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ALAN GREENBERG: ...Maybe we need three trips of five days each, and that's cheaper because this is only three airfares. Maybe it's six days each, whatever. But we can't just complain and internalize it.

All right. Alberto wanted back in, and then we have Siranush, and Dev, and Tijani.

ALBERTO SOTO: I fully agree on the strategy, on the way other requirements for the CROPP program were created. Unfortunately, I must say that I disagree with the implementation because we will be wasting time in our fiscal year for LACRALO for the implementation. So I believe that for the next [inaudible], we need to analyze the consequences and the consequences are that RALOs will be losing a lot of time.

When it comes to the last point, we went to Cuba, but I had to come back earlier due to a question of the flights. Since I arrived on Sunday, well, I stayed the days allotted for the CROPP program, but I lost a day. So perhaps we could analyze and have some flexibility, taking into account the flights. Perhaps we don't need five days. Perhaps we might need three days, but taking into account flights to make the most of our program. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Alberto. With the flexibility we're seeing today, if you say, "I really need three days instead of two days, because the flights only come every two days," whatever the details are, I suspect that would be received well, if you ask the question early enough. I'm seeing a lot of flexibility. Siranush?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, chair. I have two comments. One related to CROPP and the second with the fellowship. So we'll start with the CROPP.

I think that the experience of this one year using CROPP opportunities showed that we need to change. We – at least APRALO in their reports, we had Maureen and Satish went to APRICOT and Holly and Ali going to Cook Islands this year.

They both wrote a very thorough report and touched upon the challenges both for the CROPP itself – and I agree that these two days are . . . Could not agree more with Evan that this is enough only for giving out the business cards and just getting to know people. But they managed to do more because they stayed longer on their own money, on their own funds.

And we send these suggestions also in the reports. I don't know if the CROPP team is reading those reports or not, but at least we send those. They should be taken into consideration for future.

Second comment related to fellowship. I completely agree that this is really huge asset to At-Large including. So we both, what Fatima said,

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we came from fellowship program. Many of you also came from that program.

We already started doing that outreach among fellows, because there are fellows who are coming from the region and not all of them are interested in At-Large of course, and I don't think that this will be a good idea to invite all of them. But we might find out those who are from the region and to see the interest in At-Large and bring them to the meetings. That's how we did during the last two years and we probably have five or six new ALSes based on this outreach. But this is a good idea to do. I agree with Jimmy.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. Yuliya, I see your hand. You're in the list. We have ten more minutes. There's another item that I did want to spend some time on, so I'd like people to restrict themselves to one-minute interventions now or less. Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Thank you. Might I suggest that it's good to get all this feedback, and my suggestion is when the Doodle goes out for the outreach and engagement call, probably not for next week but for the following week, please respond to it and then join. Then all this kind of information can be collecting.

I did have an impromptu meeting with the CROPP Review, ICANN's CROPP Team, and I made some suggestions. I relayed the comment of what many have said regarding the duration of the trips. I did propose

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the idea, Alan, of what you said. Perhaps you could take one of the three days, two nights from one trip and pull it into other trips. The initial response was that may be doable.

But it all comes back down to we [can't] do it an ad hoc fashion anymore. We need to really have [inaudible] plan. And once we have that plan, how do [inaudible] achieve the outreach plan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. A quick question, which has a yes/no answer. The reports that we're talking about here which make it clear that people need more time, that they're spending their own money on the trip, do these go back to [inaudible] outside of us? Are these reviewed by the ICANN CROPP Team?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: That's right. Yes. Yes, they are reviewed by the ICANN team and they go towards the board.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, thank you. I have Tijani next.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Alan. The CROPP has a procedure. When you want to use the CROPP, you have to define the objective of your trip. And when you come back, you have to give a report about what is the

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achievement, according to the objectives, not later than two weeks I think after the trip. So it is very well done.

Because the staff read the reports, two days ago, I met with [Janice], and we spoke a little bit about the CROPP program and I told her how you can accept that I put from my pocket money to attend and to participate in this program? I told her, “You know what I do.”

She told me, “Yes, I know very well. I know exactly what you are doing. And please, in the future, make a special request. Perhaps we can consider it.”

So what I mean, the CROPP is not something you can apply for and get it. You have to put your objectives and then a report on them, a report on the achievement. It happened to me twice that I put money from my pocket to continue the trip. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Tijani. Yuliya?

YULIYA MORENETS: Thank you. Yuliya Morenets, EURALO secretariat. Well, from our point of view, the CROPP was for European region. It was quite successful because we had newcomers. Well, it was this opportunity for the newcomers, specifically from Southeastern Europe and Eastern Europe, to take part in EuroDIG.

Now the reports are not online. What I would suggest, it's for net time when we make a selection and we [inaudible] people with a selection

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of results, we have to send them the procedure framework that they have to send the report and the deadline of this report because they were not very clear.

Also, another point I would like to add, the CROPP was also quite successful for our region because we had two slots for our Armenian friends who are not in the European region in the ICANN charter. So I'd like to underline this. Thanks.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Last we have Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: We have a comment from Evan Leibovitch. "Why not just allocate a certain number of this per RALO and let the RALO determine how many trips that merits?"

ALAN GREENBERG: Good suggestion. We'll take it up with them. Siranush, go ahead, but honestly, we really have to – when we close the queue, you can't just think of it afterwards; otherwise our meetings will go on forever.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I really appreciate that Armenians becoming a part of EURALO CROPP, but my suggestion will be for future also to take into consideration to involve new people, not to accept the same people who have been once. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. The next item I have, and the wording I used was comments on this meeting, I have a few comments. Oh, sorry, Olivier did want a minute first.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Alan. I was going to just remind you of one more piece of work that we have to do until Dublin and which we've forgotten a little bit about, and that's the ATLAS II recommendations. We need to have a follow-up on that. So I will send over the Adobe Connect the link to the ATLAS II Summit follow-up activities. I hope that you will all be available throughout the summer to help us out and help us help the working groups, which many are run by Dev, but there are also others out there in coming up with the full set of recommendations, implementation so that we can then move on to the next level, the implementation part. Just to remind you all, it is now 369 days since the ATLAS II started, so let's hope we don't reach the 600 mark. Let's make sure we've got something for Dublin. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier, we are a regionally diverse group of people. For many of us, it's the winter, not the summer. That goes along with my apology for yesterday. I was told after-the-fact that I mentioned Latin America three times and did not mention Caribbean once in my intervention in

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our little party last night. And I apologize to the person who told me, but I apologize to everyone here. I will try not to do that again.

All right. This item agenda is essentially a very brief debriefing. I will give you a couple of comments on the meeting, and I will give you a couple of comments on the meeting. And I'd like if you have any immediate thoughts.

I found this meeting the busiest meeting I have ever had. On one day, I had two half-hour slots where I could try to read my mail or something like that, and that was the only time. Anything else has been a 15-minute slot, if that. I found that just a bit too stressful.

I'm chalking it up to CWG and CCWG and hoping when it goes away, it will go back to some level of sanity. I don't know if everyone else had a similar experience or not. Certainly it was very hectic.

Overall, I found the meeting very well. We had very few technical outages. In general, things have been working relatively well. The Internet speed has been horrible. In some of our rooms, Internet is completely unusable. In the meeting rooms, occasionally it slows down to nothing. I'm not quite sure why, but I've asked staff to come back with a little report on that.

Any other quick thoughts? We can certainly do this longer at some other point, but anyone else have anything they want to put on the table now as a debriefing from this meeting? Other than that, I have one or two very brief final comments.

We have Judith and Tijani.



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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I guess my other comment, I think I mentioned this also earlier about on the ALS criteria. It's not necessarily an ALS criteria. I think it's more on procedure maybe to put in ALS in suspension or something like that, or either recalling [inaudible], because there's nothing really that much. The only things that you can have to decertify an ALS are if they haven't come voted or haven't come to different meetings. Possibly, we might want to look at something else on that as well.

ALAN GREENBERG: Judith, I think what you're saying is you're volunteering to work on the group looking at ALS certification de-certification criteria. Thank you very much for volunteering.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: But [inaudible] other parts.

ALAN GREENBERG: Pardon me?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Not on the other criteria. [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, you can do both. We don't mind. But you've just volunteered to work on the process part. Thank you very much.

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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Also, on the CROPP as well, Glenn and I and Dev had a discussion on this. I do think it could be used in a way, using it for ICANN meetings – I think it could be used in a way to increase engagement in ICANN and get younger people, newer people, involved.

But I think it also has to be tied in with them also going on and getting involved in working groups, because without that, then it just seems more of they can't really get as much engagement involved if they're not.

ALAN GREENBERG: I don't want to be rude, but we're now two minute over our meeting. We're going into the session on CEO selection, which I think is important. And this part of the meeting is on debriefing for ICANN 53. The very initial things, we can do more of it online afterwards.

We have Tijani next. Then we have Eduardo. Then we have Dev. Then we have Raf. Then we have Glenn. Then we have Fatima. If the order is wrong, I apologize.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan. I agree with you, Alan. This is one of the most busy meetings. It is sure – if you hear me, if you can listen to me—

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ALAN GREENBERG: For the record, the queue is closed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. So I said, yes, this meeting was one of the busiest one for me at least. I don't know how many [inaudible] I didn't read, and I don't think I will have time to read them today.

This is the second point. I would like here to make a big thanks to someone who is looking after everything for us, after our work, after our sessions, even after our food. She's more than – more than – effective. She's more than a professional. She's a wonderful woman. She [inaudible] everything for us. Moment, Alan. A few minutes ago she was standing by the table and she was preventing anyone who was not from our group to take food. Please applaud her. She is really exceptional.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Sorry, it's all a team effort.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, we have a new rule now. We have two new rules. Number one, we're on 30-second timers. Number two, you can't say what I was going to say at the end of the meeting. Everyone has to clear every statement with me ahead of time. That's a joke. Let's go on. Very quickly, Eduardo.

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EDUARDO DIAZ: Very quickly, I talked to staff and suggested that the paperwork that we get in the beginning that we get rid of that. We can get it through the Internet or with [inaudible]. That was a suggestion. If there is not requirement for ICANN to produce the paper, that means. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Siranush wants one second.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Sentence.

ALAN GREENBERG: You've already one then.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Thank you, chair. Just as an outcome of this meeting, I would like to highlight that today Armenian community successfully passed one more step in development and we signed an official contract with ICANN on [dot-hi] as a domain name in Armenia script. The official agreement with ICANN. Congratulations to our community. [applause]

ALAN GREENBERG: Good intervention. Thank you, Siranush. Now we have Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Some suggestions quickly. One, I think we need to look at how we post our meetings on ICANN's agenda. When I look at it, it just says this is

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the ALAC [ELEC] meeting. You may as well add XYZ. To me, it is not as detailed as [inaudible] background as what is the ALAC, that type of stuff.

ALAN GREENBERG: Noted. Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Two things very quickly. I'd like to acknowledge Alberto's wonderful costume last night and Sergios, and obviously Silvia's. Great event last night.

I'd just like to say that Heidi got all excited when she heard a suggestion we had and it hasn't come up as an action item. If you haven't heard about it, it was through Tijani's capacity building. We're going to – myself and my colleagues, [Alfredo], we've been working on a comic book with augmented reality.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Fatima?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: I'm going to speak in Spanish. First of all, I hope you have enjoyed my country this week. I agree with Alan's comment as to the fact that the IANA Accountability groups are taking a lot of our time and we're not doing many things we should be doing within At-Large. Hopefully, we will soon get back to normal to take care of those things and hopefully

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we will have lots of outreach and we will have new organizations and new people joining our group and helping us, because three ALAC members per region are not enough to do everything we have to do. We need more active people in the RALOs joining the policy discussion. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much, Fatima. I can say I personally have enjoyed your country. I saw one minivan, two restaurants, and I crossed the street once. I wish I had done just a little bit more. And I still may before I leave on Saturday Raf?

RAF FATANI:

I appreciate that we are very strung for time here. But just to raise a quite important issue that we've been discussing online, which is regarding the meeting we had with the board. I know there's a lot of discussion on there and I really hope that this would have been the venue for us to take this offline and talk in person with the whole community to see how we could strengthen that. I know it was a test. I know it was somewhat imposed on us, but there were a lot of issues that I had personally with the way it was all run. I really hope that we [inaudible]. I assume that the [inaudible] and our time limit will mean that we will not have the discussion. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I did consider putting it on the agenda today and I didn't or two reasons. Number one, it would've been a longer discussion than we

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have time for and the first session was largely taken up on other issues.

I've gotten more comments on that than I think we ever have on an issue like that. I will be trying to summarize them. And as I said in the e-mail, I will pass it by people and we can, at that point, should we choose – if we feel that the summary is good and I should just pass it on to staff, fine. If we want a discussion on it, we can allocate a half-hour or an hour or whatever on a teleconference.

We have Aziz.

RAF FATANI: Sorry, Raf Fatani, quickly. Can we have an action item on that please?

ALAN GREENBERG: After the queue had been closed, I point out. But we'll let you talk. But we're late.

AZIZ HILALI: Yeah. I would like to say that over the past six months, we've spent a lot of time discussing the two main subjects for discussion, namely the transition on the stewardship and the enhancement of our accountability.

I suppose it's something you've already said, Alan. But given that this will be a project, you said we should see how to engage ALSes further. There are ALSes join every month, in AFRALO one or two, and if we do

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nothing for them, I guess they will forget what they're doing. So we should think of that How can we help them? How can we motivate them so that they are really the base of ALAC, that they are the ones who support our work? I think we should start thinking of that next month.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. That is part of what we're talking about in terms of – we're literally calling it ALS engagement and criteria. But it is how do we make ALSes a useful part of ICANN and how do we make ICANN useful to the ALSes? That's all integral for that. To the extent that you personally or others in your group are interested, they're going to have to participate.

All right. I think we've wrapped up the work as much as we're going to do for today. I would like to thank a few people. Despite Tijani's intervention, there is obviously no way we can thank Gisella too much, but Gisella is not the only one who's been working here. The whole set of ICANN staff, both the people we see in this room, the people we occasionally see in this room and the many we do not see in this room at all I thank very much.

I certainly thank the technical staff. [applause]

I cannot recall another meeting where we had fewer technical problems and things not working. You will recall on the first day we had those really great wireless microphones which caused static and would periodically turn off when they felt like it. I still never found out



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what green meant, but nevertheless. But they disappeared halfway through the day and we have these new ones instead – or these old ones instead. I'm really happy with the level of support.

For the record, if you talk to anyone else in the other rooms, the same has been pretty well true everywhere. So I thank you. As you know, I tend to use earphones all the time. A couple of times, I've gone into rooms and plugged it in and it doesn't work. And magically it starts working soon after that or something else happens. Staff has been really good.

Lastly, we have the unique – almost unique – benefit of having our cadre of interpreters here. They have done a marvelous job. [applause]

I'm not finished yet. I can only listen in English. Well, I only choose to listen in English most of the time. Regardless of what language are speaking in, I tended to understand. That's not always the case. Sometimes we have had interpreters who had a real difficult job dealing with the acronyms and the buzzwords and things like that. I didn't find a problem one single time this time. So I am really appreciative. I hope the same was true in the other languages. Since I will now applaud, I ask you to applaud with me also. [applause]

This meeting is adjourned.

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