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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: If staff could please let me know when we're ready to start?

Well, good morning, everyone. Welcome to Helsinki, everybody, and welcome virtually to Helsinki, people who are following us remotely using the Adobe Connect. This is the start of the EURALO General Assembly, our annual meeting that will go through the motions of looking at our annual reports, etc., and speaking to – we have a number of guest speakers who are joining us today. Jean-Jacques Sahel will be joining us shortly, the Regional Vice President of Engagement for Europe, as well as his team. We'll also have Michael Yakushev, who will be joining us, who deals with the Eastern Europe part of the region. And we will have, I think, Alan Greenberg is with us as well, the ALAC Chair. And Rinalia Abdul Rahim, the ALAC-selected Board member, will be speaking to us shortly.

But to start with, in order to follow the procedures, we need to do a roll call of those people that are present, including the people who are following us remotely. We have received a number of proxies as well, which we have record of, and we will

have to list the proxies. And in fact, I think that as we go through the roll call, if you could also mention if you are a proxy holder for someone, then please declare it as well. Then we can tick the list.

And have I missed anything, Wolf? Wolf Ludwig, next to me, as you know, the previous EURALO Chair, so he has more experience in this type of procedure than I do. So, Wolf, feel free to jump in at any time if I'm completely going off the track. Okay, move on. Okay.

So let's start then with our roll call. And in fact, let's start going around the table first. And if people can introduce themselves, providing the details of what At-Large Structure they are representing. If they are not representing an At-Large Structure, just provide your credentials. They're not called credentials, I guess. The organization that you're with, or if you're just there just to have fun. There's nothing wrong. We're going to have fun today. And maybe we'll start from my right-hand side, so in front of the EURALO banner. So we'll have a little bit more time for Sebastien, on the other side of the room, to get ready. So if we can start over with Narine, please, we'll start with the roll call going around the table from you, please. So just brief, your name, details, and the organization that you're with.

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Good morning, everyone. I am from Armenia. I am a representative of At-Large Structure, but here at EURALO I participate on an individual basis. I work in the field of Internet safety and security and education. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Narine.

THOMAS MACKENZIE: ITEMS International, in Paris, and I'm here as part of the team that's doing the independent review of the At-Large community.

[BASTIAN HOEFLING]:   I'm here on behalf the Dutch Internet Society chapter, of which I'm a board member. That's an At-Large Structure. And just to be transparent, I work for the Amsterdam Internet Exchange.

MIRJANA TASIC: Good morning. I am coming from Serbia. We have an association who intend to deal with individual Internet users. The name of the association is Plug In, and I am on behalf of that association here.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: ISOC Finland, and welcome to Finland once more.

SANDRA HOFERICHER: I am here for [inaudible] for the ALS, but also monitoring the EuroDIG. And I am an ALAC member.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Wait, we've missed someone in between.

GISELLA GRUBER: ICANN staff.

JIMMY SCHULZ: From Germany, I represent LOAD, an ALS in Germany, and also being an ALAC member.

ARIEL LIANG: ICANN staff.

HEIDI ULLRICH: ICANN staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO: ICANN staff.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: EURALO Chair, but I hold a proxy also for ISOC France on behalf of Matthieu Camus. Matthieu might be online, but he will not be able to attend the full meeting. So if there is a vote or anything like this, then I'll be holding that.

WOLF LUDWIG: EURALO Secretariat, representing Comunica-ch.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: ICANN Board member selected by the At-Large.

ALAN GREENBERG: ALAC Chair.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Ah, thank you, good morning. Internet Society chapter in Wallonia, Belgium.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Good morning. From France, former member of the ALAC and now the Chair of the EURALO Individual Users Association, which was founded at the initiative of Roberto Gaetano.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Good morning, all. Russia Internet Support Foundation ALS.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Good morning. Ukraine, European Media Platform, ALS representative.

[EUGENE PRYKHODKO]: Good morning, also individual member from Ukraine.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Member of the Individual Users Association.

[ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER]: Good morning. I am a professor of [inaudible] University. I am representing here the Wiener Zentrum fuer Rechtsinformatik. And I'm also holding proxy for the Austrian Computing Society, OCG. Later, [Vincent Hoss] will take over when he is finished with his Ambassadors meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Individual member in EURALO and observer from APRALO.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY: Hello, everyone. I represent E-Seniors.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I represent myself.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, everyone. Do we have anybody online that we haven't mentioned yet? I'm looking at the list at the moment. I note that Matthieu Camus has joined us for the time being. I'm not seeing anybody else. There might some people having joined by phone? No? No one else, okay.

So, Gisella, did you manage to catch everybody's names and take them off the list? And how many do we have now? That's the computation part.

GISELLA GRUBER: 11.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Gisella. Does that include proxies that have been held?

GISELLA GRUBER: That was 12, because [Erich] has got the proxy for [Vincent]. Does that make – Wolf, are you in agreement?

WOLF LUDWIG: I am counting 14.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, I am counting also 14 here on the table.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Proxies, and without other…

WOLF LUDWIG: I calculated, sorry, already two for [Erich] because he has two, his own and a proxy from Austrian Computing Society. Anybody else having, besides his own vote, an additional proxy? He's proxy-holder for ISOC France, for Matthieu. So we have here Anne-Marie for E-Seniors, then we have two from [Erich] makes three. Roberto doesn't. Then we have Oksana. Then we have Mikhail, we have Jean-Jacques Sahel, we have Christopher Wilkinson.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Subrenat.

WOLF LUDWIG: Subrenat, sorry. Christopher, me, you, Jimmy, Sandra, Yrjö, Mirjana, [Bastian], and…

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: [inaudible] online.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, but he's [inaudible] in the room. According to this calculation, 14.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: So back to Gisella. Is that correct, on record?

GISELLA GRUBER: Correct.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: All right. Well, thank you very much. We've managed to count to 14 today. This is the first lesson of the day. Well done. Next year, we'll try and count a bit more. But that means that we are quorate, so we can start this General Assembly and I can welcome you all for this.

There are a few rules. I've noticed there are a few people new in the room, and perhaps even online. We have taken note of the people who are online. I don't know if the technical things allow us to be able to let you speak at the moment. I think we can sort of move forward, and if you want to intervene, then please put your hand up. So that works. The people in the room can use their card. You just put your card up like this, and I'll acknowledge you. And I'll have a list on my computer, and you will join the queue. If I miss you for any two or three times or I

don't acknowledge you, please wave frantically at me, maybe going like this, and I will hopefully notice you. But you also have the ability to be in the queue by putting your hand up in the Adobe Connect as well.

The other thing that you need to do is to mute your speakers on your laptop. It's okay. I know that you're far away. That's fine. It will work.

But the third thing you need to do is to not do what I do, which is to speak too quickly. We have interpretation here, and the people in the booth behind me are obviously now sweating away because I'm going go fast. But you need to give them a little break sometimes as well to speak slowly. The other thing is you need to introduce yourself every time you speak. So that's for the transcription, but that's also in the interpretation channel. Because if you don't, then it sounds like somebody who is completely, deeply schizophrenic is talking to themselves and disagreeing with himself or herself. So that's a bit of a problem. You're laughing, but actually it does sounds like that. I've listened to some interpreted channels, and it just was very strange.

So anyway, these are the main rules of the game. And I guess we need to plow forward with our agenda. We were going to have Jean-Jacques, and he's not here yet, is he? He we were going to

have Jean-Jacques Sahel to start with, but let's start with, I guess, with our first guest, invited guest, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, our ALAC-selected Board member.

We are very excited to have you here, Rinalia. And, well, I'm not quite sure. Do I need to introduce you in any further way? Or maybe you could say a couple of words about yourself first, how you got here and what was your interest in At-Large. And effectively, I think I can just give the floor over to you, Rinalia.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you very much, Olivier. Good morning, everyone. It's a pleasure to be here and in Finland. Yrjö, your sun is wreaking havoc on my biosystems. I'm not able to sleep, and it's affecting my mind.

So as far as introductions go, I should say that I'm from Malaysia, from the Asia-Pacific region. How I got into ICANN was through the Nominating Committee. They basically asked me to apply for a leadership position in ICANN. And I asked them, "Okay, I don't really know ICANN well. I have observed them from far away." But my focus was on ICT for Development as a field, and I wasn't necessarily focusing on the Internet exclusively. And the Chair of the NomCom said that, "I think that ICANN would benefit from you participating." And since I didn't know much about the ICANN structure at the time, I asked him what part of the ICANN

structure would be good for me to participate in. And he said, "For you, based on your profile, either the ALAC or the Board." And he asked me to choose, and I chose the ALAC.

And the reason that I chose the ALAC was that before, in my previous life, I had led a global multistakeholder organization, focusing on ICT for Development. And my understanding of the complexity of multistakeholderism tells me that you should not come into a multistakeholder organization from the top. You need to come in from the bottom, because you need to have a very good understanding of the organization before you can be in a position to make decisions on behalf of the organization itself.

And so I spent two years as an ALAC member, and I really cherish the experience. It really taught me a lot. I remember, as I came into the ALAC, I didn't speak for about three months because it was an overwhelming environment. The issues were new to me. I didn't understand the context, and I needed to accelerate my learning. And I had expected that the system in place would help me learn. But there was no real capacity-building program at the time. And so I decided that, okay, I'm going to take charge of my own learning, and I pushed a lot of my own work aside and focused, and started learning. Within six months, I was engaging and started with, as I remember, a statement on IDN as my first statement for the ALAC at the time. And that experience guided

me, in terms of advising others that come into the system, of how complex it is to come in and to end up being functional and effective. It actually takes quite a bit of effort, and I understand the difficulty, and I appreciate it very much.

Is that enough, as far as introduction, Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Rinalia. I guess it is. I think quite a few people here have listened. It's nice to see how you started. Well, I think we all started like this, and we're a little confused at first as to what was going on, especially with all the acronyms and everything, and just got caught onto it. And I hope that it will generate some vocation this year.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: There is one thing I wanted to add. I'm actually moving to Germany after this meeting, so I am going to be physically in your region. And, yes, you're giving me a funny look, Wolf, finally. My husband is German, and my in-laws need a bit of care, and that's why we're moving. And I would love to participate more in your events and get to know the stakeholders better.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you very much. And we will, because we do have a full hour for this session, so if you can stay with us a little more, then we can have questions afterwards.

But next to you is the ALAC Chair. And perhaps we can – oh, Wolf?

WOLF LUDWIG: A short comment to what Rinalia was saying. It's very important, because it reflects the experience of almost generations of incoming ALAC members. And what Rinalia said is most basic idea behind launching the project of the ICANN Academy at the time, which was driven by Sandra, and which became, meanwhile, a leadership program. But this is exactly to get the new, incoming people appointed by the NomCom, or selected by the communities, to bring them in touch with old hands and to do a kind of a mentorship program with them, always at the beginning of the annual general meeting in autumn. And I think this will be done this year again.

Meeting A? Okay. Yeah.

HEIDI ULLRICH: The Leadership Program – that's the new name of it – will be taking place at Meeting A. That's in Copenhagen. But at Meeting

C, there's a very exciting new course being developed. And perhaps we can talk about that a little bit later.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. I think this kind of capacity-building, what Rinalia was talking about, is still needed. It's year-by-year a continued necessity. But meanwhile, we have something in place for it, what we didn't have three, four, five years ago.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Wolf. So let's now move to Alan Greenberg, the ALAC Chair.

Alan, welcome to the EURALO GA.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I won't give nearly as much history. I could spend the next four hours or so doing that, and you might have other things to do. I have been working with At-Large for – it'll be ten years by the end of this year, a significant amount of that time on the ALAC and/or as GNSO liaison. So I've been a little bit busy. And this is my second year as ALAC Chair.

A comment on a few things that are going on within ICANN right now and within EURALO. Number one is the rewrite of the rules, Bylaws as it were, of EURALO. We went through this exercise a

number of years ago in ALAC. We had a set of rules that were sort of – I won't say were given to us, because I actually participated in the creation of them a long time ago. But they clearly were no longer satisfactory. And it was an exceedingly painful, difficult process. We ended up approving a very large set of rules unanimously, but it was a credit to a huge amount of people who put a lot of effort into building it, including a number that are sitting around this table. And it's difficult and painful, especially coming to compromise. But I strongly support your doing it and hope that you'll be successful, and soon. It's a great relief, after having done it, despite the difficulty and pain of the process.

There is, associated with rewriting of your rules, is the overall concept of, just what are ALSes and what are they supposed to be doing? And that spans all of the five regions. There is an activity within At-Large to a small taskforce to try to redefine that. And I encourage any of you who care passionately about making our overall structure work, not only within EURALO, but across the domains, to participate in that. We always welcome new people.

Lastly, there is a lot of other things going on outside of EURALO that I think are important, although EURALO clearly needs to be a well-functioning group in its own right. We're here not to be EURALO, just like ALAC is not here just to be ALAC, but to

participate in the rest of ICANN and to help make sure that the work that ICANN is doing, in fact, meets our needs and meets the users' needs of those that we're representing. And I'm talking about specifically things like the Accountability CCWG and Work Stream 2, where there will be a number of topics, some of which I know are of great interest to people. Human rights is perhaps the one that is most often linked with EURALO, but it's not the only one. And I suggest again you look at those topics and, to the extent you want to commit yourself to working hard become a member. To the extent you just want to find out what's going on and maybe choose to be a member later, there's a participant option. But do take a look at it and become active.

And lastly, on the area of gTLDs, of which we now have –

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Alan, sorry to interrupt you here. No acronyms, please.

ALAN GREENBERG: No acronyms. Then I have to remember what they mean.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That's why I'm saying, because I can't remember.

ALAN GREENBERG: gTLD, generic top-level domain, used to be .com, .net, .org, and one or two others. Now there is a near-infinite number of others. And there is a process going on within the GNSO, the Generic Name Supporting Organization, that is looking at, what do we do next? There is a presumption in many circles that there will be another round, or rounds, or maybe some other method of distributing them on an ongoing basis. We are in the process of looking at the successes and failures from the last time and trying to see, if we do it again, how we do it again, and perhaps why we do it again. And again, if you have an interest there, it's going to be a long haul, but participate.

And lastly, there's this little thing called WHOIS. I don't think that's an acronym, even though it's all uppercase.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It was created pre-ICANN, so it was before they started using acronyms.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. No, sir. The WHOIS we're talking about is the concept of a database. And I say, "concept," because it in fact is multiple databases of lists of who owns every gTLD – or, sorry, who is assigned, because they're not owned, technically, and how it's managed. And we all know there are privacy implications. There

are all sorts of implications associated with it. And we are looking at that, effectively from the ground up, to decide, how should it be done in the future? Unsurprisingly, there are multiple opinions. They are very different opinions. It's, again, not going to be a short or an easy process. But if you have an interest in that area, get involved. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. I think the process to replace WHOIS is called RDS. They've managed to assign – is that Registration Directory Services? I [crosstalk] RDS all the time. I don't even –

ARIEL LIANG: Registration Directory Services. Every time it's mentioned in a meeting I've been in, the person who is speaking could not remember what the initials stood for. But that is, indeed, I think what it stands for. And if not, we can change it. There's no reason we can't use same acronym three or four different ways.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, we'll keep that in mind. Thanks very much, Alan, for this. And, yes, that has huge privacy issues. And as we know, we're pretty strong in Europe about these issues of privacy. And certainly, one of the things that has come up in the policy space

a number of times was to do with having this proxy registration details being sent over to ICANN.

ALAN GREENBERG: The waiver, in fact, is a requirement that registrars keep information for a certain amount of time past the end of registration, and that length of time is illegal in some countries. But of course, in the US we have no privacy rules. We do have privacy rules. Sorry.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: No comment.

ALAN GREENBERG: But it's not only privacy. It's issues of law enforcement. It's issues of consumer protection. Consumers have a lot of aspects to their lives. They don't want their personal information revealed. On the other hand, they don't want to be scammed. So it's a complex world we're living in.

I will have to be leaving to go to the RDS session shortly after this, but I thank you for the opportunity to talk.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. And if you are interested in any of these topics, please let ICANN staff know, At-Large staff know, and then we can put you onto these mailing list.

Wolf Ludwig?

WOLF LUDWIG: Just one short addition to what Alan said, and linking up ALAC and EURALO. I think we all realized this pleasure, that after the GAC liaison was formally installed between the GAC and the ALAC – Government Advisory Committee – was, in my opinion, a historical moment, to have this formal relationship installed. And we could note with pleasure that for this meeting there was already preliminary liaison selected. And this is Yrjö Länsipuro, one of our old hands and highly appreciated members. And I just would like to add my congrats again, for the record, to Yrjö.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Wolf. So are there any questions to any of our guests at the table? And noticing that Alan is about to run off, do you have anything to ask him before he quickly runs out?

Alan Greenberg?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm not sure what I'll be able to list as my accomplishments when I step down as Chair, but I know one of them. And the one that I will certainly put very near the top of the list is establishing a GAC liaison, a Governmental Advisory Committee liaison, with the ALAC, the At-Large Advisory Committee. It's something we've been talking about as long as I've been around. And I am delighted that we have actually done it. And I'm delighted that Yrjö is filling the position at the moment.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. All right. We have a question. Please introduce yourself.

[SONITIPU]: I am from Nigeria. My question is to Alan. I have a little difficulty in understanding what privacy is and consumer protection, because if we discussion of privacy rules or laws, how do they define that? Because we give out information, and this information is delivered that way. And there is no possibility of having it as a private. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: In this room, I would not pretend to be the expert on privacy. But the short answer is that, yes, you must give information to a registrar to register a domain name. The question is, who else do

they show that to, and why? Do they show it just to the registry? Maybe not to the registry at all. Do they show it to ICANN? Do they show it to everyone else in this room who might ask? And those are the questions that we're addressing.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you. And we do have working groups that work with this. So, [Sonitipu], I know you're involved with At-Large. You're very welcome to take part in some of the working groups. We'll work it out after this – I was going to say call – this meeting.

Christopher Wilkinson?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Thank you. Partly to complement what Alan has just said and to make one or two additional points of the underlying principle of European privacy law is that data that is collected from the public should be used only for the purposes for which it has been supplied. And the ICANN system, in effect, confronts this principle because the ICANN rules oblige the registrars, notably, and the registries, to make WHOIS openly available. WHOIS contains the registration data not of the gTLD itself, but of all the registrants in each registry.

We've had quite a lot of problems with this over the years. And most recently, as has already been mentioned, we have the

study group working on the arrangement whereby registrars can apply for a waiver if they find that the WHOIS rules in ICANN are contrary to their privacy laws in their jurisdiction. This, however, creates almost bureaucratic problems of enormous size, because the ICANN principle has been that each individual registrar should make a separate application for such a waiver. And occasionally in the ICANN mailing lists, you see the report of an individual registrar having applied or having been granted such a waiver.

Working in this committee, together with other civil society participants, I have tried to argue that, at least in the European context, all registrars are subject to European privacy law, should benefit from what in Brussels we will have called it a block exemption. There should be one decision by ICANN to create the waiver for all registries and registrars under the European privacy law jurisdiction, which have naturally been extended to all the member states through EU legal mechanisms.

That, to date, has been rejected. It's been rejected specifically by the ICANN staff. And I've had some difficulty in recognizing the neutrality and goodwill of some of the ICANN staff in this field. I understand them insofar as the major lobby that is attacking European privacy law in this particular segment is the trademark lobby, because it's not law enforcement. Law enforcement has

access through their own rules and procedures in nearly all national jurisdictions. The issue is that the companies that provide service to the trademark owners wish to have online access to the WHOIS information worldwide, without restriction. And that is still a serious problem under European privacy law. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Christopher. Could you turn your mic off, please? Thanks. Alan had to go, but he has advised me that, with the help of Roberto Gaetano, the ALAC is going to address this question. And I think that you must have just volunteered to be one of the penholders for that statement. You've been drafted in. And you've written a lot about it in the working group, yes. So it's certainly something which I've seen being felt in other regions as well, but in Europe in particular this is a big issue, indeed. So a statement is actually likely to come from the ALAC about this.

Okay, we've suddenly moved straight into policy and into the WHOIS issue. So we're going to have to go to… Sorry. Oh, Yakushev is behind. Okay, yeah, he is joining us at the next session.

So any questions for Rinalia?

This is a very silent group of people. Jean-Jacques Subrenat?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: At this stage, I haven't had my first coffee, so it won't be a question. It's just a blurting out a statement of admiration for what Rinalia has done. I think that the ALAC, the At-Large community, made a terrific choice. I feel this of importance, because I was one of the members of the Board on the ALAC review, which proposed two seats to be selected by the At-Large community and one seat was provided. And that one was very well filled. Thank you, Rinalia.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Rinalia?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. That's very kind. Before you let me go, I have one thing to say. And one of the questions that Olivier posed to me, and I thought the first one was a bit of a trick question, it was, "How important are ALSes to ICANN?" I think you know the answer to that. You don't need to hear it from me.

The second question was, "How does ICANN or the Board bring input from ALSes closer to decision-making?" And I wanted to cite an example that is actually happening in the At-Large

community. It's what AFRALO has done in the IANA stewardship transition process. What they've done is they've come up with AFRALO statements consistently. And there was one point last year, in June, where that statement actually made a difference in Board deliberation. And it's not a formal thing. It was just that I was aware of what was happening in the AFRALO drafting or discussion, and it just so happened that the Board was discussing it at that time. And I was able to raise the AFRALO input, and that really helped the discussion.

And what I'm alluding to is that if you have certain issues that you care passionately about, that's critical to something that ICANN is working on, if EURALO wants to put forward a statement on that, that could potentially be important to at least the Board decision-making process. And if I'm aware about it, then I can certainly channel it appropriately, in a timely manner. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Rinalia. And for anybody who is interested in seeing how AFRALO and AfrICANN, they have this joint meeting, AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. There's one in this very room tomorrow at 1:30 PM. So if you're interested, it's always a good thing.

Christopher Wilkinson?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yes, at the risk of taking the floor again, Rinalia, just one quick question. On Sunday, in the CCWG, the Cross-Community Working Group, on the transition and the accountability of ICANN, we had a rather lively discussion about diversity. I will spare you the details. You can guess most of them. My question to Rinalia is, structurally, in the Board and in the Supporting Organizations, how would you advise us to move forward in improving – quickly, if possible – the overall diversity of the leadership in ICANN at all levels?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Christopher, it's not an easy answer. Part of it is already embedded in the way we do things. There's the geographic requirement. There is the encouragement for gender balance. And there is the consistent reminder that we need to make sure that we have the diversity of skills and knowledge and expertise that's required for whatever it is that we are addressing. I don't have a quick fix, but I would like to benefit from the discussion that comes up. And I'm really glad that Work Stream 2 actually has a party that's going to address it. And I'm going to pay special attention to it, even though other Board members are taking the lead. But that's actually one of those things that I

have subscribed to as a participant in the group. So I will be with you in that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Rinalia. Any other questions? We still have time for one last question, so. Well, looks like there are no questions around the table. And I'm looking online. There are none either.

Wolf?

WOLF LUDWIG: I'm just asking myself if we should formally adopt the agenda before we go to the break.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That's definitely what we do next. But first I'd like to thank Rinalia for joining us for this.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you, everyone. It's been a pleasure.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: And I was going to add one more thing though, and then Heidi will add something, because she's speaking into my ear while I'm talking. It's difficult for me to do the two at the same time,

especially if it's something completely different to what's going on, on the table.

But there was an allusion also to the public interest. Our colleagues here spoke about this. And as you know, Wolf Ludwig has launched an At-Large-wide working group on the public interest. There is also a big discussion going on in ICANN about the public interest. In fact, yesterday the topic came up, and it comes up in quite a few sessions. And so if you are not yet involved in this topic, and it's something that's very dear to many of our hearts, since the At-Large community is acting in the public interest, then please step forward. And again, you can come during the break and talk to us and put your name down on the list.

We have one more thing to do before we have a quick break. And that's the adoption of the agenda itself. We had moved things around a little bit. And so the – where am I now? There we go. So the proposed agenda is on the website, and it's also in the folder that you have been provided. We also have it online, for those people that are joining us remotely. I think there is a link in the chat to go over to today's thing.

So just quickly going through, we're going to close this session immediately after we've adopted the meeting minutes from our last meeting. And then we will have the next part will be a

briefing about the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce. We'll have a discussion, I think, during that time on a specific point. We'll have to keep it short as well, but a specific point about quorum. And then we'll have the launch of the EURALO At-Large Structure Engagement Taskforce.

After that, outline of the EURALO CROPP – yes, another acronym, Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program – concept for 2016 and '17. And then we'll have the EURALO Outreach Strategy, with Jean-Jacques Sahel and with Michael Yakushev. I understand that Michael has joined us in the room. Welcome, Michael. If you wish, you can join us at the table. There's still some spare seats, so you're very welcome to join us here. In fact, you're encouraged to do so. And, yeah, so that's the agenda for today. We'll have miscellaneous, if there are any additional orders of business to be added. And then we'll close the General Assembly and be able to go for a break.

Jean-Jacques Subrenat?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. I'd just like, under miscellaneous, to be able to say one sentence about the meeting following yours, about the EURALO Individuals Association, which is held in another hall, but just after the EURALO meeting. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. I just wanted to make two points. One is that, was that an action item to include Rinalia in EURALO calls more regularly? To invite her?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Wolf Ludwig says, "Let's try." Olivier Crepin-Leblond says yes, please. Heidi suggested it. Yes, that's excellent. And so we're all nodding. I think there is an overall – any objections to having Rinalia join our calls? I note that the previous ALAC-selected Board member, who is sitting at the table, was joining all of our calls. But then, he was from EURALO at the end of the day as well.

So Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. The second point is that in your blue folders that you all should have, there is one copy of the new EURALO brochure. And we have extra copies here. We have quite a few extra copies here. This is just one pile. But I know that there are a lot of outreach events coming up through the summer. So if you

would like to take some of these for your outreach activities or for those sessions that you're going to go to, please do take these along. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Heidi. You're not going to be able to bribe anyone with brochures. Do they give you anything special?

HEIDI ULLRICH: We have 1,500 of these.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: We have 1,500 of these, 1,500 of these. Take more than one, please, and distribute them back home. But we also have some of these wonderful EURALO pins, which nobody was aware of. But we had these made a while ago, and I've kept those in my closet for a number of years. They're vintage now. They are the original EURALO pins from – what was it, 2000 and something? I think it was after the 1900s, wasn't it? Yeah. They are not that old, but they are collectibles. And you can probably trade them on eBay for a lot more than a EURALO brochure.

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier? Keep them for another century, and they will become even much more valuable. Just before we go to the break, I have

an addition to make. I just realized, on my mails, that I got a proxy vote and [inaudible] from Carolin Silbernagl, from dotHIV. So we have one more. And we have 15 now.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. And one more item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from our last meeting. Do we have these? They're on the screen at the moment. No, they're not. Are they?

You need to click on them. The link is in the chat, and you will see them. They are not printed. We are in Finland. We're trying to save trees. It goes in line with having a recyclable room card. At least in my hotel, it's recyclable. So if you do end up in rain, you come back, your room card does not work. It's unfortunate.

So staff is scrolling through it at such a rate that I don't expect anyone to be able to read. Thank you for being ready. Very, very good. 21st of October, 2015, was our last General Assembly, in Dublin. And between two pubs, we managed to conduct a EURALO meeting. It was a morning meeting with a big headache. Okay. No, it was afternoon. Okay.

I do want to remind staff that they are standing between everyone here and a coffee. No pressure. Okay, so the whole meeting is transcribed, so we have a full transcript of the

meeting, starting with someone very well known, the "unknown speaker." But beyond that, after that, it was Wolf Ludwig. That's why you need to say your name before you speak. Otherwise, you end up as "unknown speaker," or, "male voice," or, "female voice."

And it says, "Welcome back to the second part of our General Assembly." Of course, there was a first part of the General Assembly. Anyway, so that's the transcript. So there were transcripts and recordings. Does anybody object to the transcripts and recordings?

I guess that's the only thing I can ask. Okay, seeing everyone eager – they can smell the coffee already in the room – I think we have to take a break. I think we've done pretty well for this first part of the General Assembly, so thank you very much. We're breaking off for 15 minutes – 15, not 50 – 15 minutes. And we'll start at 9:15 with the next part of our agenda. Thank you.

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