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MARK DATYSGELD

Thank you so much, Fernanda. Again, everyone just to check, submit your accounts, registering is super easy, and it'll show in this queue so I can actually enable your accounts. So we are joined by a great part of our staff, actually. So I have Chris beside me, who's our content editor. We have Ray King, the man of the plan.

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And Philip, who has been indispensable for our support. So with that, I'll start with a question for Heidi. Hello, Heidi. You are an undergraduate psychology major. Wow. What subjects do you usually study related to internet governance or internet?

HEIDI HUSEMAN

Well currently I'm doing research on like social decision making. So that's kind of the relevance to social decision making and the policy development.

MARK DATYSGELD

Beautiful. So here's our goal today. What knowledge from that field can you bring to this community that is not available to it? This is our challenge today.

Everyone here has a specialization, is working on something, everyone here has a focus, but the thing is on ICANN Wiki, even though it's very rich, it has 8,673 articles, we're still missing a lot of context from the future researching, all these different contexts. For example, my friend right there, the one looking at his badge, what are you researching my friend?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

I'm in political science right now. I'm doing my undergrad.

MARK DATYSGELD

Beautiful. So you might have some references, some authors to discuss different matters that are present in the Wiki. And the thing

is, I'm not asking you to do this out of the kindness of your hearts, okay? This is not the proposition. My proposition is, do you see that beautiful bag of lint chocolate sitting right there in the middle?

So this is what's up for grabs today. Whoever can make the best edits, it's not the most, okay, the best edits, comes out with this beautiful price, which they may or may not choose to share with the others. This is their decision. So to start out, now that I hopefully have all of your requests for accounts, and we can get started on this, let's not call it a competition, it's a learning experience for everyone together. Yes.

So during this process, just get your profiles ready, log in, if you have any technical issue, come to any of us and we'll discuss that issue with you. But what we really want is if there are any community members as well, of course, I'm talking here to the next gen, but if any community members are online or present here, of course, your contribution is always appreciated. As you know, in ICANN Wiki, we love to have our community with us. Any words before we begin, Ray?

RAY KING

Do I have any words? Good question. Yeah, the project has been around for pretty much we're our 20th year anniversary, which is I think pretty neat. We started the project back in 2005 with the idea that we could use Wiki technology, which stands aside from lots of other content building technologies because of the transparency, the rich interlinking, and we thought that the ICANN universe was a perfect environment because there's so much knowledge and it's

generally centered around the people, the companies, the terms, the constituencies, the different projects and efforts that are going on, and they're all very interrelated.

And that's why we decided to start a Wiki, which basically just started as a blank Wiki and then over a lot of time and over a lot of hands, it's kind of come to where it is today. But it's also, I think as Mark said, Wikis are not built generally by people who are experts in the field. They're built by people who are learning their way, and they're kind of like learning, but as you're learning, you're doing it in public, which is really cool.

So it's kind of like taking notes for a class or something. Just do it because it's a great way to chronicle what you've learned, to share it with others, and to simultaneously work with other people who are trying to do the same thing. It's really fun, and I think it gives back a lot. It's the way I basically entered into and learned what I know about the ICANN process and it's been a springboard for me to do lots of other things in the community since then. So, welcome.

MARK DATYSGELD

Thank you so much, Ray. And with that, we have some very basic weekly bruise up. It's on Zoom, it's on the screen. It basically says, please write coherent stuff and reference it, if I may sort of summarize. I'll be roving around trying to help everyone, but one final question on the microphone, is anybody who's participating not had their account approved yet?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER I got the email for it, but when I click on the email, it just says invalid confirmation code.

MARK DATYSGELD Oh, wow.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER I don't know if anyone else--

UNKNOWN SPEAKER I don't even have an email.

MARK DATYSGELD At all.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER No. I have the email address confirmation, but nothing beyond that.

MARK DATYSGELD I'll go to both of you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER I noticed that I had to request a password reset after it was confirmed, but there was no like, confirmation email for it.

MARK DATYSGELD Really. Our email expert, can you have a look at this.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER Yes. I have also a request. I don't know if I can convert my Wikipedia account.

MARK DATYSGELD No, unfortunately you cannot. Okay. Unfortunately for now, there are different ones. Apologies, we just finished resetting up our systems and things might be ending up in your spam, so check that because it's a very high possibility it might be there.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER I think it's good. I have an account.

MARK DATYSGELD As I walk our friend through this, please keep going if you already know how the system works, but we'll just go over very quick. On the search bar above, you can search for existing articles, but if it so happens that they don't exist, it'll lead you to do you want to create this page?

And that's where you would create a new page. Most of the subjects are already in, but for example, if you're writing a profile from somebody from the internet governance area that you saw was not in our archive, you may need to create it. For example, a professor remiss, somebody who's contributing, but we don't have

on the database, that will be something to be created. Otherwise, it should be pretty simple.

If you click the edit button, it'll lead you to a visual version of the editor, which is literally like word. So just type it out and it should work out. If you are more familiar with Wikis, you can do edit source and that will take you to a vision of the page that you can actually look into everything that's going on. Whatever works for you, and we are all here available to help. And keep your eye on the prize, this is not out of the kindness of your heart. Yes.

RAY KING

I'm also happy to answer any general questions you guys might have. Oftentimes, as we've done Edit-A-Thon's in the past, people just may not understand some of the, I don't know, the core values or why do you have caricatures and anything like that. So if you have a question that you want asked now might be a good time while you're getting up and running with the accounts and things.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Adebunmi Akinbo for the records. May I go ahead, please?

FERNANDA IUNES

Yes, go ahead.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Thank you. Okay, so I happen to have submitted some pages that are still active on the ICANN Wiki. I just want to ask a question

surrounding the colors. I understand when it's black, they're not yet connected. I also understand when I see some other names or icons underlined. I would love to understand better, there are two shades of green I'm looking at. There's one green not underlined and it's linkable, there is another green that's highlighted, probably because I'm using glasses. If you can explain, I would really appreciate it.

MARK DATYSGELD

So, I will demonstrate what I believe you're saying, and if it's not what you're talking about, you can clarify the question. So now what we have in the Wiki is we have direct links, internal links to the Wiki, but we also have something that is a quick clarification of the terms that you're seeing. So if you hover over IANA here, IANA will give you in any instance of it, the definition of what it is.

So these are terms that are very common, and we are doing this so that we don't require our editors to have to do this every time. So for example, for country codes, we include some basic information on things just to make it easier and not need for people to go away to different part of the Wiki. Here for the SSAC for example, it's the description from the ICANN bylaws. Did I cover your question or was it something else?

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Yes, you covered some of it, which is also a very good feedback. I didn't even expect that. The quick feedback on the same page so that I don't lose fact of whatever I was actually looking at. I think

that's a great one. Now, I think the one I was specifically about is when the colors are highlighted.

The ones that I've pointed to are not highlighted, but it has a dropdown that feeds me with an information directly on that page. The ones I'm speaking to right now are the greens. I probably must have missed it before. I think the link to other pages, but these are names I'm seeing. Okay, let me cite quickly where I am checking. I did this some years back, NIRA, and I'm seeing some names underneath.

MARK DATYSGELD

Can you write on the chat for me real quick the specific page or link? NIRA.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Oh, let me get the link. My apologies. I'm posting the link.

MARK DATYSGELD

I'll follow along with you on the actual Wiki so we can work on it together. So what is the issue you're seeing in this one?

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Sent.

MARK DATYSGELD

It's a new link. So I'm on the NIRA page, and it has double spacing that I'll remove.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO Okay. So I'm trying to understand it better. I've gone to the reference, I see those are in blue, but I see numbers also in green.

MARK DATYSGELD Oh, okay. Perfect. So this is the styling. Green means it's an inbound link. It is within our own website, within our own Wiki. Blue is outbound. It means it will take you somewhere or an action. So these links to the external articles, and this brings you back to our internal articles. So it's just to help you avoid any potential missed clicks or any cybercrime or anything from affecting our editors. So this is literally it.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

MARK DATYSGELD You're welcome, my friend.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO Okay, so I'm coming back with another question.

FERNANDA IUNES Yes, go ahead.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

May I go ahead? Adebunmi Akinbo. Okay, thank you. Okay, so I think I noticed-- okay, let me just go straight. The card decks, I was trying to catch up. I actually had one copy of my card deck and I know that the decks have different characters and notable people of different projects.

So I was fortunate to be on the 51 card deck, and then I was trying to check those other members who were on the card deck based on their expertise, area of concern, professional works that make them get to the card in the first instance, and I noticed that I couldn't find an actual room where all the characters in one particular deck in one particular year is available, or am I wrong? Am I the checking the wrong place? Kindly direct me. Thank you.

RAY KING

There is an area-- we consider cards like part of the sponsorship program, so I think if you just go to the main page and then I'm just gonna try and navigate there. Sponsor us on the left hand side, and there should be a link here somewhere for the card deck.

MARK DATYSGELD

Is the question about where are the card decks basically?

RAY KING

Yeah, where is information showing the decks that we've done in the past? There is a page that covers like the previous card deck we've done.

MARK DATYSGELD

Yeah, there isn't like, we are still trying to get a hold of all of them in the new layout. But you can do like sun one deck for the search for example, and that will lead you to that page. A centralized one, still working on getting that like a hundred percent.

RAY KING

Oh, because there was-- okay, sorry.

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Yeah, thank you. Adebunmi Akinbo for the recordance again. I remember back then what normally happens is that ICANN Wiki homepage always has the sponsors all lined up for that particular ICANN meeting, I know that one.

But I noticed this some years back and I decided I was going to either start working on it or call our attention to it that we should have, because some of the card decks, not just because of the sponsors, but because of the content that you actually print, which educates the new ICANN individual, and of course some of them, which we could celebrate today either because they're now in the hall of fame or doing something new which can actually motivate other new ICANN members coming in from different places around the globe. I think it'll be a great one if we have that return.

There was a particular year, I think it was in the UK, if I'm not wrong, United Kingdom, the Wiki team published a four page leaflet, I

would check if I can still get it, that was very educative and helped me with the average jargons, all the names, the abbreviations.

It could actually drive an individual crazy, but it was good as a handy document and it would've been good if we could just put a page for it so that sometimes when you think you are lost in the garden of ICANN words and pictures, you could actually come to that garden, look around for the word because they are either in one community or the other, or because they're referenced and then you can easily look at the meaning and look at what it's referring to. It could help in orientating and educating the average ICANN Wiki member. Thank you.

RAY KING

I just want to say thank you for that comment. There's been a lot of things we've done over the years, and for certain cities in the past, we did these kind of quick guides that were like a little bit of a city guide and a little bit of a guide for ICANN terms and things like that.

So we've done cards, we've done terms, we've done murals, and you can find that if you kind of poke around and search for like cards, murals, guides, et cetera. But I think your point is taken that it would be nice for that to be accumulated in an area where it's a little bit easier to find.

I do think that at this point, we are very much focused on the content from the standpoint that some of these other things that we've done are, it's hard to maintain the value as much when it's

something that's printed, whereas if we actually edit the site, then it kind of maintains more value over time. And so our focus is a little bit more there, but we appreciate that you appreciated all that stuff that's happened in the past. Yeah, we found the playing cards link and posted it in the Zoom.

MARK DATYSGELD

We are about halfway there and I see some very strong competition for the beautiful Lin Chocolate that's just sitting there just out of reach. So get those edits in, thank you to everyone who's contributing. A lot of good stuff coming through. Keep it coming, and let's do this.

FERNANDA IUNES

So quiet. Everyone's hard at work. Everyone wants chocolate.

MARK DATYSGELD

Chocolate is a big motivator.

FERNANDA IUNES

Yes, it is.

MARK DATYSGELD

I'm gonna put our cutoff at 2:20 because I want to hear feedback from you guys for five minutes. Just what's the experience like? We're redesigning the system so it's good to know what's working

or what's not. And then there will be five minutes for wrap up and prizes. So 10 minutes to go.

According to my clock, we are done. So save your progress and final submissions. And I would just like to acknowledge something. First of all, thank you because ICANN Wiki, as Ray explained, we're a not-for-profit, we're here to help the community. And during this session alone, you found five bugs and help me fix too. So thank you very much. You're truly helping the community by doing this.

This is a new design, we're trying different things, and you guys really helped. So my question is, since you're such a skilled group, what was your experience like with this particular interface? Does it seem intuitive? Are things working the way that they should? Are there improvements that you think should be made? And I'll first ask if anybody would like to volunteer an opinion, and if not, I'll randomly point. So does anybody have an impression? Go for it.

DIPSY DESAI

Hi, this is Dipsy. I think the information is mostly consistent across different pages. One thing that I found interesting was that let's say if there is an abbreviation, it is used as an abbreviation at the start of the page and somewhere down five, six paragraphs later, someone recalls that it should be return in full. Then it happens. I was looking at three or four pages. I tried to make that consistent, but I think that was one thing that I observed.

And one other thing was with respect to external links some of them have like turned red. I think that is an indication that the link

is not working anymore. I don't know what would be a good way to fix it, but I can think of one as if we try to redirect it to the homepage. For example, I was looking at isi.edu webpage, it was redirecting to isi.edu/about instead of that maybe pointing it to isi.edu, which would remain consistent.

MARK DATYSGELD

One thing that I'm thinking, and you tell me if you think this is a good idea, is going through those red links and trying to find the web archive version of them and seeing what our web archive has that's the latest of that page because it might be two things, a wrong link or a dead link. And that I'm thinking, well, we could recover that from the web archive. Does that seem like a solution?

DIPSY DESAI

Yeah, that sounds interesting, but I don't know if it is something consistent that would remain even with web archive. I'd say if I want to access a website from 2018, which was active then, and then if the information on that page is not consistent anymore, and it might not be helpful, but I'm not sure about that.

MARK DATYSGELD

Yeah, no, that makes sense, making sure that when we do, that have as of 2018. Yeah, that makes a lot of sense. That makes a whole lot of sense. I'll add it to our list like that.

DIPSY DESAI

And adding to that point, I think at least in academic publications you also add like a retrieve date for any citation as such. I think that would be helpful in this particular case.

MARK DATYSGELD

Perfect. Thank you so much. But anybody else? My friend.

VINNY ADJIBI

Vinny Adjibi for the record. I'll just compliment what Dipsy just said. I think the same applies on Wikipedia where you have the date where the link was actually passed. I had the suggestion, but that will be for the registrars pages.

So registrars to me, I identify them using the registrar ID, not the name, because I guess some of you might know the registrar for Google, they changed their name to Squarespace. So if you use Google LLC, then that does not really tell you who is the registrar, so you can't think about using that.

MARK DATYSGELD

You're a mind reader. So the next template we work on, we did the TLD template, and now that reflects reality, and I'm thinking of adding the IANA database ID there, but I haven't thought of giving that to the IDs of registrars. Which would you say is the best database for registrar IDs? Because registries, I just go IANA, but is it still IANA?

VINNY ADJIBI

Yeah, it's still IANA, definitely.

MARK DATYSGELD

There you go. Perfect.

VINNY ADJIBI

Yeah. Next thing for the, I don't know, I have a CS background, so like for the code editing, it's not really intuitive to me as a programmer, so I don't know if that's by design or if it's-

MARK DATYSGELD

It's by design, but we're trying to make it better, that's why we invested so much time on the visual editor so that only people that are very used to Wikis will go for the source code. To me it's useful because it allows me to see what's wrong on the page. That's how I fixed the issue that she pointed out here. But yeah, for users, there could still be a ways to go. Definitely making that better. Any third impression, please?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

There's a lot of countries with sort of a, I guess, weird format. I don't really know what I'm looking at, but I was just kind of searching up random countries. There's like Peru, Hungary, like just a bunch of different countries with just weird stuff on it, I don't know. I didn't know what I was reading. It looked like code or something.

MARK DATYSGELD

Hey Chris, what if this was something that we were worried people would bump into?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

Yes. Hi. I haven't introduced myself yet. I am content manager for ICANN Wiki, and to be honest when we spent the last year updating the system that was very, very outdated the country template crashed down and that's the truth. So we realized, unfortunately, we had too little time to fix this until this meeting, but it's on our list to-- we'll fix that.

And actually, we are thinking of ways to make the country's profile more connected to internet governance, like history of the country politically in internet governance. Before it was like information with ccTLD and things like that. So we are trying to get this opportunity to make it better.

MARK DATYSGELD

So it would be you go to the country page and it's like how many IGFs took place there? What are the local IGFs? What's the local ccTLD? What's the history, and we would be able to come to this meeting and say, what country are you from? And people were like, Brunei. And you'll go, okay, go to Brunei page, and there's every resource there. It's just that I'm just one coder. I'm sorry. Thank you so much again for helping us. Again, I get at least from our staff, a round of applause for this group, which has been really awesome. And I know what you're all waiting for. So what is the final result of our little contest?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

Okay. First, I would like to say, I am not in ICANN Wiki. For a long time, I've been working here for a year, but I have checked Edit-A-Thon at least from the comfort of my house, this is the first one checking live. And I was very happy to see the quality and that actually understood the assignment.

I thank very much for you actually looking for references, focusing on quality, and I know that people say that a lot, but I am not a very good liar. So believe me when I say this, it was actually difficult to choose. And I would like to ask who is Justin? Justin, you are the winner for today's Edit-A-Thon.

MARK DATYSGELD

It's your prerogative to either share or keep to yourself. This is a decision that we are leaving up to you. He is sharing.

FERNANDA IUNES

Okay, thank you. If we can stop the recording. Thank you. All right. Good job guys. Very good job. As Chris said, thank you for your help. This really helps them a lot with what they've been trying to do with the ICANN Wiki as of late and updating everything. So really, they thank you.

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