Monday 29 October

SUMMARY Welcome to 30th meeting of ICANN, held at the LAX Hilton in Los Angeles. Registration opened on Sunday morning, adding to the 895 pre-registrations. It is expected to be ICANN largest ever meeting. And for good reason: two of the biggest issues ever to strike the domain name system – Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) – are high on the agenda. Plus of course the departure of Vint Cerf as chairman after nine years at the head.

TODAY'S MAIN MEETINGS

Welcome Ceremony
Time: 9:00
Room: International Ballroom
All are welcome to attend the opening of the 30th meeting of ICANN. It will be formally opened by Assistant Secretary of the NTIA, John Kneuer. Followed by the Public Forum

GNSO Improvements Workshop
Time: 11:00
Room: International Ballroom
A chance to review suggested changes to the structure of ICANN's main policy body.

New gTLDs workshop
Time: 13:00
Room: International Ballroom
A lengthy six-hour session, but one that hopes to cover years of determined and considered work on how to expand the Internet through new registries.

Welcome cocktail
Time: 19:00
Room: Pacific Ballroom.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

GAC / ccNSO joint meeting
The ccNSO and GAC met in a joint session to discuss the impact and policy that extending the domain name system to thousands of languages may have on the those running different countries' Internet registries.

The ccNSO outlined where it is with the issue as an organisation and shared the results of an IDN survey with the GAC prior to official publication on Tuesday. The GAC responded by outlining their opinions and concerns regarding a suggested "fast-track" approach. One of the ongoing issues is how to treat countries - for example India - where a range of languages are spoken. At the moment the model effectively assumes every country only possesses a single formal language.

The two groups also discussed the ccNSO Council's recent request for an Issues Report concerning the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLDs associated with the ISO 3166-1 two-letter code list.

IPv6 workshop
Two IANA workshops focused on the issues of IPv6 from different perspectives. The first looked at the policy issues surrounding IPv6 deployment with presentations from Paul Wilson of APNIC; Mark McFadden of BT (on behalf of ETNO); and Joel Jaeggli of Nokia. There was vigorous discussion of the issues surrounding IPv4 depletion and the possibility of a trading market in IPv4 space.

The second session looked at the technical issues seen in IPv4 deployment and saw presentations from Takashi Uematsu of NTT West; Jay Daley of Nominet; and Dave Piscitello of ICANN's SSAC. The discussion focused on the issues surrounding IPv6 deployment, particularly the security issues.

GNSO / GAC joint meeting
The GNSO gave presentations on ongoing work regarding dispute resolution for international inter-governmental organisations (IGOs), and domain tasting. Both topics may be launched as formal policy development processes (PDPs) at the GNSO Council meeting later this week. An update was provided on Whois and the OPoC approach, with discussions on suggestions for studies.

The GAC updated the GNSO on their discussions regarding the way conflicts between Whois and national laws will be addressed, and clarified a few matters with respect to it. The GNSO then outlined its draft comments on the issue of ccTLD IDNs

MEDIA COVERAGE
The Associated Press released a profile of Vint Cerf which has been reprinted in newspapers across the world. "The bad news is we're not going to find another Vint," Steve Crocker was quoted as saying. "We're now going to go through a period where ordinary mortals are managing things."

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