



Conference newsletter with thanks to:

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Wednesday 25 June

SUMMARY: Wednesday is supporting organisation and workshop day. The GAC draws up the its communiqué, while the other supporting organisations discuss what constituencies drew up the day before. A day of hard work is rewarded with the Gala Event at the Hotel de Ville.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

8am: GNSO Council *Utrillo*

This is the best opportunity for the community to interact with the main policy making body of ICANN, the Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO). It is also where the GNSO will make that meeting's decisions.

So if you are interested in following ICANN's policy processes, this the meeting to attend.

1pm: GNSO Improvements *Utrillo*

An implementation meeting for changes to the GNSO, ICANN's main policy making body.

Changes to the GNSO's structure and procedures will have a significant impact on future policy decisions made within the ICANN system.

4pm: Public Forum *Utrillo*

An open forum where the community can raise and discuss issues of significance and importance.

All participants are able to interact, learn about and share issues of relevance to the community. The forum is the main point where issues can be revisited or raised for the first time at ICANN meetings.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

ALAC and GAC

One in a series of a joint meetings between different supporting organisations and advisory committees over the course of the day - and the first ever between end-user and government representatives.

There was an interesting exchange of views and perspectives on a number of topics including IDNs and the implementation of new gTLDs. At the end, the chairs of both organisations said they would liaise with one another in between ICANN meetings on shared issues of interest. An important success.

REGISTRARS CONSTITUENCY

As could be expected, new gTLDs was the main topic of conversation, with GNSO Improvements a close second. Board members, including the CEO and chairman, as well as the registries, also took part.

ICANN's Chief Operating Officer Doug Brent gave a presentation and answered concerns about next year's budget; IDN director Tina Dam and Compliance Director Stacy Burnette gave updates on their work.

ALAC AND BOARD

Discussion focussed on IDNs and the fast track proposals - in particular how long it will take to formally approve the process.

The morality and public order clause in the new gTLD policy also gained alot of attention. The ALAC is concerned about the clause's possible use for objecting to applications.

REGISTRY CONSTITUENCY

Hearty discussion on GNSO Improvements, IDNs, new gTLDs and Registry Services proposals. ICANN staff provided an update on the gTLD Registry Failover Plan, and worked through edits to the draft plan. The latest version will be made available soon.

The failover plan will be put through a text exercise by a group of registries and other participants some time in 2009.

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