SUMMARY The final day of the meeting comprises one event – an open Board meeting held in the main room from 8.30am and lasting up until 1pm, depending on the amount of discussion between Board members. Initial registration figures show around 1,000 people turned up to ICANN's 29th meeting, making it the biggest ever turnout. Attention now turns to the 30th meeting, to be held in ICANN's home town on Los Angeles. See you all on 29 October.

The queue for comments at the ICANN Public Forum

TODAY'S MAIN MEETING

Public Board meeting
Time: 8:30
Room: San Geronimo

Agenda
♦ Approval of 18 June 2007 Board Minutes
♦ Discussion and Approval of 2007-2008 ICANN Budget
♦ Election of New Chief Financial Officer
♦ Consultation on Operating Principles and Frameworks for Transparency and Accountability
♦ .COOP Renewal Sponsor Agreement
♦ .TEL ICANN Fee Amendment
♦ Report: Protections for gTLD Registrants
  • Registrar Data Escrow Program
  • Registrar Accreditation Agreement Amendments
  • Registry Fail-over
  • Contractual compliance
♦ Global Policy Proposals on AS Numbers and remaining IPv4 Allocations
♦ Adoption of IANA Root Zone Procedures for Evaluation IDN Deployment
♦ Board Committee Work and Other Business
  • BGC's GNSO Review

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

ICANN public forum
A change in the format saw the presentation of reports replaced with a more informal summing-up, leaving more time for public discussion. The opportunity was seized upon by a long queue of individuals who covered the main topics of the meeting: new gTLDs, IDNs, registry and registrar contracts and ICANN's transparency and accountability as well as IPv4 address exhaustion.

Geeks and Greeks: A Dialogue on Technology, Policy and the Internet
ICANN chairman Vint Cerf, CEO Paul Twomey and SSAC chairman Steve Crocker spoke to a packed lecture hall at the University of Puerto Rico's Law School. Vint Cerf spoke about the early days of the Internet and what it has now become – plus the challenges for the future. Paul Twomey outlined the global economic impact that the Internet was having and where it was going. A question-and-answer session covered the thorny issues of privacy, crime and abuse of the Internet's systems.

Internet governance workshop
A panel moderated by Markus Kummer of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) reviewed the issue of "critical Internet resources", which will be a main topic at the IGF's meeting in Rio in November. A range of perspectives of what the term meant and which elements would be most usefully addressed at the IGF were presented.

Fellowships
The ICANN Fellows discussed the issue of root servers, with ICANN CTO John Crain giving a presentation and answering questions. Web developer Marc Salvatierra spoke about the evolution of the ICANN website and plans for the future. And general manager of public participation Kieren McCarthy outlined his role in the organisation.

At Large priorities meeting and committee workshop
A lively meeting saw At Large provide a bird's-eye view of internationalized domain names, plus French government representative Bertrand de la Chapelle gave a personal insight into the work of the GAC.

North American RALO signing
The final RALO was agreed and signed on stage by Paul Twomey and 10 representatives covering Canada to Puerto Rico via Hawaii.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICANN signed an accountability framework with the Netherlands' .nl registry; a public consultation process was announced to cover ICANN's Strategic Plan; and IANA unveiled its new website.

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