



Monday 25 June

SUMMARY Welcome to 29th meeting of ICANN, held in the Caribe Hilton in the capital city of Puerto Rico, San Juan. Registration opened officially on Sunday morning, adding to the 663 pre-registrations. More figures on attendees tomorrow. As ever, people from around the globe have arrived -- first-time visitors as well as the usual suspects. The San Juan Bautista celebration from Saturday lead to a gentle Sunday for those that arrived early. Recent arrivals fought jet-lag in the hotel bar.



TODAY'S MAIN MEETINGS

Welcome Ceremony

Time: 9:00

Room: San Geronimo

All are welcome to attend the opening of the 29th meeting of ICANN. Followed shortly afterwards by the Public Forum

Protection of Registrants Workshop

Time: 12:00

Room: San Geromino

An open discussion moderated by Board member Susan Crawford covering important changes in the registrar market following the recent RegisterFly situation.

Public forum on new gTLDs

Time: 14:30

Room: San Cristobal B

A review of the GNSO's work on introducing new top-level domains.

Public forum on GNSO improvements

Time: 16:00

Room: San Geronimo

A discussion about changes to the make-up of ICANN's most significant supporting organisation.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

ICANN Roundtable

As it does every meeting, ICANN held an introductory roundtable for those who have never been to an ICANN meeting before or who want to know more about how the organisation works. A number of attendees praised the new fellowships that allowed them to attend the meeting; while others urged ICANN to make the organisation and its processes more easily understandable.

North American At Large meeting

A North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) was formed, along with the election of two ALAC representatives. The NARALO is the final organization to be created to coordinate individual users involvement in ICANN. An MoU will be signed by regional representatives and ICANN's President and CEO on Thursday.

Whois

No less than four GNSO meetings in one day on the issue of Whois. A joint GNSO and GAC also considered (much to the GNSO's relief) a different issue -- new generic top-level domains. The new Whois Working Group had an all-day, intensive session reviewing a Whois world where a look-up would show a designated "operational point of contact" instead of the registrant's contact details. Huge progress was made, but knotty issues remain: like how law enforcement from around the world would get quick access if personal data was shielded. The group has four more weeks to deliver a report on its work.

IPv6

The ongoing issue of a transition to Internet Protocol version six in order to provide for the Internet's future expansion was covered, with remote participation through ICANN's public participation website. ICANN's chief engineer described the issues he'd faced deploying IPv6, and the director of a local Puerto Rican ISP described how IPv6 allows customers to connect with an ever growing number of people and services. The panel agreed that while there are costs in implementing IPv6 it may be possible for them to be recouped through additional services.

Domain Tasting

The fourth workshop on the issue of domain tasting provided some informed and interesting discussion about what is rapidly becoming an important issue. Presentations and a transcript can be found on ICANN's San Juan meeting site at: <http://sanjuan2007.icann.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICANN posted a series of draft Framework and Principles for Accountability and Transparency for community review. There will be a review of them on Wednesday.

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