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Monday 23 June

SUMMARY: Welcome to 32nd meeting of ICANN, held at the Meridien Montparnasse in Paris. Registration opened on Sunday, adding to the 1,100 people from over 100 different countries that have pre-registered. Expectations are that it will be ICANN's biggest ever meeting.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

8.30am: President's report *Utrillo*

A full review from the President of ICANN on the range of issues that will be discussed throughout the week.

9.30am: Welcome Ceremony *Utrillo*

French Minister Eric Besson opens the meeting.

10am: Chairman's welcome *Picasso*

A welcome by ICANN Chairman Peter Dengate Thrush to attendees from the Business community.

This is the first business access agenda ICANN has run.

4pm: New gTLDs workshop *Utrillo*

Representatives from different industries and sectors around the world will present a diversity of views about the potential changes ahead as the new gTLD Program is launched.

Worthwhile for all individuals interested in the use of Internet space, especially brand owners, governments, Internet users, and potential new registries.

WHAT HAPPENED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

GNSO Council

During its weekend working sessions, the 21-member GNSO Council (with 19 present) reviewed the topics they will be tackling in the week ahead.

Most discussion concerned issues that have been through recent public comment periods, including: the Inter Registrar Transfer Policy, Whois study proposals, Fast Flux, GNSO Improvements, and Front Running.

Senior VP of Services, Kurt Pritz gave a presentation on new gTLDs, and a lively discussion was had on single character domains and possible methods for allocating them. The Saturday meeting was concluded with a "blue sky" session, that attempted to identify possible future issues for ICANN and the Council.

ALAC

The At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) met all day Sunday to outline their week. The upcoming independent review of ALAC, public comment periods, and the main policy issues of the meeting were the main topics of conversation. The Committee also met with the GNSO Council for the first time.

EURALO Board meeting

The European RALO held its first general assembly since its launch last year in Lisbon. ICANN staff gave an overview of the outstanding issues and decided to set up a number of working groups, some focused on technical issues like IPv6, DNSSEC and IDNs and others on more policy focused issues such as privacy and Whois.

Sébastien Bachollet gave an update on the planned At Large Summit. EURALO will elect its officers and representatives to the ALAC by electronic vote in the coming weeks.

Social

Since the meeting officially starts tomorrow, the weekend's main event was the arrival of attendees, who quickly discovered the hotel bar was directly opposite the conference centre venue, and a short walk away was the bustling Montparnasse nightlife of restaurants and bistros. Saturday night was also marked by Paris' annual Fête de la Musique.

Please visit the Paris meeting website: <http://par.icann.org>