
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Okay. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the EURALO monthly teleconference call on Tuesday the 20th of November 2018 at 19:00 UTC. On the call today we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wale Bakare, Annette Mühlberg, Oksana Prykhodko, Natalia Filina, Joanna Kulesza, Yrjö Lansipuro, Jean Jacques Subrenat, Anne Marie Joly, Sébastien Bachollet, Philippe Batreau, and Roberto Gaetano.

We have received apologies from Sandra Hoferichter, Matthias Hudobnik, Erich Schweighofer, and Wolf Ludwig. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes, and with this, I turn it over to you, Olivier. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Claudia, and again, I've made a mistake. It just says roll call, but of course, it's roll call and adoption of the agenda. And on today's call, we're going to be looking at the pending action item, then we'll look at the ALAC public consultations, and as you can see on your agenda page for those people that are online, there are a number of them that are currently being drafted. After that, we'll have just a mention of the EURALO monthly reports.

After this, in number five, we'll have updating the EURALO hot topics for 2018, and then on six, the EURALO bylaws taskforce, another reminder of the draft bylaws. On number seven, reporting from the Internet

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Governance Forum in Paris that's happened last week, and number eight, reporting from the ICANN 63 Barcelona meeting that took place also between our last call and now. We have members that went to one or the other or both that are currently on the call, so we'll be looking forward to hear from them.

And finally, an At-Large summit quick update at the end of this call. I'd like to ask if there are any other items of business that anybody would like to add to this agenda or to change the order of the agenda or make any amendments to the current agenda on your screen. Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Just I think that there is an event in Moscow the 5th and 6th of December. I just discovered that today, would be good to know what it is, what is the purpose and what [inaudible] seems to be organized by ICANN, and I think it could be useful to have [inaudible] Any Other Business. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this, Sébastien. I think it's the Domains Forum. Eastern European DNS Forum. That's what it is. It was announced yesterday, actually. Let's discuss this in Any Other Business and see if we have someone local who could go and attend this. Now, let's then get going. I'm not seeing any other hands at the moment, so the rest of the agenda is adopted as such, and we'll go into our review of action items.

There are three lists available for us to look at, two from previous monthly conference calls and one from the EURALO general assembly that took place in Barcelona. The first one of the action items is from the call on the 9th of September 2018, and that was for Olivier to invite someone from CENTR to the general assembly, and once confirmed, to add his name to the agenda. I did invite someone, I can't remember whether somebody from CENTR turned up. I have a feeling that they did or they provided an apology.

In any case, this is all history because you will find out later or perhaps you already know that we ended up signing an MoU with CENTR during the meeting that we had in Paris. So let's mark this one as done. Sorry, I got this wrong. Nine is September, so the previous one was from October.

The next one was from 11th of September, and there was one which was a carryover from the June call which was for me to follow up with Annette once she's 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.

Now, I'm on the mailing list of the human rights work party, and I'm not quite sure whether this framework of interpretation has yet been adopted by the board or where we are on this. Since we have Annette on the call, Annette, do you know where ICANN's process is with regards to this? Because obviously, organizing a webinar on something that doesn't exist or is not yet ratified doesn't help too much. So, do you know where we are on this by any chance, Annette?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: I just had to unmute, sorry. Yeah, same information. I don't think it is adopted yet, and I know some folks who are still working on it and I will meet them next week. So I think that I'm able to say something about this at the next telephone call.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Super. That's great. Thank you very much for this, Annette. So that's one to carry over for the next meeting. Any comments or questions for any of these action items? None so far, so the third one is the action items from our EURALO general assembly that took place in Barcelona. The link takes you to the draft agenda, which isn't draft anymore, I guess, because it has happened. But at the bottom of the page, there are several boxes with action items.

The first one was to do with the EURALO articles of association discussion, and since we are going to have a section on the articles of association, on the bylaws in a moment, let's put this one to the side and discuss it in a moment. The second one was one where Annette suggested including a treasurer in the new articles of association, so let's put this one to the side as well.

Third one is for EURALO to ask further clarification of the rationale for not having the address at ICANN offices while not having a bank account. Again, something to discuss in a moment. And I guess I'm not sure if staff has checked. And then the next one is the [workgroup] and taskforce on At-Large structure engagement will update the EURALO ALSes expertise table. I think that's probably premature to see if this has

been done. Let me ask Yrjö, who is on the call, if there is any update on this so far. Yrjö Lansipuro.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yeah. Hello, everybody. Good evening. Yeah, this is something that we decided that needs to be done to update the expertise table, but it's still to be done. And I think that perhaps together with Olivier, we will start doing that this coming week. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Yrjö. Let's try and work together to see maybe on Friday – because I've got a full week until then – if we can get the update from the At-Large structures by sending a posting out to get them to update their expertise table.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: [Sure.]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Next is for Jean-Jacques – sorry? Okay, I thought I heard a sound. Next is for Jean-Jacques Sahel and EURALO leaders to hold a planning call on outreach strategies after ICANN 63. And we can probably do this in the next couple of weeks. I am likely to see Jean-Jacques Sahel, I think, this Thursday at the UK IGF, so I might just be able to ask him when he has an opening, an opportunity for us to then have a call with him and what we can do [on this] as a follow-up to the Barcelona meeting. Let's put this to the side and wait until I speak to Jean-Jacques.

Staff to correct the date on the FY19 EURALO strategic plan, Eastern European DNS Forum which will take place in December, not in November. Okay, so this needs to be amended. I don't know whether that was amended. And now we know where it'll take place, and that'll be in Moscow. Let's get the exact dates over during the Any Other Business, and if staff could please update the dates correctly, that would be helpful.

And finally. Gisella to check that the telephone dial-up is linked to a specific language channel and not just the floor at face-to-face meetings. Gisella is not on the call, so I gather that she'll be asked about this. I don't even know if it's possible technically speaking whether it's possible or not. But maybe it is. But that's not an urgent action item, so it'll be for the future. Let's put this to the side. Any comments or questions regarding any of these action items?

Let's then move on. Since time is of the essence, we've got the ALAC public consultations, and let's go directly through these one at a time. The first one is the draft PTI. It used to be post-transition IANA, now it's called Public Technical Identifiers. And IANA FY20 operating plan and budget. As you know – or as you might not know, but there is a process now by which the budget that relates to the IANA functions, and that's basically running root of all top-level domains.

This budget has to be agreed in advance so that in any cases, this function is still funded whatever happens to ICANN. And this, of course, requires an update at the moment, so there is a draft on this and it's been drafted by Jean-Jacques Subrenat and Mohamed El Bashir. Maybe Jean-Jacques can tell us a few words about it in a moment. What I

suggest is I'll go through all of the different public comments and then I'll let Jean-Jacques speak about this specific one.

The next one is the Registration Directory Service Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations. Now, parallel to the current expedited policy development process on the WHOIS issues and GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation issues, there was a process – review team for WHOIS, the current WHOIS, and so the report was drafted and there is a response, a comment from the ALAC that was drafted by Holly Raiche and Bastiaan Goslings. Unfortunately, Bastiaan is not with us today.

The draft that is submitted or the final draft to be voted by ALAC was actually completed on the 18th of November, and it's quite extensive. But it basically looks at each one of the recommendations and says whether it supports or does not support the recommendation. Seeing that our own representatives were in that working group and they did a pretty good job, I see that all of the recommendations which are given there are supported by the ALAC.

Now, you might say, "Oh, but it's a waste of time then to support or accept recommendations, you should only comment when you're against it." Well, actually, the way that things work is you do need to show the support, because if other communities in ICANN or even other [commenters] do not support it, then the conclusion is that there is no support from anyone and these recommendations have to go back to the drawing board. So it's always worthy to mention the support. There's also some explanation at the beginning of the statement.

So that's the second one. Now, the third one is the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team final report and recommendations. Again, we had a number of representatives in that working group, in that review team. It was a long, longwinded affair where it basically looked at the measures for consumer trust and choice and for competition a set of metrics and a number of ways to cover the topic of consumer choice.

This is all really about basically helping out the end [users in being able to be] protected in some way from DNS abuse, etc. So, several topics are covered in the final report. It's a pretty large report, it's got 35 recommendations. Again, because our community members were very active in this working group, I would expect – or maybe not expect, but I would suspect, maybe that's the right word – that the ALAC will be supporting the recommendations. And we might assert maybe that some of the recommendations might be stronger. I see at the moment a suggestion from Holly Raiche that there should be support for recommendations but perhaps with some stronger wording in some of them.

The current report is rather long, yet again, but the comment period closes on the 27th of November, which is not that long away, and we're still in drafting mode. So if you can help – at the moment, Holly Raiche, Jonathan Zuck and Bastiaan Goslings are working on this, but if you feel you have much knowledge about consumer issues and consumer protection and wish to have a couple of hours to just read through the report and send in your comments, then please do so.

Next is the initial report of the New generic top-level domain auction proceeds cross-community working group. Now, when the last round of new generic top-level domains took place, a number of companies applied for the same strings, and one of the ways to actually resolve this contention, I guess, between the different applicants was to put the string up for an auction that was run by ICANN. So the company that bid for the highest auction would get the name, and at the same time, the funds that would be raised from this would go into a special ICANN account of some sort or special ICANN box. I don't know how to call it.

Anyway, a significant amount of money was collected, and therefore, now they're saying, "Well, what do we do with it? And what process should we make use of to allocate these funds for something?" So there was a working group that was put together, a cross-community working group was put together, and after a lot of discussion, they came up with some suggestions. And we might not agree with all of the points that are currently there.

There are a number of people that have commented so far, including Maureen Hilyard and Judith Hellerstein, and there are questions with regards to several options that are being proposed. I unfortunately haven't had much chance to read through this, so maybe somebody who was here will be able to tell us a few more words about this if they're following this very closely.

The next is the draft final report of the second Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review. As you know, every part of ICANN goes through a review process. the At-Large review took place recently and a number of recommendations were made, and the whole process by

which the ALAC accepted them or didn't accept them and then was going to implement those is still going on.

Other parts of ICANN, including the SSAC, are subject to the same type of review, and so here, what we have is the draft final report of the review team, and although it's not something that affects At-Large or that might affect At-Large directly, the SSAC is really dealing with security and stability of the Internet. So it is important for us to be able to comment on this and show either support or concern depending on the recommendations.

Again, I haven't had the time to read through this. Andrei Kolesnikov is the SSAC liaison to the ALAC. Unfortunately, he couldn't make it on the call today, but it might be helpful to find out from him how this is going. We have three people written down as drafting something. So Bastiaan Goslings again, Seun Ojedeji and Hadia Elminiawi are working on that. And because the deadline is on the 3rd of December, no doubt we will soon see a first draft in that wiki page.

And finally, the supplemental initial report on the new supplemental initial report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process, Overarching Issues and Work Tracks 1, 2, 3 and 4. That is a particularly important process, that's the one that will decide on whether there will be another new generic top-level domain round, on how it will take place, on what shape it will have, on what type of rules will it follow. Again, a huge task with a very short turnaround. You can see the deadline is the 12th of December 2018.

If you have the guts for it or if you've been following this, or if you feel very strongly about this, because I know that some people feel very strongly about this issue, then please read through the report. It's very complete. Justine Chew is currently working on this to try and come up with a first draft. It's not likely to be a small statement again, it's likely to be rather large. And I can see that Justine has already put a number of comments on the Wiki page in the comment box. Please have a look at what she mentions there and the question that she asks, and then provide some responses, because there's nothing worse than questions being asked and absolutely no responses whatsoever.

I did the cheap thing of putting at the bottom, "Thanks, Justine." I admit to my blatant [inaudible] the issue and saying, "Well done." But no, I will have a look as soon as I have a little bit of time, and I certainly hope that you will too. Let's open the floor for comments and questions, and I think that Sébastien Bachollet, maybe you had followed some of those issues closely. Was it the auction proceeds that you had followed closely? I can't remember, I'm afraid. [It was.] Any other things to describe, any of the current processes?

I'm not seeing any hands up, so I must have either been great at explaining what's going on or absolutely terrible and put you all to sleep. Sébastien Bachollet, you put your hand up briefly.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Briefly because you [gave me the floor] when I wanted to raise my hand. But thank you very much, Olivier. And as usual, brilliantly presented. I just want to try to explain that, of course,

each one of us, at least I am, unable to follow each and every topic here, and all are important, but we need to rely on others. My question is how we at the European level [put other names, not just] Sébastien [for the moment into] comments, and how we follow that. It's a question of all those topics are important and are important for European users, therefore, we need to have people engage [on that. If not, it would be a way to send] people, very few of them. And for example, of course, I was a member of the auction proceeds cross-community working group, but I think it could be useful [that these people who were] outside of the group who may [inaudible] and can participate. But I'm not sure that we will [say] anything, we are just one week before, and yesterday, I checked, there were no documents proposed. Of course, some discussion [inaudible] the group because [inaudible] were members or participants of the cross-community working group. Therefore, my question more is how we try to embark on this type of work people from ALAC and from EURALO, because it's just the way we [need to work.] Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Sébastien. Now, I can only share my experience, and the first thing, I guess, is that if we only wait for the EURALO monthly calls to comment on these things, we will undeniably often end up with only one week or two weeks remaining until the closing of the public comment, so it's a little difficult. What I usually do is, what I have done, is to take the page which lists all of the current statements. And if you look at the agenda page, it does say here "Current statements, ALAC advice, comments or correspondence." That page is constantly updated by staff, and that's the one, the At-Large policy advice development

page, that I bookmarked. So every week or so, I'd have a look at this and see what is currently going on.

And of course, you also receive all of this in your mailbox. I think everyone receives a mountain of e-mails that goes out. This thing has started, that thing has started. But focusing on one specific topic is often the right way to move forward. It's not overwhelming as such, but there is the occasional workload if it looks at your topic.

We're also working with Yrjö to try and target those public comment directly to At-Large structures that actually have the knowledge and the skillset to be able to respond to these things. I understand that many of the topics are somehow involved, and I think that just as a layperson looking through these, it might as well be written in an unknown language, in Chinese for those people that don't speak Chinese. I know Jean-Jacques speaks Chinese, so it's a wrong example, but for those that don't, it's very difficult to read through these, especially when it's a very long document.

But with people like you, Sébastien, on the call, and of course, Bastiaan and others, there's no barrier to actually asking those people and say, "What is it that you think is important in this?" As well. I think we've got a real problem with communication, not just our region but in our community, and we need to work together rather than just as individuals on this.

So on auction proceeds, is there anything that we should look out for specifically in this report, or do you think it's all fantastic and we should

just say, "Great stuff, great work, just keep on doing what you're doing?"

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Olivier, if I can.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Sébastien. The question was aimed at you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. Yeah, there is some [inaudible] way to follow, and the first among the [inaudible] type of structure we want to support, and therefore, we had already these discussions. And now there are just three, but in fact, the two first ones are ones with just ICANN staff dealing with, and the other one with ICANN staff but with an outside foundation. The other two possibilities, I guess, were more in controversy.

And we have really to decide which one we want to support, and there are different positions, but to find the best point of view [inaudible] we must have a discussion on that. It's why I think it's important to have somebody maybe who didn't was so much involved as I was, because I can tell you what is my point of view on that, but I think it's important to have somebody less involved to participate to writing up comments, and [that is taken with a little bit more] outside than just in the heart of the discussion.

But it's one of the major points, and this one will trigger everything we will do in the future about these auction funds.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Sébastien. So again, although Hadia Elminiawi is listed here as being the main drafter in this, if you're interested in this, please, I implore everyone or anyone who is interested to please look at that and comment.

Alright, we're not going to agonize over these public comments, but of course, the policy is very important in our community and for At-Large, and you can see that all of the points which are currently listed here are particularly important. I would say that perhaps the draft PTI and IANA fiscal year 20 operating plan and budget is not one of these critical things that went wrong, so things seem to work properly at the moment.

Registration Directory Service Review Team report, important, but at the same time, we now have this conflicting General Data Protection Regulation process, so these WHOIS2 recommendations might be put to the side. The Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team is very important, certainly for a community because this deals with our very own people, end users. The initial report on the new gTLD auction proceeds, as you've heard from Sébastien, is very important as this will probably define a number of things when it comes down to financing of activities which relate to our activities.

The draft final report of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review is not likely to be too – it's important, but it's not highest

priority level, and the supplemental New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, Policy Development Process, that probably is a very important process. So I'm just giving you a little nudge about this. Sébastien, your hand is up again.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, Olivier. Thank you very much. Just to say that the registration directory services is already under vote by ALAC, therefore, it's a done deal. The four last ones you mentioned are the ones we need to be involved in, and we don't have so much time. It's one week for the Competition, Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust, one week for the auction proceeds, and a little bit more time but not so much with the second review of the security and stability. And with the last one, [with new] gTLD, it's a very long document, therefore it's a very complicated issue, and we have three weeks for that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Sébastien. And with regards to SSAC review, last point that I should make is that there actually is, for those people who are around, a webinar. A webinar that is taking place tonight, and I'm just putting it here in the chat. Organizational review, it's an SSAC review webinar that will explain to you the review. It's tonight from 22:00 to 23:00 CET, which is the European time, which is 21:00 GMT or 21:00 UTC for those people that are elsewhere, and then you can work out your own time. I've put the link to the participate.icann.org reviews if you're still up at this time. And hopefully we will have finished the present call by then.

Right, let's move on and let's go to the next agenda item, that's the EURALO monthly reports. This is just a very short section to acknowledge the work of Wale Bakare, our secretariat who very diligently writes the EURALO secretariat monthly reports. I just thought it'd point you to that page because the question of monthly reports often comes up, and we are a region that actually keeps them up to date. The latest report dates from September.

The October one is on my desk and I haven't had a chance to review it before publishing it, but that will be out in the next few days. But if you miss a call or you have not been around for a short while, or if you don't know the history of what's been happening in the past few months, years, decade, then you can quickly catch up by having a look at all of our monthly reports. So I just wanted to notice this.

Let's go to the next thing, and now we have the EURALO hot topics. Now, the recent ALAC and regional leaders meeting in Barcelona – and I think more appropriately, the regional leaders meeting, so the RALOs and so on, looked at the different hot topics that each region put together, and what happened is it looks as though the list has been updated at different times, and the list from EURALO was updated in January 2018, which is nearly a year off.

So the decision was made by all the RALOs to each work to update their list of hot topics, and therefore what's on the table for us is to update this table. At the moment, you've got a link to the 2017 hot topics list. What we did in the past was to have it in a Google doc, we took the – the document was final on the 1st of November 2017, so we're way past the one-year mark. It might well be that a number of things have

changed over the past 12 months. So this is just to launch the process for updating the hot topics.

Now, we haven't got an actual working group for this as such, but what I'm likely to do is to put a new draft – well, taking the 2017 draft, I guess, putting it onto 2018 label and getting everyone to comment online and basically say, “Well, this thing should be out, something else should be in” and to update that. That’s the process that I suggest, but I open the floor if anybody else has a better process to suggest for this. Wale Bakare. Wale, you might be muted or your microphone doesn’t work.

WALE BAKARE: Hello, everyone. Good evening. Can you hear me now?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Now we can hear you. Welcome, Wale.

WALE BAKARE: Alright. I'm sorry, my comment that I'd like to make with regard to – I know we passed that item anyway, but I just quickly would like to chip in with regard to auction proceeds. I don't know, just one or two minutes, I want to say something on it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Alright. Please. Yes, let’s have your comment on auction proceeds.

WALE BAKARE: Yeah. Option D [inaudible] the last time, the report the auction proceeds group presented at the Barcelona meeting [was that they] came up with a mechanism just to produce an initial report. So there are four mechanisms developed. The very first one the group developed was that a new ICANN proceeds allocation department is to be created as part of ICANN. The mechanism two is just to [maybe a] new ICANN proceeds allocation department is created as part of ICANN which will work in collaboration with an existing charitable organization.

Then the mechanism three, which is C, a new structure will be created, e.g. ICANN foundation. So mechanism D just [an establishment entity] [inaudible] foundation [or fund are used –ICANN organize the oversight perspective to ensure mission] [inaudible] are met. So this is one of the key components of the report presented at ICANN Barcelona meeting.

So I think implementation and the updates will come up later on, maybe at ICANN 64 in Kobe. So thank you for this. This is [just a] short presentation. [Maybe next meeting, I might – maybe with] Sébastien and Bastiaan, we can present a better, fuller report on this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Wale, and that certainly, I hope, will get a few people thinking about this and commenting in the report. But let's move back then to our EURALO hot topics. Now you've all had a chance to think about how we should do it. Is taking the current document and putting it on a Google doc and updating it on a Google doc a good thing, or do you think we need to start a new process?

now, some of the other RALOs are using a different thing, which his to basically send out a new survey and get all of their At-Large structures to respond to the survey so they start with a clean sheet as such. That's option B to do it. Obviously, if that's the case, then we probably would have to allocate it to the working group because it's not something that just one person can do.

Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. I just go through the current document. I think it will be quite difficult to start from there, because for example, you have a few items [inaudible] in the Work Stream 2, and Work Stream 2 is done, at least the report is done and it's on the [end of the] board and now needs to be implemented. Of course, we can still discuss about jurisdiction, about human rights, but I don't think that it's [inaudible] any Work Stream 2 topic. And therefore, I know it will be more work, but I think if we can start from scratch and asking the ALSes on whether the topics or [members who have these topics were more important to them.]

and I will say that I am very concerned with what I heard during the IGF in Paris, and we will discuss that later on when we get back to this topic, but it's a discussion about multi-stakeholder, multilateral regulation and so on and so forth maybe one of the major points we need to discuss as a hot topic. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Sébastien. So you are basically saying that the current document that we have for the EURALO hot topics is pretty much obsolete, which means we need a total reboot? What I would then suggest is that – can we send this? I know. Yrjö, the ALS Engagement Taskforce, could we send this to the ALS Engagement Taskforce? And perhaps we can have the help of looking at what the other RALOs are doing. I know that some of the other RALOs are sending a survey out there. Could be perhaps arrange through the ALS engagement taskforce that we get in touch with the other RALOs and get a copy of their survey, change it to our own specifications and then have it sent out? Yrjö Lansipuro.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yeah. Thank you, Olivier. I was expecting this. So yeah, can do. That is to say, actually, we are going to approach the ALSes now for the update of the expertise table and so on and so on, and it'll be actually pretty easy and convenient to include also a call for new hot topics. And by the way, I very much support what Sébastien said about the definition of multi-stakeholder approach and so on and so forth. I think that Macron's speech in Paris was really a sort of challenge to multi-stakeholder structures and really requires that we perhaps try to develop a grammar for our multi-stakeholder [work,] like it was said in Paris. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Yrjö. So I think that we have our marching orders on this one then. I note the action item that has been put there, which is Olivier to send the 2017 hot topics draft to the Engagement Taskforce

with a task to get a copy of the other RALOs' hot topics survey and adjust it to EURALO's needs. Okay, that's fine. Sébastien Bachollet, you have your hand up.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. Just to suggest that you can at least keep the outlines of the current hot topics, and I would say in quick – not [the stakeholder explanation] but if you take GDPR, ICANN jurisdiction [inaudible] jurisdiction, ICANN and human rights, and public interest, you have already useful topics that we can keep, I guess, inside, but not [as it is written] in detail. And of course, [IGF] output as was discussed both by Yrjö and myself, could be a good start of a list of hot topics. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Sébastien. That's noted, and maybe Yrjö, we'll have to discuss on a future call of the ALS Engagement Taskforce. And that's also for any of you that are not part of the ALS engaging taskforce. If you're interested in taking part in this work – and I paused before saying work, because it's fun, isn't it? – then please step forward and just let staff know, and they will add you to this taskforce.

Right, let's get moving. We do have a deadline, by the way, for the hot topics, and I think that the deadline that was set up by all of the RALOs was to do it by the beginning of next year, so we don't have that much time in front of us, but at the same time, it's not like we need it in a week's time or so.

Let's move on, let's go – I see Sébastien's hand again. Is that a new hand?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, I'm sorry. Old hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Let's go to the next one, and that's the bylaws taskforce. Now, the bylaws were presented during the EURALO general assembly, and there were several points which were made – now of course I can't find them, if I could find them – which we had in our action items. I opened too many action items to find out. There we go, got them. and those were the action items from the At-Large summit, and the points were as follows.

First, Jean-Jacques Subrenat suggested that the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce examine the advantages, constraints and costs of having a postal and/or physical address in Switzerland, including mailboxes and postal address and things like that. That's something which the taskforce hasn't picked up yet, so we can put this to the side and get the taskforce to work on and can do a little survey of trying to find out the different options that we have there.

The second question relating to this was the suggesting from Annette Mühlberg to include a treasury in the new articles of association for EURALO, and this is because of the fact that we've now been told by ICANN that EURALO is independent, and there might be a need in the future, maybe not now but in the future, for a treasurer, and therefore,

we can include the treasurer listed in the articles of association, and the position might just be left vacant for the time being. There's nothing wrong with leaving a position vacant or just having the seat being available there or optional. I see a couple of people putting their hand up. So let's start with Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. It seems to me that we are back in 2006, 2007, and the goal of this bylaw was to be as close as possible to the reality of today's work of EURALO. In 2006, we decided to include a treasurer even if we didn't know if it was useful, and during 12 years, it was not useful or relevant, or 10, 11 years it was not useful. Therefore, I don't think we need to include it today. We may wait of the time [inaudible]. I don't see why there is [inaudible] in the short future, but something we change the way we are working with ICANN. So I can be wrong, but I really think that the goal was to have the bylaw [ask those] as the real situation of today. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sébastien. Next in the queue is Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. I agree with what Sébastien has just pointed out, but I would add that it is related, this question of the treasurer is related, actually, to another important part of our work in the [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm sorry? Did we just lose Jean-Jacques?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I guess so.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think we have lost Jean-Jacques.

SILVIA VIVANCO: It looks like it, yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh there, that's very painful. If I [recall,] one of the reasons for the potential need for a treasurer is something which has come up recently with regards to sponsorship for the At-Large summit. Now, it was in the past that the funding from sponsors and so on, sponsors might have been able to pay ICANN the sponsorship and that sponsorship would have gone over to us. I'm not entirely aware of how it happened in the past, but I do recall a couple of occasions when the funds were actually paid into an ICANN account as such.

It appears that recently, there has been a shift and a change, and this might not be possible anymore. I'm looking at Heidi. I don't know whether she has any other information on this. It was through a

discussion with Heidi that we raised this question as such, and I don't know whether Heidi has any further details on this.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi. Thank you, Olivier. I'm going to comment really only on the summit aspect. And what I have heard internally is that At-Large could get sponsorship for things that would help ICANN with what's being planned, for example the social event. However, it would be where the funder, the sponsor would work directly with the venue, the hotel for the social event. So for example if it was catering or if it was a lunch, that sponsor would be asked to work directly with the hotel, it would not go through ICANN Org. So that's what I have been informed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Heidi. So that might introduce problems for some of our future activities if we seek sponsorship from external parties. Sébastien Bachollet, you have the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Thank you, Olivier. I understand your point about the ATLAS III, but [if we need to have something, it's something] at the global level, at

the worldwide level to handle that from different regions. We don't need to set up that specifically for Europe. And if we need something, we may also try to have discussion with the ALS on site from Quebec, from Canada, who may help us with that. I don't know if they can, but I think it could be a better way to solve, because exchange of money, following all of that, it's a mess, and I'm not sure that we are, even if we have a treasured, we are [tailored] to do that and we will be good at that. And I am scared that we will lose a lot of time just to discuss some pennies or cents or whatever, and therefore I think it's better if we don't do that for this meeting. If you have other reason, I can understand, but this one, I don't think I will buy it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sébastien. Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, just to let you know that for ATLAS II, I believe –

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: [Annette, please.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Annette. Just one moment. I think for ATLAS II, and I know for sure for several other sponsors that we've had in the past for general assemblies, they have been very happy to work directly with the sponsor, they just need to know who to send their invoice to. So we've had a lot of examples where that direct sponsor to contractor has

worked very well. And I think if you start now, that should not be a problem for the summit. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Heidi. Annette Mühlberg.

ANETTE MÜHLBERG: Thank you, Olivier. I just wanted to make sure that it is in place if we need it, and it is just a legal issue that you do need it for certain occasions, and I don't think it does any harm if, as Olivier already explained, if it's there and you don't need it, you can just say, "Okay, we don't need it." But for formal reasons, for the legal stuff, it might be useful, and then it's always a problem when you have to change bylaws, because that's a severe action or [some.] So that was just a proposal. I understand what Sébastien said, that currently, there's not a problem, so why should we do it? I just thought we are not going to change and re-change and change again the bylaws, so it should not be a constant process of changing. So rather, we do something that gives us an option for future times. And it is a legal requirement in many places, so that's why I thought that might be a good idea. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for these points, Annette. Next is Jean-Jacques Subrenat. And I think Jean-Jacques has put in point in the chat, but Jean-Jacques, you have the floor. And I was told Jean-Jacques Subrenat was back. Oh, yeah.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. I hope it'll work this time, [the audio.]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Go ahead.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. The point I was making is the following. Actually, I understand the point of view of both Sébastien and [Annette,] but I think that our choice should be related to the status we are trying to achieve under Swiss law. If Swiss law says for whatever reason it is compulsory to have a treasurer, even if we don't manipulate one Swiss franc, then let's put it. If that's not compulsory under Swiss law for the future status we are looking for, then we skip it. It's as simple as that. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Jean-Jacques. My understanding from the discussions we had with Florian Hule, who was the penholder in these rules, is that under Swiss law, it is not compulsory to have a treasurer. That being said, I do note that Wale is supporting Annette, Roberto is supporting Annette, and Silvia mentions in the chat that the issue of the treasurer will need to be analyzed under Swiss law considering any liability it might cause. May I suggest that we send this to the Bylaws Taskforce and get Florian to have a look at that specifically?

On the one hand, I understand what I said earlier regarding having a treasurer there as a placeholder. On the other hand, I really cannot foresee EURALO today opening a bank account, because that's a

completely different kettle of fish, and a treasurer without a bank account is not really a treasurer at that point. So let's send it to the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce as a question and get Florian Hule to do a little bit of research on this and see what any tax liability, any other types of liability, etc., and what it [entices] to have a treasurer or not.

I see agreement from Jean-Jacques. I'm just eager, the time is passing by and it's going a little fast here. Okay, I see green light from this, so if we can have that as an action item, please. Treasurer question will be presented to the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce, and the question is to do with the pros and cons of having a treasurer listed in the bylaws. I think that's probably the best way.

Okay, that was one of the points that was made. The other point that was made on this, if I can find the right action items again, was EURALO to ask further clarification for the rationale of not having the address at ICANN offices while not having a bank account. I'm not quite sure whom we should ask for clarification from. I just wonder whether it should be clarification that we should obtain from staff, because I think the response that we received from ICANN was, "Well, don't put it at our address."

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Hello, Olivier. You may recall I asked this question to the legal department and they already addressed it, and they advised that they do not recommend or promote [this,] to have a legal address the same as ICANN offices. And I suppose it is related to the liability that it may

cause, and also because of the RALOs are independent legally from ICANN.

So I think that the issue of if EURALO has as bank account or not actually doesn't have any impact on the answer that I will get from the legal department, once again that this is not something that they will do.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks for having checked that. We'll have to see what we do then. I think that's a good enough answer, so no need to look any further in this. The alternatives, of course, were the ones that were listed a bit earlier. And remember, we do have a discretionary funding, so if we do need to pay for a neutral address to be used, we can always try and get that taken care of by our discretionary funding. I can't imagine that we're talking a huge sum of money for having a mailbox somewhere. But anyway, this will be punted over to the group, and let's move on.

I think that was all we had about the bylaws review. Okay, I'm not seeing any other hands up. Let's then move on ,and it is the top of the hour. I did warn everyone that this was going to be a slightly longer call. We are not close to the end. Let's try and speed things up a little bit. The next one is reporting from the Internet Governance Forum in Paris. We have several people that went to the IGF. We have links in the agenda of the full list of At-Large and EURALO activities and a review of At-Large and EURALO activities. My report is that there were a lot of members from At-Large structures, both European At-Large structures

but also individual members and also from other regional At-Large organizations.

The At-Large booth was attended all the time. We had brochures from around the world, including EURALO brochures in many different languages, and I was very pleased to see that we were able to offer those languages. And this was very well-received by people that passed by the booth. I can't imagine a number of times that the booth was completely deserted. There were very often people asking questions. And in fact I did sit at some point, because there was a socket at the booth so I can recharge my laptop and read my e-mails, and in the two hours that I sat there, I didn't manage to read any e-mails whatsoever, such was the flow of people coming in to inquire about things. So it was as good meeting as such for outreach.

The other point of note is the signing of the EURALO MoU with CENTR, this is the European Top-Level Country Code Domain Association, and if you recall, we had some discussion about doing a signature in Barcelona. This wasn't possible for a number of things, but we managed to get a small ceremony together. Thanks to Sébastien Bachollet who is on the board of AFNIC, the dot-fr people, and AFNIC was very kind to host us for a little ceremony with some champagne and with a photographer also there.

I should also thank Natalia Filina who also acted as the second photographer. IN fact, I think that all of the pictures that you can see at the moment in the relevant page for the signing ceremony were taken by Natalia, and you will see one of the pictures with quite a few people that attended.

So now the next steps with this signature is that the next meeting of CENTR will take place in Bordeaux in March, and I'm invited – or in fact, either me or any representative of EURALO is invited to go and take part in that meeting. So we'll have to discuss this closer to the date, but I was really delighted to be able to sign this. This is our second MoU. The first one we had signed was the one with RIPE NCC, the organization that distributes IP addresses in Europe and the Middle East.

The great thing about CENTR is that they have members in many of the countries that we do not have an At-Large structure in or even any individual members in, so I would hope that we can have their help in being able to find some potential At-Large structures in those countries, and this is [inaudible] important in the eastern part of Europe so that we can reach our goal of one At-Large structure in every country.

With regards to the workshops, I know that several EURALO members were both chairing and also participating in workshops. The other thing of note was the speech from Emanuel Macron, the French president who turned up on the first day in the afternoon and did a 75-minute speech – which I can't rival, I think 75 minutes is pretty darn long for a monologue – but at the same time, he raised a number of points which I think got some people worried as he repeated a number of times the need for more regulation of the Internet and the two visions of the Internet being on the one side the “Californian vision” quote unquote, and on the other side the “Chinese vision,” the Chinese Internet versus the Californian Internet, and Europe needing to go into this place somewhere in-between the two with more regulation than there currently is.

Not quite sure what that is supposed to mean. I did speak to some representatives from various countries, and one – you might guess what country that could be – was, “Well, we are one of the largest if not the largest country in world by GDP, and our budget would not sustain the kind of process that this would entice. Perhaps the French budget will be able to.” And I think they estimated [inaudible] \$700 trillion or something.

Anyway, that was one. The other thing, there was also some concern expressed after the French minister for ICT, Mounir Mahjoubi, on the last day on the closing ceremony mentioned – well, didn't actually backtrack on any of the president's remarks but actually went further by saying that there should be more multilateral processes. And of course, we're dealing here with the IGF being entirely multi-stakeholder, so that didn't go down too well with some people, myself included.

So that's the report I can provide. I'm sure I've missed on a number of things, and we happen to have a number of people on the call, including Joanna Kulesza, including Lianna Galstyan – oh, and I do have to thank Lianna for the backprop that she did at the very last minute for the EURALO-CENTR ceremony. If you see the EURALO logo in the background and all that, that was all Lianna's work as an emergency work since our banners never made it from Geneva. And lord knows where the banners are today.

Natalia Filina, of course, was there as well, Oksana Prykhodko was there, Philippe Batreau, Roberto Gaetano, Sébastien Bachollet, and Yrjö. My goodness, I'm just preaching to the people that actually made it

happen. So I'll open the floor if anybody else wishes to add things that I've blatantly forgotten. Thank you. Roberto Gaetano.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yeah. No, I think you did quite a comprehensive list of things. I just want to inform that I attended a meeting that was the formation meeting for the Dynamic Coalition on DNS Issues. That was started basically by VeriSign. There's a lot of people that are from the U.S. government, and right now, it's focusing on universal acceptance. I think personally that the issue about universal acceptance is something that we have to be a little bit more active on. Anyway, I am in the mailing list of this dynamic coalition, and I will keep you informed of what is happening. But I would welcome more participation from ALAC to this initiative. Thank you. Over.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you for this, Roberto. And I must also mention that in addition to all the people I've listed, Anne Marie Joly was also present there. Sorry, I had scrolled my screen down. So a lot of people on this call. Does anybody else wish to comment on many of the points as well? Sébastien?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes. Thank you very much. No, it's not the right one.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think that you are twice at the moment. You have to mute one of the two. We can still hear you, go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Thank you. Sorry. I am on iPhone and my laptop too. Yeah, I wanted just to raise a few points. I think it was [a short meeting but a lot of things got] discussed, and the French ALSes were very involved, of course, [inaudible] and more importantly, I would say, as a member of the organizing team, the French chapter of Internet Society, they were doing a lot into the IGF and also in what they call the [inaudible] of the IGF. There were a lot of activities organized.

I just want to stress that I guess our choice for the [inaudible] was a good choice. We have a very good photo, a very good involvement in different activities, and of course, in the [books] by Natalia. And I want to thank her, and I think we can be happy with the way they have done [inaudible] and how all of that was organized. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Sébastien. Next is Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. Just a word about Macron's speech. Two points. When he said that – or he laid out that actually, there were two choices, neither of them very satisfactory [on the web,] by [laziness, what he called] the Californian model and the other one, which is not laziness, it's [inaudible] the Chinese model. Actually, he's thinking about or saying two different things.

We don't want to fall into the Chinese model for obvious reasons of [content,] meaning we don't want to go down the road of censorship, lack of freedom of speech, etc. But on the other hand, what was said about California was not about content. Regulation, as you know, he was not talking only about the example of the Internet, but because regulation actually harks back to 2008, the major financial crisis of the world, which was not only about subprimes and all that, it was the model which had failed terribly, which was based, at least since Thatcher and Reagan, on self-regulation.

Actually, it was the form of governance issue which was being criticized by Macron on the basis of what had happened in a very major area which existed the whole world and which was financial complete deregulation. So I think what he was arguing for was at least some form of regulation for the governance part, not for the content. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much for this, Jean-Jacques. I note that Sébastien has put the pointer in the chat to Macron's speech. For those people who don't speak French, because it's all in French, I think you can use Google Translate and you'll get an idea of the points which were made there. There are a number of times when he didn't follow exactly the speech to the word and changed a few things, but the gist of the speech is actually there. And maybe we need to look at it in a bit of a closer thing. and I suggest maybe – and this is probably not the end of it, we continue this discussion on this topic at the next EURALO call. Perhaps we should share that speech with our community as well and get their feedback on it.

Lianna Galstyan, you have the floor.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, Olivier. First of all, my congratulations on the successful signing of the MoU with the CENTR, and just a quick update, not on the IGF but IGF-related, this is about the EuroDIG. As you might know, there is a call for issue procedure now, and the deadline is the end of this month, so basically ten days. So I encourage everyone to submit a call for issues, which is, by the way, a joint call for EuroDIG and SEEDIG, which is the Southeastern European GF. And if you have any topics to be discussed, please go and submit it. It's for a couple of minutes.

And by the way, for the SEEDIG meeting happening in Bucharest, this'll be a good chance for you all to come and participate and make an outreach for these countries that you said you don't have an ALS representative. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this, Lianna. And a quick question. Are you on the EURALO mailing list?

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Yes, Olivier, I am in this mailing list, though I am not an individual member of the association or as an ALS, I'm from APRALO ALS, but still, I receive all the e-mails through the EURALO mailing list.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. And while I was asking that, and I know we have this crosslinking with some countries between APRALO and EURALO, so it's no big deal that you're on the EURALO mailing list. The reason why I asked you for this is whether you would be able to post the call for issues, send a reminder. I know I've got it somewhere in my mailbox but I just can't find it. If you have it there, then please post it there to remind everyone. That would be really helpful since the deadline is very close, it's the end of the month.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Sébastien Bachollet, and then we're going to have to move on. I'm really conscious of the time at the moment, and as I mentioned earlier, or maybe before the call, the end of this call is standing between me and my dinner. But no, maybe not. This is just a joke, but we do need to move on. Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. Just to say that, yes, you've got the link to the Internet Governance Forum website with the speech of Macron, but I would like to advise you that the good one translated by the French government, by the [inaudible] president, is the one I sent you. And please take this one as the right one and not the one on the IGF website, because the IGF website, I guess it's like of the script, and

maybe with some changes, but French presidency decide to translate it completely, and it's why I put this link. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Sébastien. Could I perhaps have an action item for the links to this speech to be added to the workspace that we had, that the At-Large community had, for the IGF? And both the French language link and the English language link. So I think that would be very helpful for our community. Okay. I have no hands up. Actually, it says one person has raised hand, and I see Lianna has raised hand, but then Lianna has put her hand down. So I'm a little confused here.

Okay, let's move on then, and apologies for that. I don't see any other hands up. So reporting from the ICANN 63 Barcelona meeting, another meeting that took place. What can we say there? We had our EURALO virtual general assembly. It was pretty well-attended. I was very pleased to see the number of people that turned up, including some faces that we hadn't seen for a while that self-funded to come to Barcelona. So thanks for making the effort to come down.

I also saw a number of people following online and a number of people that sent in their proxies. We went through the agenda as described. We had quorum, so we could have taken a decision if that was needed at the time. And altogether, I think it was an excellent meeting. I'm glad that we had this meeting in Barcelona. It shows – and I think that we are one of the only RALOs that actually have a yearly general assembly even though we're not funded by ICANN.

I know there was a question from Jean-Jacques Subrenat, what is the difference between a funded general assembly and an unfunded general assembly? A funded one is one where ICANN pays for all of our delegates to be able to travel to the location in person and to meet face-to-face. An unfunded one is one where people pay for their own way, apart of course, from the RALO leadership.

So it was great to see that many people, and I think that it shows the dynamism of our region that people did travel under their own expense to make it there. The agenda in itself, as you know, there is a link that is given there. We had also – I'm just trying to look through the agenda here – what is there to report from this?

We went through the motions, and you saw the action items that came out of this. I was very pleased to see León Sanchez, the current member of the ICANN board selected by At-Large who managed to remain during the whole length of our general assembly. He can just turn up and say a speech and then leave, so it's great to see his good support. And no, generally, I was very pleased with the way that the agenda went through and we managed to fit it within the time that was required.

Let's open the floor to see if anybody else has an update to add regarding the virtual general assembly. Maybe I should just finish the other two quick updates. The joint NCUC and At-Large outreach event, very well-attended as well. I was again pleased to see good support from our group in At-Large. And I think that participants really liked it, so I hope that we will be able to continue this. I know that there are some questions, of course, for the new leadership at NCUC, new

leadership in NCSG, and with us, I think on our side we're still happy to proceed forward, but we'll see what the feedback is from NCUC and NCSG.

The feedback we got was very positive, and I think that we got several individual members to sign up, because in general, often people sign up as an individual member to try and test the waters and then they might sign up their organization that they are with. And then finally, overall At-Large activities at the Barcelona meeting. Well, again, we managed to fill the whole schedule from the Saturday all the way to the Thursday, and of course, this time we had a shift in leadership with Alan Greenberg who left the position of chair of the ALAC, and the incoming chair being Maureen Hilyard. Very different style.

Maureen immediately hit us - this is, I think, the way that we can say it - with an organogram, something none of us had ever seen before, certainly not in the ALAC remit, so we didn't really quite know how [the thing] was structured. But there we managed to get a good feeling of the overall structure that she would like to bring to the ALAC, and I think that we're already seeing some of the movement towards more activity within the At-Large community thanks to this organization and sharing of tasks among many people. That's all I can say. I'm opening the floor for anybody else who was there, because I must have forgotten tons of things. And I see Roberto Gaetano, and of course, that's one thing that I forgot. Roberto, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yeah. I just want to add that the EURALO Association of Individual Internet Users, we had [our] AGM that was also well-supported by staff, so I'm quite happy about [how] things went. So, over.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this. And Roberto, thank you. Yes, I attended that – or a part of that meeting since I had to run around, but I'm pleased that it went well as well. So that's good. I was just reminded to mention one thing, but that's really relating to the IGF, so we kind of passed it. Never mind. Any other comments on the ICANN meeting?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, I'm so sorry, just one point, and that is to please start considering which additional budget requests you would like to have as a region. Keep in mind I did send a note announcing the opening of the process, and one of the new criteria this year with Maureen, under her chairmanship, would be that all of the RALO requests will need to first be endorsed by the RALO and then sent to the ALAC Finance and Budget Subcommittee for further review before being finally submitted to the ICANN controller. So there is time, but just a reminder to please start thinking about that as a group. Thank you. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Heidi. Just one question. What is the deadline for this? Kind of missed this.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. I'm going to just double check. I believe the 5th. Let me just take a look. For the RALOs to send to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee will be the 18th of January.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this. And is there going to be a Finance and Budget Subcommittee meeting until then? There is, isn't there?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Absolutely. In fact, there's one being scheduled right now for the 26th of November, so that's this next Monday, and that one will have the new members all together hopefully for the first time as well as we have invited Xavier as well as some other members from the finance department to talk about some budget issues as well as Mary Wong and Benedetta Rossi who will be handling the additional budget request. So that is one not to be missed for the team members. And the new members from EURALO are Olivier, and I believe Bastiaan.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, I think I've sent a note [inaudible]

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, I think it's – yeah, we have Bastiaan and –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Because I was a participant last year, and last year we had Wale and Bastiaan as members, and I don't know, I did send a note earlier – yesterday or the day before – sometime in the last time continuum – I lose track – that was saying “amendment” and to ask whether we could stick to the same system that we had in previous years.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so we need to correct that, because we have you listed as a RALO. So you're asking that Wale continue as the Finance and Budget Subcommittee RALO rep. Is that right?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's correct.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Alright, thanks for the correction. We'll have that fixed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: When you have the winning team, you stick to it. So that's good.

HEIDI ULLRICH: [Thank you.]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. But as long as I can remain a participant, as in just check what's going on on there, and also, I think that the moment the Finance and Budget Subcommittee meets and has more ignorance about the process, then we can table for the next EURALO call, we can ask our representatives on the Finance and Budget Subcommittee or even before that to inform EURALO via the EURALO mailing list about the process, and they would be in charge of this process to kick it forward.

Okay, let's move on. I'm really sorry about the time this is taking. Let's go to the At-Large summit update. Oh, we're reaching the end of this overall call. Just a quick update from the At-Large summit. So as you know, there will be a face-to-face meeting of At-Large structures in the meeting, the Montréal meeting, from the 2nd of November 2019 to the 7th of November 2019.

Whilst the previous meeting that took place in London took all of our At-Large structures and brought them to London, on this occasion, the funding is lower and we have more At-Large structures that we had before, so there's been a restriction to have a total of 60 representatives from either At-Large structures or individual members. I think we're looking here at 60 individuals, plus, at the same time, the usual travelers from At-Large, both ALAC and regional leaders. So it's 60 plus about 30, which makes it about 90 people.

It's important to note that there will be some kind of a selection process that will take place to select the people that will be traveling, and I'm showing you here the hot off the press, very hot off the press, ATLAS III timeline. Working backwards from the Montréal meeting, the kickoff of the whole process started at the ICANN 63 meeting in Barcelona on the

23rd of October, and tomorrow, I believe – and I know it's been drafted as we speak – a call for volunteers to populate two main working groups for ATLAS III will be sent out.

Please volunteer, but be aware that volunteering for the working groups to prepare ATLAS III does not guarantee you a space in ATLAS III. It's just there to basically design the whole thing. The first group will be dealing primarily with the program and the other group will be dealing primarily with the selection of people. And we'll be designing the process to select people.

We expect that by the 30th of this month, there should be a guideline booklet ready to provide informational details about the At-Large summit and about why we have the numbers that we have and what we expect to be doing over when we meet face-to-face. By the 14th of December, the application period for ATLAS III in-person petrification will start, and it's expected that this will last until the 1st of May, 2019. The application period will end at that point.

But it's also expected that the selection criteria will include some training that candidates need to follow, and I think that preliminary discussions which we had in Barcelona yielded the fact that actually, maybe it would be great for everyone to follow the training program, and that will start on the 1st of January 2019. My understanding of this is that it will make extensive use of massively online courses, [MOC.] Well, basically the ICANN Learn, learn.icann.org, and it's got various courses in there which are really interesting and which I think each one of us can benefit from.

So the application period ends on the 1st of May, and by that time, we hopefully have a number of candidates that have followed those courses, and the selection committee, which will be created and which might be – actually, at this point in time, I don't know how the selection committee will be selected, but no doubt, the working group that works on the selection will be able to design a process. The selection committee will make a selection of people to travel.

The list needs to be ready by the 14th of June, and all ICANN travel arrangements need to have been completed by the 5th of July. And that's of course because with so many tickets to take and the costs associated with taking last-minute tickets, ICANN would like to try and get those flights as early as possible so as to not waste money on getting last-minute flights and arrangements and so on.

So these dates are non-changeable, and this is why we worked backwards, Eduardo and I, to get the timeline put together as it currently is. That's one thing that we can share at this moment in time, everything else will follow up from the call for ATLAS III volunteers.

One last thing I'd like to add, which is that thanks to Sébastien Bachollet, I met up in Paris with the representatives from one of our local At-Large Structures in Montréal, and that's ISOC Quebec, and we had a discussion on how to get the local At-Large structures, because there are more than one At-Large structures in the area involved, and ISOC Quebec is willing to liaise with all the other At-Large structures there – I think they all know each other – to be able to give us a full support and also to get the local community involved.

And I think that's all I can say at this moment in time, but I open the floor for further points if anybody else has further discussions on this. Oh, just one more thing to add, we also had a meeting with the [Francophonie] to try and see, perhaps we could have a few sponsorships for some additional travelers that would be sponsored by the Francophonie to come and join the meeting. And if you do have an idea of other organizations that we could ask for sponsorship to attend that meeting, like for example the Internet Society or other likeminded organizations, [I know there] might be a few others with deep pockets that could send an additional number of travelers, then maybe that would help in growing the numbers a little bit further.

That's it for the time being. I see Heidi has put her hand up. So Heidi Ullrich, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yeah. Thank you very much, Olivier. To comment that thank you very much for these efforts, but to keep in mind that ICANN has already signed the meeting room contracts, so there is limited space. So please do keep that in mind when reaching out to numerous sponsors to bring people in to the summit. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Heidi. And I was going to ask you, actually, could we have the size of the rooms, please? Because I do have one concern, which is that we do wish to have an open-door policy, and if we are going to have rooms that are exactly for 90 people, that completely defeats the purpose.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. So you were on the group that talked about the size of the rooms given the timeline that we were under for the contracts, so as a reminder, there is going to be extra room, but hopefully we're not going to run into something where it's like what you were hearing coming out of the IGF where the rooms were packed. I'm sure there are fire codes, regulations. So I will ask Gisella to let you know what the absolute numbers are, but I would assume – I think it's a 90+40, I'm guessing, additional seats, but I'll get the exact figures from Gisella. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Heidi. If we manage to get 40 people sponsored to come to the summit in addition to the 90, that would be just amazing. But I don't think we're dealing with that large numbers. Sébastien Bachollet, you have the floor.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Excuse me, I have to leave now. I'm very sorry, but I'm also very thankful for the fruitful discussion.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Annette. Have a very good evening. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. Heidi, I get your point. As I was not involved, I [can say what I think. Just I already] said that this was not an ATLAS

summit with just 60 people. Therefore, I tried my best to have more people coming, and I will still try. If at the end, the response is that, “Oh, sorry, we don’t have the space,” it will be a pity, really, because the goal of an At-Large summit was [inaudible] to have all the ALSes’ representatives in one room.

Therefore, we need really to be careful about that, because if we don’t take into account all the people who will be there, whatever we do, local people, member of the NomCom [is not considered] in the number you gave us, you have already a lot of people. If we succeed in sponsoring some from ISOC or [Francophonie] or whatever other organization, I hope that they will be welcome and that we will not say, “Hey, guys, we don’t have a seat for you.” Sorry about that, but I would think it would be a very bad message from At-Large and from ICANN on those people. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Sébastien. Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Thank you, Sébastien. I do hear you, and of course, we’re going to welcome those people that you’re bringing. I’m assuming it’s going to be around ten, just assuming that number. And what we could do is have seats reserved for those people to make sure that there is a place for them. I do want to highlight that, [of course, there’ll be] remote participation, so everyone is welcome to participate and we can obviously suggest that, but also, we do have the parameters that we

have to work within. So if we could be conscious of that, that would be great. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Heidi. And I'm not seeing any further hands up on this. So that's all I had to share with you, and thanks to everyone for sharing their points regarding the At-Large summit. There will no doubt be some updates on this, as hopefully this call for candidates, this call for working group members starts tomorrow, and I hope to see many of you in the working groups.

Now we reach Any Other Business, and where did I put that Any Other Business? I've lost it now. It sounds like a year ago that we had the addition of Any Other Business. Could I just ask what this was about?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I can tell you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sébastien, please. You have the floor. And I'm sorry, I have now, I think, about 30 windows open and it's on one of those windows. So please, go ahead, Sébastien. You have the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: That's okay. [I am the other window you are missing.] I asked to talk about meeting in Moscow, the 5th and 6th of December was the first point, and I guess [if I read well] in the chat, I think that Natalia asked

for the floor for one minute. Those are two points I see on the Any Other Business for the moment. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much, Sébastien. And there's the link for the announcement, which was announced just yesterday, which is the Eastern European DNS Forum comes to Moscow, and that will be on the 4th and 5th of December following the success of the first edition in Kiev, Ukraine.

Now, maybe we can ask people who are based locally – and locally is an open word because it might well be that some of our eastern European colleagues might be traveling to this meeting as well. So could we perhaps share this on the mailing list and ask if anybody is planning on going? And then we can try and see if there is some kind of requirements for them to be able to join or not. I'm reading as we speak what this is about, and I'm not sure whether it is possible to apply in person or –you just turn up or you need to apply for a specific process. Oksana Prykhodko. Go ahead, Oksana, we hear you.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Hello. Do you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we do. Go ahead, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to send for invitation to go to Moscow, but I would like to say that it is impossible for Ukrainians to join this meeting because it's extremely important the question for us because of war between Ukraine and Russia. And actually, I would like to say, excuse for [Sebastian and Veronica,] it was [while] confirming Michael Yakushev candidature for vice president on Eastern Europe, and I supported his candidature.

[I know] he was Russian, but I hoped he will do [a lot of best] for Ukrainians also. It was my mistake. So I am extremely asking for your consideration of appointing Russians at high-level positions at ICANN.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Oksana. That is noted. And I think I can pass the floor to Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Just one point. I don't know how ICANN can organize [a regional meeting in two weeks. We heard of this meeting yesterday and we have to] figure out how we can participate in one way or another. I guess we have – at least I know two people who are onsite in Moscow, and maybe we need to ask them to try to see if they can participate. Of course, the people already traveling, [or who know from yesterday that they will] travel to Moscow, it will be great.

and Oksana, you don't need to excuse the situation. [It's so difficult, and] I understand that you will not be traveling to Moscow, but take

care of you, it's more important than going to this meeting. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sébastien. And I see Natalia Filina also. Natalia, you have the floor.

NATALIA FILINA: Hello, everyone. Thank you, Olivier. I just wanted to say that nice to hear all of you but better to see of course you. I wanted to say that it was my first IGF and my first meeting with you and working with you as a part of EURALO. I had my first workshop at IGF, and I can say that my expressions are only a rainbow, of course.

I wanted to say thank you very much for all of your support. It's a great example of the best work [in] framework of outreach and engagement. Thank you so much, Roberto, for your time. We discussed our activities. Thank you, [Glenn,] Olivier, Maureen, Sébastien for the organizing of [timing] and our work.

I sent my suggestion for optimizing our [inaudible] event and use a different, [maybe much more effective, instrument and way] for future events and future work together. If they are useful, I will [inaudible] to participate in the upgrade or creation of anything that will help us in future events and our future work.

My incredible happiness to be in your ranks, of course. Thank you very much for trusting and for your hospitality accepting me as a newcomer in your team. I hope one time I can be with all of you at ICANN meeting.

I will be happy to participate [in all of] our activities in Moscow. [Welcome] to Moscow in December. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Natalia. It was a real pleasure to have you at the IGF –

NATALIA FILINA: Me too, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: – and for you to take part and really do so much for us. The pictures, the participation, being in the booth. It was really super to see you being involved, and I hope that you'll be able to continue to be involved. I think if there was one thing that I was told one day when I walked in, one person came over to me and said, “You know the list of fellows for Kobe has come out and Natalia is not on there? What can we do?” And I was like, “Oh, dear. Okay.”

So [inaudible] you're already missed, and I do hope that we'll be able to have you participate in a future ICANN meeting, because you certainly need to participate in this way. It's just unfortunate that it won't be in Kobe, but perhaps [please] apply for the next ones afterwards, and hopefully, we can have your participation during the ICANN meeting.

Just one question. Will you be able to make it to the EEDNS forum in Moscow, or are you not based close to there?

NATALIA FILINA: I will be there. [I will already apply] my request, and I will be there, yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Excellent, so we've got someone in the forum itself already. Perfect. Sébastien Bachollet, and then I think we're going to have to close this call soon because it's going to be the two-hour mark, and I think we're overstressing this one really very much. I will get my fingers smacked in a moment. Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, thank you. And sorry once again, but I wanted to raise that Paris IGF and the work of Natalia, the EURALO Facebook page is going up and up in people visiting it, and I think it's a very good way to find and to inform people around us. And please use this EURALO page to make some more publicity about the work we are doing. And thank you, Natalia, for that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sébastien, for this. That's a very good point that you've mentioned. So indeed, the EURALO Facebook page is now alive, very much alive, and we do have a lot of people watching. So that's really great. And of course, to Natalia, please be involved with the other purposes that are taking place in EURALO, but it's great to have you there.

And just to remind you, you have a report. It doesn't need to be a very long report, but there is a report that you have to write for the CROP afterwards since this was our second community regional outreach program travel.

Right. I think that's the end of the call, unless there's any other other business. I'm not seeing any hands up. Natalia, is that a new hand? Maybe my screen has crashed.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I don't think so, Olivier. I guess it was an old hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The hand is down. Okay. Well, with 54 minutes after the second hour – well, reaching up to the second hour of this call, this has to be a marathon call of the EURALO. We had a very busy meeting today. Thank you so much for all those people that have managed to survive until now. My apologies to staff. I know we had an additional 20 minutes we were allowed to go over, but we've stretched it a little bit much.

Thanks, everyone. See you in the next call next month. In the meantime, please follow up on the mailing list and in our working groups, and of course, follow all of the ALAC work, including the policy process. Or maybe in particularly the policy process. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening and good night wherever you are. Thank you, and goodbye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thanks, everyone.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, everyone. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining this call. The meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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