Independent Examiner

On 5 June 2017, the ICANN organization posted the announcement for the Request for Proposal (RFP) to find the independent examiner for the RSSAC Review; the RFP also included the scope for this review.

On 28 September 2017, the ICANN organization announced that Interisle Consulting Group had been selected to conduct the second review of the RSSAC.

Interisle put together a team of three consultants who will collaboratively conduct the review.

| Lyman Chapin | Lyman Chapin has contributed to the development of technologies, standards, and governance structures for the Internet since 1977, and is widely recognized and respected as a leader in the networking industry and the Internet community. His broad experience and deep insight are invaluable to Interisle’s clients, who benefit from his ability to focus both a powerful intellect and the skills of a seasoned diplomat on problems ranging from network architecture and design to organizational dynamics and business strategy.

Mr. Chapin is a Fellow of the IEEE, and before co-founding Interisle was Chief Scientist at NextHop Technologies, an Internet routing software company. Before joining NextHop, he was Chief Scientist at BBN Technologies, the company that actually did invent the Internet in 1969. He has chaired the Internet Architecture Board (IAB), the ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (SIGCOMM), and the ANSI and ISO standards groups responsible for Network and Transport layer standards, and was a founding trustee of the Internet Society and a Director of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). Mr. Chapin is currently the chairman of ICANN’s Technical Review Panel, which is responsible for assessing the impact of new Domain Name System (DNS) registry services on the security and stability of the Internet, and the USA representative to the NATO Science Committee’s networking panel, which brought high-speed Internet access to the former Soviet republics of Central Asia and the southern Caucasus.

Mr. Chapin was a principal architect of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model and protocols, and is the co-author of the seminal Open Systems Networking—TCP/IP and OSI, which is considered to be the definitive treatment of the emergence of modern Internet technology. He has written many other papers and articles over the past 30 years, including the original specification of the Internet standards process operated by the IETF.

Mr. Chapin holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Cornell University. |
| Jim Reid | Jim Reid runs a small consulting company specialising in Internet matters, particularly Domain Name System (DNS) technologies, registries and Internet governance. He has over 25 years of experience using Internet protocols working in a variety of organisations as a system/network administrator, trainer and technical architect. Jim is co-chair of the DNS working group at RIPE and has served in that role since 2000. He founded RIPE’s ENUM working group and was a founding director of UKEC, the company overseeing the use of ENUM in the UK. Jim served a three year term as a board member of RIPE NCC, the non-profit membership organisation coordinating Internet address management and numbering resources for Europe and the Middle East.

He was the DNS architect and a founding member of the Interim Policy Advisory Group for Telnic Ltd, the sponsoring organisation for the .tel top-level domain. Jim is a consulting fellow for the Internet Systems Consortium. He is company secretary for 6UK, a non-profit organisation raising awareness in the UK about the IPv4 run-out and the need for wider adoption of IPv6. |
Colin Strutt holds six patents on enterprise management technology and brings more than thirty-five years of direct experience with information technology, as a developer, architect, and consultant, with recent work including design and operation of a regional public safety network, providing technical expertise relating to patents, and analysis of world-wide Internet use.

Dr. Strutt’s expertise and experience have created substantial and sustainable value for a broad range of enterprises. He is particularly adept at designing and running interactive meetings to develop strategies that transform key business systems, applications, products, and services, and at analyzing large volumes of data.

Before co-founding Interisle, Dr. Strutt was responsible for defining the program that delivered the eBusiness Vision Workshop to Compaq Computer Corporation’s Professional Services clients. This service offering helped clients make sense of the confusing world of eBusiness and define strategies for realizing their enterprise’s eBusiness vision. From 1980 to 1999, as a project leader, technical leader, and technical director at Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) and Compaq, he led projects in DECnet, Ethernet, terminal servers, enterprise management, directory services, collaboration software, Internet appliances, and security. Before joining DEC, Dr. Strutt worked from 1975 to 1980 at British Airways, ensuring that the operating systems and network software supported the airline’s planning and operational research departments.

Dr. Strutt has published and spoken extensively on networking technology, name collisions, enterprise management, eBusiness, and scenario planning, and has represented the interests of Digital Equipment, Compaq, and the Financial Services Technology Consortium in national and international industry standards bodies.

Dr. Strutt holds a B.A. (with First Class Honours) and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Essex University (UK).