no questions, no comments. Let's now move on please to agenda item number three, the review of the ALAC public consultations. Fantastic month that we've had so far. And somebody needs to be muted, perhaps.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, I'm sorry, that's me.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Aha!

MAUREEN HILYARD: [inaudible] Adobe Connect. Thank you. I'm ready.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Great. So, that was Maureen by the way. Welcome, Maureen. Let's move to the public consultations now. Public consultations. Lots of public consultations at the moment going on. As you know the summer month is usually really busy, with some having an internal deadline of the 31st of August, and some of these are particularly important and there's a lot of work going on this.

First, ICANN is seeking community feedback on proposed unified access model. The proposed unified access model is a model that was proposed by ICANN as a temporary thing regarding the General Data Protection Regulation, so as to impose some kind of model for registries and registrars to get the information, the WHOIS information, to those people who need it one way or other.

So, as you know the GDPR has come into effect on the 26th or sometime in May and that has really thrown WHOIS upside down. A lot of discussion on this so our consolidated policy working group will be working on follow-up on this for a while. Here Greg Shatan is holding the pen or the response from the ALAC on this. It involves of course

points about privacy and about access to information and data. Since this is GDPR-related, I do hope that many of you in EURALO will be looking at this.

Secondly, we have the IPC/BC Accreditation and Access Model for non-public data version 1.7. So, both of these basically have had a note that was being written, so a statement that was written, and both of these are currently being voted on.

One that is still being drafted with a deadline of the 26th of September is the initial report of the new generic top-level domain subsequent procedures policy development process. The new gTLD sub proc PDP, as I love to call it, is all about overarching issues in work tracks one to four. That's the next ... Well, the next round of generic top-level domains that could be launched and so they're basically doing a whole review on everything that's been taken place during the previous round and lessons learned. Quite a few lessons learned, and so the report is rather large and now we have to comment on it. Jonathan Zuck is holding the pen on this, helped by a myriad of other people, since the report several hundreds of pages long in the consolidated policy working group. A lot of feedback currently being collected. Click on this and that will send you to the page that has the original question and so you'll see a lot of text underneath, including I believe somewhere a link to a Google doc, hopefully. I'm hoping that there is a link somewhere there. If there isn't, check with the consolidated policy working group, CPWG, and you will find the process with the input that is currently being collected from across all of At-Large.

Next one is the draft ICANN Africa strategic plan 2016 and 2020, version three. So that's a strategic plan that is drafted by the regional office. Each region has a strategic plan, or it's my understanding each region has a strategic plan. The African one has been recently updated and very interesting reading, actually. I think there is a plan and there's plenty of work to be done in Africa, so if you're interested by this, have a read. It's too late to comment now because it's already reached the voting point, but it's quite well put together.

Recommendations on managing internationalized domain names, variant top-level domains. That has a deadline for the 17th of September. Satish Babu is the pen holder. The IDN variant is interesting in the context of European script because of this whole thing about access. So, like for example in French you could have [inaudible] with an e with an accent or what if you write it without an accent? That's a variant. Or if you have it an uppercase icon or lowercase icon. Well, in general for domain names uppercase and lowercase doesn't make any difference, but the accents certainly do. The Europe of course Cyrillic script is particularly common, or at least in of Eastern Europe, but there's not just one type of Cyrillic. There's many different types. So it's not something that's just for Chinese and Vietnamese and Asian languages and Arabic and so on. I think that's also good for our region. Please have a look at the recommendations. As I said, Satish is holding the pen and being helped with a lot by the Asian region. There might be some points to also make from the European perspective.

Then currently drafting the proposed gTLD registration data access protocol profile. Now this is an interesting one again, all to do with the replacement to WHOIS. Registration data access protocol is this

protocol has been developed, common protocol that's being developed so as for registries, registrars, ICANN, etc., to be able to speak the same language, or at least their computers to speak the same language to exchange that data. A bit technical, but it's done some good work on this.

We might need some technical advice on this issue and I'm hoping that our in-house techies in Europe are able to help us out on this, mainly perhaps. Well, Lutz Donnerhacke perhaps could be one of the people that I'm thinking of at the moment, but I'll check. I might for this over to the technical issues working group. This has got some technical thing to it, but if you're interested in helping out, please step forward. Joanna Kulesza who is from our region, our new ALAC representative that is selected by the Nominating Committee is holding the pen. Very good to have someone hold the pen before they even take office.

That's it. So, the floor is open now for comments, questions, etc. In the meantime, I also thank Silvia Vivanco, who has also put a link to the African Strategic Plan on the chat. Very helpful.

I am not seeing any hands up, which means that you are just trying to get rid of all this policy junk and stuff and things, and you actually want to go and talk to the next person in the agenda and that's Maureen Hilyard.

Just before that, I should mention there are some public comments which the ALAC has decided not to submit any comments yet. They are listed in the Agenda. In general, we do not comment on specific sponsored registry agreements. I think when the previous renewal of

dot-[inaudible] was undertaken we had not – we, as the ALAC – had not commented on it.

Root label generation zones for several Asian scripts might not be something too important for Europe, and the technical use of the root zone label generation rules is also something that is specifically for IDNs but not so much from our perspective.

Tons of upcoming public comments as you can see in September. We're going to have a real party. So anyways, talking about party, let's then party on, and let's move to another item number four since nobody is putting their hand up. And this is the time to welcome Maureen Hilyard, the incoming ALAC chair. Maureen is going to talk to us about her vision of the ALAC or the ALAC as it will be when she'll be chair, and also some points about the At-Large review implementation timeline. We have 20 minutes with Maureen. Maureen, you have the floor.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Thank You, Olivier. And thank you for inviting me to your meeting. I must admit it's probably the first meeting that I've been to that I can actually say that I've meet every single person who's on the list. I can go to an APRALO meeting and there's a lot of people there. This is a very impressive list, I must admit, too, so I'm feeling very honored to be here.

I'm not quite sure if they're actually going to increase the size of the chart that I've actually got, which is really what I'd like to do to raise with you, because I think this is very first time that I will have actually presented it basically in public. Several of you may have actually seen

drafts of it. In fact, this is still called a draft, as I've been developing things and trying to think. I'm a visual, so it's really good for me to actually be able to organize myself where I can see things in their place. And one of the things that I felt that when I've been in ALAC is that I've sort of gotten lost and with regards to how things fit into the system, and I know it's been quite difficult to explain to people [inaudible]. ALAC has got [inaudible] members from around the world from five different regions. At least I can have some sort of visual representation. I think sometimes I do find it difficult to understand as well, even when you've seen, especially when it's you who lives it, tries to explain it. And of course we use a lot of jargon and acronyms and they just get terribly lost.

But I sort of thought that it would be easier for us to see our community as it is in respect to what everybody does. And it just also gives a little bit more transparency about what we do, and also making things a little bit more accountable. We're making each other accountable for the sorts of roles that we have within the At-Large community.

I think we've got a brilliant team. I've got a brilliant team coming up and it's so good to see the new faces. I'm really looking forward to working with Joanna, Humberto, and Larisa who I think she's met anyway on the ALAC. But at the same time, I've selected a really strong – I feel a very strong and a strong group of people [inaudible] in at the moment, but I mean I suppose I provide a gender component in this. But I'm really pleased with the group that I got. I think that you know in their roles that I've assigned them as well, I think we can actually ... The strength is going to come in the advisory part that they will play. Then the other

roles that we have within the At-Large expectations, ICANN's expectations of At-Large.

I think, too, one of the biggest changes that I've made is taking the process away from just the ALAC leadership team and broadening that to include the regional leaders. Having come from APRALO, which was very strong, where the ALAC members were very strong working ... A very strong ALAC team working with the regional leadership team. I know that it really was a great [inaudible]. It really helped to strengthen the regional membership. Our connections that we've had at regional events also strengthened that, and so that we're ... I feel that this is a model that we can actually share with everyone else. Our ALT team is no longer just the ALAC Leadership team. It is the At-Large Leadership Team. So, we have the regional leaders who will ... I mean, the leadership team isn't so much ... Please excuse the noise outside. I can't control [inaudible] or something.

But the leadership team is really a discussion group. It's a broadened discussion right now, but I don't see that that's a problem. We're strengthened of course by our liaisons, who will bring in the perspective of the other communities that they represent. So, we've got that step down from the ALAC group where we've got people who are going to be looking at the issues that come from the working teams and the working groups, that they will actually be sharing – will be sharing a lot of the work [inaudible] and they make recommendations to the ALAC, as is the normal practice.

But the one of the things that I wanted to do was that we've got the ALAC at the top in the yellow and the middle line is with the ALAC and regional leaders, the At-Large leadership team. And the next level down are the people who are not ALAC, as such. Excuse me, I've got a bit of a cold. They're not ALAC, as such. They are the next level down and they will include co-chairs who are budding leaders. They're the ones that we want to promote and encourage and get more involved.

So we are ... I think that we have to be seen in. When I was developing this, I was constantly being reminded by the comments that were made in our review and making sure that what we developed actually made, reflected that that on the discussions that we've had when we were discussing that review that we ... So, I feel really pleased that I was an integral part of that of those discussions and that is actually what I've tried talk to, to put into this inside so that hopefully it's something that we can show others, so that they can see where everyone fits in and what they do. So, if you'd like to ask me some questions about that, first of all, I'd be happy to take any.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Maureen. The rooster just around the corner is being particularly loud.

MAUREEN HILYARD: He's just outside my window. [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It's interesting because it reminds us it's morning somewhere else, whilst for us in Europe it's evening time, of course. So, [inaudible] has his hand up, so he has the floor. Jean Jacques?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier, and thank you very much, Maureen, for your presentation. Two remarks, if I may. The first is a word of congratulations, because this is the first time that I've seen so clearly laid out, not only the way the responsibilities are distributed in ALAC and in the At-Large ecosystem but also your inclusion of the other components within the At-Large leadership team, meaning the liaisons and the regional leaders. So overall, it's an important step forward for ALAC.

As someone who was a board member and who had pushed very hard for the decision by the board to allow ALAC to nominate a person for the board, the position now occupied by our friend from Mexico – hello – I think that's really another important step, because visibility, transparency but also the cogency of our purpose and our outlay is very important, I think.

But the second thing is a remark if I may, Maureen, is that looking at this I'm struck by the fact that for someone, for instance, who would be very new to ICANN, there seems to be at least in part an overlap between the representation of individual users by ALAC on the one hand and, to some extent, by NCUC or other parts, NPOC, other parts of ICANN.

So, I'd like to ask you if there is any sense within the ALAC and At-Large to perhaps address this question of in the coming years who actually will be doing what, with the main emphasis on the representation of the interests of the individual or the final user. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Jean-Jacques. It's a very interesting question that you raise and when you see it visually, of course, you, for someone who knows the system and who knows a lot about the people who are [involved in it], one of the things of course is that in the At-Large, they are either members of ALSes or they are individual members, registered as individual members. And that they have the people who are here, for example, are very committed to At-Large. I wouldn't have selected them if they weren't. But at the same time, I think as long as we can ensure that the principles at At-Large are maintained, that we do have leaders within it who are strongly committed to those principles. Sometimes within the system people move and we are getting ... I didn't comment, but we are getting select participation from a lot of those people who are moving back into At-Large and I don't think that's a real – it's a problem in any way. In fact, I think that when we at our role, which is looking at policy as well as that outreach and engagement, I think that the thing that has been probably one of the most interesting developments has of course been the joint outreach and engagement activities that t-Large and NCUC this year, and we had from NCSG the previous year, previous meetings.

We're developing a relationship that, in a way, felt that we needed to actually have a little bit more understanding between the two groups,

first of all, and it's developed. Maybe we're starting to attract ... At-Large as such as attracting people back into the fold who actually want to have to say from the end user perspective, although there's lots of discussion that goes on. But I think that, all in all, this is where ALAC members are really strong [addressing] their point, and I think that we have to be heartened by that and move forward. We've just got to build strength from within and see if we can maintain that and just keep true to ourselves.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Maureen. Thanks for this extensive answer. Are there any other questions at this stage regarding any aspects of what Maureen has spoken to us about it and especially the organizational chart and communication pathway?

I had a question on the chart in itself because you mentioned your communication pathway. I wasn't quite sure what you meant by communication pathway as such and whether each one of the people that were listed on the chart here had a specific responsibility to communicate between one or between two – not one that you can't communicate between one stakeholder – between two stakeholders or two people or two different parts of the structure. What did you mean by that?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I think that I'm looking at it from the viewpoint of that the working groups are the ones that if you [help] do the work, but also are tasked with doing the work related to an activity, decision making, or a policy

development or whatever, so that you've got your working group and they are actually led and coordinated by the second level leadership team.

For example, in the consolidated policy group I'm assuming that ... I mean, these are the current working groups that would be normally under those under those – this is why this is still a draft model, because we haven't actually, apart from the EPDP group, the others have been all groups that not haven't been resumed yet formally. So, we need to look at which working groups we're going to have. But those decisions will be reported back or coordinated by the consolidated policy team leaders who with be policy team, which is John and Sebastian, will actually report back to the ALAC. I'm assuming, too, that at the ALAC meeting, there will reports back by each of those three teams to the ALAC so that everyone gets an idea of what exactly is happening within At-Large, and that people already – if they can visualize this, they can already see the process by which their communication pathway has [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this, Maureen. I have another question then. With regards to ... Well, you mentioned reviews as part of organization. The review of course being the At-Large review and beyond, At-Large and ALAC internal process work. Where do the wider reviews come in? For example, the ALAC has had to furnish people for the ATRT3, Accountability and Transparency Review Team. We've spoken recently about the WHOIS Review Team. There are other potential review teams that are. I think there's seven or six different types of review teams that

are being created and so on. They're not all policies. Some of them might be review teams at the ICANN organization. Where would be fit in the overall structure? How would they link?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Well, one of the things that I wanted to do was to – and that's why I hadn't made it formally public, was that this is actually sort of going to be one of the things that we're discussing in the Friday morning meeting, the three-hour Friday morning meeting for the At-Large development. Normally, we have separate meetings for the regional leaders and for the ALAC. What we're doing this time, though, is I want to actually bring the whole team together to discuss this and to discuss that sort of thing.

What it is shown here on my chart – I've actually got additional columns outside of this which actually lists the people who have been assigned to those various groups. So, it actually extends to the other types of activities that the ALAC is involved in. For example, we have a representative on the on the Public Interest Registry, and we've got NomCom people and we've got all these people within. So, what we're actually trying to demonstrate is that there's people from At-Large spread all over, all over the system, and I think that this is important to note, for others to note, that At-Large isn't just a few people doing things together in a little group. It actually incorporates a whole lot of people.

It's not until I was listing all the different groups that we were involved in and who was actually representing us in those groups that you actually do get to see the wider perspective.

Just off the top of my head I'm sort of thinking that I guess it depends on where they fit into one of those three roles because those are the three main roles for At-Large. But, most times, I would say it would come in consolidated policy [inaudible] organizational stuff, as you'd say. If it [inaudible], that would come under [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Maureen. Very impressive chart, and it's good to see that this is yet to grow further during the session over in Barcelona. Are there any other questions from anyone on the call on this or indeed any other points that Maureen has been mentioning so far?

I just had one, which I don't know if it's the right time to ask you, but I know that, talking about reviews, there is the IANA functions review that's coming up. Is the ALAC on schedule for nominating representatives to this or is that going to take this in Barcelona or is that before? Are you aware of the protocol?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. I mean, I have seen that, but to be honest, it's because it's necessarily been in the last few days and Alan had been away. I hadn't had any contact with him. But that's quite an urgent one and no doubt it will be dealt with pretty quickly.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this. You mentioned on the agenda you also wanted to speak to us briefly about the At-Large review implementation timeline.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Just [inaudible], but just very briefly. We had our meeting yesterday and we went through – quite laboriously – through the actual proposal document. And I just wanted to refresh everybody's memory about that document and what it contains. But what it does mean is that each of those 16 items that we put into that proposal has actually got to be described in some depth as to the steps that we are going to take to address the issue which means that for each of those items, we're going to need a pen holder eventually. But that pen holder may work independently or with a team of people, [inaudible] the team of course.

But we have to get those 16 items detailed as to how we're going to undertake the implementation of them. And if we need any resources, like extra staffing or extra budget or whatever, that also has to be detailed and justified. So, there's quite a lot of work that needs to get done and we have to get it done by the end of November because we have to get the executive summary and the review, an overview of the recommendations done as part of that, as well as timeline.

Timeline we're developing for that particular [thing]. What you're seeing at the moment is the timeline for our meetings. It's really a reference for me where I put in what we're going to discuss and if there are any other additional bits of information that are related to the various [inaudible].

So, we had meetings every two weeks and [inaudible] of course. We went through the implementation plan that actually demonstrated, had that little document that we had to fill in. There was like 16 of those to do. Then, we went through the proposal to refresh ourselves and then we're now looking at prioritizing and saying, okay, which of the things that we've got here are not going to take too long, so we're going to put those as the things we'll deal with first.

So, what I've done in [inaudible] – I don't show it here, but is that we've got things that are basically looking at very low [needs] which are the things that we can get done with probably no finance or very little support there. Then, there's the medium risk and high risk items that may ... And as part of our implementation, we're going to need support of some sort, so that raises the risk level for us and which means that we've actually got to be very careful about how we justify.

Once we finish that and we put that report into the to the board by December the 18th I think is the last date, then the board's got to look at it – I think it's got to go through public comment period and everything because we've got to try and see – and it's go through all that process to see whether they actually agree to give us the funding that we're asking for in order to do the implementation. So, we've got to be very careful about what we ask for, but we've also got to work in a very timely manner. So, there's a lot happening between now and December the 18th anyway and we've got to do what we've got to do.

So, I just wanted to say that if you if you're free and you're available to help us with this document, we would really appreciate your support. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Maureen, and thanks for your very good planning for that. Certainly, seeing a timeline for implementation of the different stages of implementation – well, it is implementation actually. The different stages is really interesting. It's really great to have it all visually in front of us. For those people that wish to have a closer look at it, all the links for both this timeline but also the [inaudible] are all linked from the agenda. You can access them directly and zoom into them, etc.

I'm not seeing any other hands up, so I'd like to thank you very much for spending that time at the beginning of your day, of your next day, the beginning of tomorrow, for us. Thanks for joining us at this time and we hope that we'll be able to see you again in future EURALO meetings. You'll always be welcome, and there might be time during which we might have further questions for you. So, it will be great. And of course of the ICANN will be in our region, in the EURALO region in Barcelona, and I gather then you'll meet more EURALO members that will be traveling over to Barcelona. So, great to see you there. Thank you.

Let's move on. We still have less than 50 minutes. We've got two agenda items. One is the discussion of the CROP travel community regional outreach program travel for fiscal year 19. I was going to mention this very briefly, and briefly for two reasons. Because one, there will be a call of the outreach, the EURALO ALS Engagement Council. Goodness, it's hard to remember this name. I always forget it. That will be imminent I think. I can't quite remember when that will be. Maybe you might be able to help us on this.

And then, at the at the moment, there's only one trip that is in the works. We've been given three trips this year. There will be one trip. The first trip needs to be to the ICANN meeting, if there is an ICANN meeting in the region. So, the first meeting will take place in Barcelona. Therefore, we have to file something quite quickly with a proposal that that we have Sandra Hoferichter traveling, and if she's unable to travel, because there's still a question mark there, then the EURALO Board has had a quick poll and decided to get [inaudible] to come down to Barcelona, as I said, if Sandra is already funded.

But we've got two more trip proposals after that, that need to follow what was discussed in the EURALO outreach strategic plan. I thought that the strategic plan contained also a mention of the IGF, which will also take place in our region in Paris this year, the Internet Governance Forum in November. Unfortunately, it is not listed there. Maybe because it hasn't been announced at the time when the strategic plan was drafted or maybe it was [inaudible] error. But there is a choice effectively between getting a CROP slot for the IGF or República or EuroDIG. These are the three highest contenders we've funded in 2018 for the FY18 – sorry, 2017. We funded a slot for República and we've funded a couple of slots for EuroDIG. Unfortunately, this year it's shortened much less. We've got two slots left.

What I would suggest is that the discussion takes place in the working group with a proposal then from the working group or task force on ALS engagement and then they can come back to us by e-mail and we'll then be asking the EURALO list for options. Are there any questions or comments? I certainly see Yrjo. Yrjo Lansipuro, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Exactly as you said, Olivier. We will have the meeting of the task force. The Doodle is out and I think we can have the meeting during the week [inaudible] last week of September and after that we come back with the suggestions to which event we should allocate the remaining money and make a decision how to [inaudible] whoever is going. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Yrjo. In addition to this, there are additional funds that are also being provided, which are RALO discretionary funding. Last year, they were restricted to funds for promotional material things. We used a large amount or majority of those funds to make some travel [adaptors] that we brought to the IGF in Geneva and supplied to people, and they were branded with At-Large and EURALO and so on. That brought a lot of people over to us. This year some of the funding can be used also for travel, for a short distance travel or local travel issues, and so we might be able to supplement the CROP trip with some of these travel – some of this money to pay for tickets and travel. Sebastien Bachollet, you're next.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. I have a comment. It seems that the CROP is not any more Community Regional Outreach Program as we send people to an ICANN committee.

My second remark is that if it's to do outreach, when we have an ALS in place we don't need to travel someone from another country to come

to the specific events. We have to discuss with the local ALS how they will do and how we can help them to do the outreach in the region or in the city or in the country where they are. So, I really think that it will be a good way to use the money in really doing outreach in events where we have nobody on spot and we need to send someone to participate. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Sebastien. Sebastien, are you part of the ALS Engagement Taskforce?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, I am not. As you may know, and maybe you don't know, then I will explain. I decided when I joined again ALAC to do not everything, and I am in some cross working groups and I will now join the ALT and I am supposed one day to join the ATRT3 I decided that it's enough. I need to leave space for other. But it's a good place to explain my point of view here at the EURALO meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Sebastien. I will be the EURALO chair. I'll be relaying your points to the to the meeting. I'll be attending that engagement taskforce meeting and I will be relaying your points.

The point that you make regarding the first meeting, the first CROP slot needing to be used with a local ICANN meeting is the point that I have made to CROP staff and there haven't been much of a response on this. It just appears to have been the decision made somewhere that this was

the way forward, but rest assured I have mentioned it on several occasions that this just didn't sound right and it wasn't probably a great use of a CROP spot for outreach.

I'm not seeing anybody else putting their hand up, so the moment that this taskforce meeting will be announced, I think what we might do is to also circulate this to the EURALO mailing list in case additional people would like to also come and attend that meeting. Of course, all of our meetings are open, but you need to know about them to be able to join them.

We've got five minutes for a ten-minute point and that's now the preparations for the forthcoming Barcelona meeting. There will be quite a few things taking place over there that are currently at various stages of first stages of preparation.

The first one is the EURALO virtual general assembly. There is a Doodle poll that was sent out to the EURALO mailing list. I noticed that about 15 people, 14 people, 14 participants – 14 people have responded so far. We have two dates. One is on a Saturday, one is on the Wednesday. The more convenient date from an ICANN point of view and an ALAC point of view would have been the earlier date, the Saturday date, but it looks as though several people are not able to make it on a Saturday and would rather prefer to do it on the Wednesday afternoon date. That slot is available as well. It's a little less convenient, but it can be worked out certainly, and at the moment there is a majority of people who would prefer Wednesday the 24th of October from 5:00 to 6:30 PM local time, which is Central European time in Barcelona. I believe it will be winter

time by that time anyway. So, that's the time. There is a link in your agenda which takes you over to the agenda of the General Assembly.

The agenda is currently being built, so at the moment we've got ... Well, the second part of this page I think needs to be updated, but I'm not sure about this. Maybe Silvia will be able to explain this to us because I don't quite know whether this is updated already. But the first part would link us to the agenda and this is currently being built, so if you have any topics that you would like to discuss face-to-face if you are in Barcelona, or even with the people that are face-to-face with you on the phone by remote participation, please send them forward. We will add them to the agenda and we need to know this as early as possible, so as to know how much time we are going to have for each item. Of course, this is within limits. Don't come up with ten different topics when we've already got a total amount of 90 minutes to discuss [to-do lists in the] EURALO General Assembly. And if there are many, many topics that come up, then we might need to ask for an extension or a longer about a time, but I'm hoping that we can get by without this. The Barcelona meeting is going to be a very busy meeting indeed, so it's a bit of a concern having more and more topics here. Sebastien Bachollet, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Yeah, I wanted to come back to the Doodle. I really think that [inaudible] important, as it's a virtual assembly is that we get answers from ALSes who are not participating, will not be in Barcelona. The one who will be in Barcelona, frankly, they need to do what the other wants, not the way around, because what we need is the

participation from outside the virtual assembly. And therefore, I ask you to count the ones who are not travelling or not already traveling to Barcelona to count which one is the best slot to take. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thanks for this, Sebastien. It's a good point, very good point that you're making. I've made the quick counts. From the people who have answered, the majority are actually coming, or many of them are coming to Barcelona. From the ones that I think might not be coming to Barcelona, they seem to be preferring the Wednesday date to the Saturday date much to my surprise, because I felt that perhaps on the Wednesday they might be working, but because it is at 5:00 PM, maybe they're not working. Maybe it is after work after all, but maybe they wish to have a good weekend.

So, at present, there is definitely both for people that are traveling and people that are not traveling and in particular those that are not traveling a preference I think for the second date. What we will do ... Let's please have an action item to try and do a reminder, because I don't think 14 participants is enough. Bearing in mind we've got so many individual members now and so many ALSs out there, and the General Assembly is particularly important obviously, because we only have one of these per year and there will be a lot of things being discussed.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I have an additional point. Sorry, Olivier. Just to say that I didn't answer the pool because I will be in Barcelona and I will be participating at the

meeting whatever dates you choose, because I will be there and I will be traveling for EURALO. Therefore, it's not the number of people who will participate, as I am not answering on purpose to these Doodles, but if you ask me to do it, I will do.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Sebastian. I wasn't aiming any point towards you on having not answered. I totally understood you will be available on demand for these dates.

So, that's about the General Assembly. There is likely to be some discussion about the EURALO bylaws. The Bylaw Review Taskforce, or the EURALO Bylaw Review Taskforce has had a call today, one of a number of recent calls. We're reaching close to the end of a tunnel, so I needed to relay to everyone that the next step will be to pass those bylaws or those proposed new texts by the EURALO board, so for feedback to be gained from the EURALO Board and to refine this and then those bylaws ... The text will be shared with everyone ahead of the Barcelona meeting.

Our aim is not to vote on the new bylaws so fast. It's taken us I think nearly two years to redraft those things, so it's not like we are going to need to change these within 24 hours. Our aim is to first introduce them, get everyone to have a look at them and so on, and we can discuss them face-to-face when we are in Barcelona or in a call, during the call, and if people wish to have further calls afterwards, it will certainly be possible later on this year to have maybe a special-purpose call if there is demand for it. But then we really to move to those new

bylaws, hopefully either by the end of the year or early on next year, for the simple reason that the current ones are completely out of tune with what how we currently are working.

There will be the bylaws. There will also be a follow-up work after that on the rules of operation. Operational rules which are important for two things. First, in order to have some kind of a stability in how matters are dealt with. There are so many quick decisions sometimes that have to be made. I had to bounce off quite a few things with the EURALO board and the board has been very helpful and some things have had to bounce off with the overall membership of EURALO. Not of this is scripted, so the next EURALO chair will not have any manual or any base to run EURALO in one way or another, in the same way as I didn't have any specific instructions on how to run EURALO apart from the few things that Wolf managed to tell me when he passed the baton over to me. So, the rules of operation are there to introduce full transparency and stability and continuity, and those will hopefully be worked on then after we pass those bylaws, after we operate by the new set of bylaws, so then we know what rules we can define based on the bylaws that we have. All of that is forthcoming and that will be discussed also in Barcelona.

Now joint capacity-building session with NCUC. That's currently being worked out. If you are interested in being in the organizing team, please drop me a note. We just have ... It's not even a mailing list. It's like a list of e-mails, a group about 10-15 people from both NCUC and At-Large that are working together. We're currently working out the agenda. The format will be a little different from the last format of the last meeting, in that we felt maybe it wasn't dynamic enough at the last meeting. So

this time we're looking at having specific topics and two different points of view, each one explaining their point of view for like three minutes and then a debate around the issue. So, not just something where we explain something – we explain a policy – but also we debate the policy. It will be a rather long session. There will be two times 90 minutes, but the way that it's looking at the moment – originally we thought it was two times 90 minutes and some break in the middle and perhaps a cocktail afterwards, and that was supposed to happen on the Saturday, but due to shifting schedules and all sorts of movements, we've now moved this over to I believe it would be on Tuesday – oh no, Monday. Monday after the opening ceremony. So, there would be a 90-minute slot, and then the second 90 minutes would be lunch. That will be provided locally. We've managed to get a little bit of funding for boxed lunch and so on, and so that people can debate and discuss things around lunch in a sort of more formal lunch setting, like a big round table. Everybody sits at the table with their lunch and you can take a floor, etc. That's the aim. It's still not set or cast in stone, so please, if you want to help, drop me a note and you'll be added to the group that's working on this.

Thirdly, there are rumors. It's not a [inaudible]. There's a rumor of an MoU with CENTR. CENTR is like the European organization of country code top-level domains, and not only country code. I think it's also got generic top-level domains. Maybe Sebastian might know more about this. I know that he has more knowledge on this than I do.

I have been in touch with Peter Van Roste, who is the chair of CENTR. As you know, EURALO has an MoU signed with RIPE, [inaudible], the people that distribute IP addresses in Europe. Thanks to this, I managed

to travel and attend a RIPE meeting in Marseille. It was just down the road from here, so I jumped on the train, went over there and I didn't have to pay the RIPE fee. RIPE covered it and so on because of our MoU. It was a very interesting experience to try and talk to everyone over there about EURALO. I know that some of our members are also members of RIPE, but it was great to be in a different setting and enhance collaboration between the IP community, IP as in IP addresses, and our own community.

In other RALOs, such as APRALO, they've done an MoU with APTLD, the top-level domain association for country-code top-level domains over there. So, we're following suit. So, the discussions at the moment are shared. The MoU with APTLD, I shared this with Pete Van Roste. I've shared also the one that NARALO has signed with ARIN and with their local domain associations over there and also I've shared a copy of the one that EURALO has signed with RIPE.

There is a call that I'll have in a few days' time. I think it's next week. I haven't got the calendar in front of me. I'll have a call with Peter and one legal person in his team to discuss the MoU and see where this can go, and hopefully, crossing fingers, there will be an interest for them to have an MoU with us, so then we will receive invitations to attend CENTR meetings.

And as you know, or you might not know, RIPE meetings take place throughout Europe and in many different countries and CENTR meetings also do take place throughout Europe, so it would be a good opportunity for our At-Large Structure members to be able to attend

those meetings and have a direct interaction with the people of CENTR
Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. First of all, congratulations. I think it's very good move. It's very important that we do something with CENTR. It's really the organization who can help [inaudible] because there is a ccTLD in each country in Europe, and even [inaudible] more and it's a good move.

Second, not to in contradiction with you, but just be careful. Peter Van Roste is the general manager of CENTR, the [staff] of CENTR. The chair is somebody elected by the other [director]. I don't know, I guess it's a representative from DENIC who is chair, but I am not sure. The CEO of AFNIC – and I am board member of AFNIC – is member of the board of CENTR. If you need help going through him, I am at your disposal. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. That's a good point. I was not aware. I must say my knowledge of CENTR comes from the overall information that was on the website and so on and the returned referrals that I got. I believe that Peter Van Rosta is going to pass it across by the membership and by everyone.

When you mean be the directors and so on, is the chair currently Jörg Schweiger? Representative for DENIC Germany? Because I see the Board of Directors has indeed got Pierre Bonis on one side. Danko

Jevtovic, who I believe by the way, Danko is a EURALO member, so that would be of help. Irina Daniela of course we know. We've seen her at ICANN meetings and Elizabeth Ekstrand in representative for dot-SE. Jörg Schweiger, I know Jörg very well and he was at the ICANN Studienkreis meeting a week ago, so I could've spoken to him. I didn't know. Sorry for my mistake. I could have spoken to him about this. No doubt, I'll pick the phone up and give him a call and find out if he's aware as well.

All right. We are 12 minutes beyond the end of this call, so I don't want to keep you all from continuing with your evening. I'm not seeing any other hands up. So, any other business? Not seeing any hands up, so just one last thing for me. As I mentioned—

LEON SANCHEZ: Olivier, this is Leon. I thought I had raised my hand, but apparently it doesn't show.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, yes. No, I'm not seeing your hand at the moment. I'm not seeing Leon. I think he might have dropped out. Leon Sanchez, you have the floor.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Olivier. I just wanted to invite you all to the board public meetings that will be happening on September 16th at 8:00 UTC as part of the board's workshop in [Jabal] near Brussels. I would like to particularly draw your attention to three issues that will be

on discussion on that meeting, one being a follow-up on the GAC advice to the Panama communique, the root server strategy, the discussion regarding the KSK rollover and the appointment of the 2019 Nominating Committee chair and chair elect.

I think these are topics that may be of interest to many of you, so I would definitely encourage you and invite you to kindly attend these public meetings on September 16th at 8:00 UTC. That's pretty much what I want to say, Olivier. Thank you for having me here.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Leon, for this. September 16th, so that's the Sunday. You said 8:00 UTC. Is that the morning or 8:00 in the evening?

LEON SANCHEZ: 0800.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: So, 8:00 UTC. Okay, so about 10:00 it will be in Belgium. It is in Belgium, isn't it?

LEON SANCHEZ: It is in Belgium, yes. It is in Belgium.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It is in Belgium, okay. Great to see that you are in the region. I see the announcement. Let's have an action item, please, to forward that

announcement again because this is taking place in our region, so it's at a great time and it's on a Sunday as well, so people can just dial into it and listen to it in the background and hear how the ICANN board conducts its meetings. It's really great to see the fact that the board is opening up in this way. It's really nice. Well, thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: We're trying to work towards having more meetings being public, so that anyone can attend. We're going slow, but we're getting there.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That's really good, Leon. Thanks so much. And thank you also for joining us for the length of this call. You see how we do things in this part of the world.

The other AOB I wanted to give you just 30 seconds was that I attended the ICANN Studienkreis in Tallinn, Estonia. Basically, the hotel and so on was taken care of by the Studienkreis and the travel is taken care of by the additional RALO funding. It was my first Studienkreis. Very interesting meeting with many of the people that that do a lot of Internet governance and run ICANN and do things in ICANN in the region.

We had both the chair of the board, Cherine Chalaby but also the President and CEO, Göran Marby, that were present, and much was discussed. We had a big discussion about new gTLD and it was very interesting. I myself was really surprised and I think I've shared it on a couple of e-mails out there – very surprised to hear that when the

question was asked, "So, how many of you are looking forward to another round? Do you really want a next round?" Very few hands went up, and it looks as though only brands were interested in a next round and perhaps communities which actually would come from us. We would want a next round for communities. But the whole thing about closed generics, the majority of people around the room, if not all the people around in the room were cringing about this whole point of closed generics. Perhaps because the current round didn't appear to have made that much money for those that thought that they had struck gold.

So, it will be an interesting thing to watch coming up at the Barcelona meeting. As you know there's a big discussion of subsequent procedures, but certainly in Europe I am not seeing the level of support that we had seen for the previous round, the push for the previous round where so many people were lined up saying, "We need more gTLDs. We need more gTLDs." Anyway, that's the whole thing.

Apart from this, lots of discussions on ICANN's future. There's going to be a big session on the ICANN strategy. It's important that the board is also working very hard now to try and engage the community very much more regarding ICANN's [inaudible] strategy for the next five years, especially in light of the current shrinking budgets which as you know is a big concern, not just a little concern. So, to be continued.

With this, I'm not seeing any other hands. I'm very sorry for being late by a full 18 minutes, but it was very good meeting, so thanks to all of you for attending. Thank to Maureen and thanks to Leon and both of you coming at this time, and we look forward to the next call, which I

believe will be next month. There might be an announcement also for the call to be brought forward by one week and the week that we are supposed to have that meeting is Tuesday the 16th of October, and I might be in India at the time. I might be either in India or in Dubai, one place or another. I'll follow up by e-mail with everyone, but we might need to move it to the 9th of October – one week earlier, which is actually okay because that spaces it from the ICANN Barcelona meeting and it gives us a bit of time to breathe and to maybe implement things that we would have decided overnight by the time we meet in Barcelona two weeks later. With this, thanks everyone for attending and we can then close a call now. Have a very good morning, afternoon and evening everyone, since we have people from outside the region on the call. Thank you and good bye.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thanks, everyone. Bye-bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: This meeting has been adjourned. Thank you, everyone, for joining and please remember to disconnect your line. Bye.

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