

## "ICANN Update" Herbert Vitzthum

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#### Overview

- October
  - museum First Sponsored TLD Agreement
- November
  - au ccTLD Agreement Signed with auDA
  - ALSC Final Report
  - Registrar Data Escrow Program Announced
  - The third ICANN Annual Meeting in Marina del Rey, USA
  - Redelegation of .us ccTLD
  - coop Second sponsored TLD Agreement
- December
  - Interim Report of the New TLD Evaluation Process Planning Task Force
  - ICANN Announces New Dispute Resolution Provider in the Asia Pacific Region
  - ASO General Assembly 2002 and Call for Nominations for ICANN Board of Directors
  - CENTR Meeting in Luxembourg



# At Large Study Committee Report (ALSC)

- Undertook a comprehensive study of:
  - the concept, structure and processes
- Invited/received input from all interested parties
- To achieve a broad consensus
  - Public meetings in:
    - Melbourne, Australia, Stockholm, Sweden, Silicon Valley, USA and Montevideo, Uruguay
  - ALSC members have attended meetings
    - Kuala Lumpur, Taiwan, San Francisco, Bologna, Hong-Kong, Accra, Shanghai, Caracas, Singapore, Beijing, Paris

# At Large Study Committee Report (ALSC)

- The ALSC produced a Final Report, as recommendations to the ICANN Board.
- The Board accepted the Report, as a basis for further discussion.
- The Board invited comments on the Report from the Internet community.
- ALSC is extended until the ICANN meeting in Accra, Ghana;
- Goal: "At Large" election in 2002



# Registrar Data Escrow Program Announced

- Periodic escrow for gTLD registrars.
- To preserve domain registration information.
- Data will be released from escrow if:
  - The registrar fails
  - The registrar ends his accreditation
- Registrars are free to use ICANN's Service or to choose a third party.



### ICANN Meeting in MdR

- Focus on "Security and Stability of the Internet Naming and Address Allocation Systems"
- Nov. 13<sup>th 14th</sup> different panels and plenary and breakout sessions:
  - To improve the knowledge base and awareness about DNS security.
  - Develop and adopt suggestions for security improvements by all DNS providers.
  - Develop recommendations to the ICANN Board for any actions by ICANN.
  - Launch continuing efforts to assess and improve security and readiness across ICANN activities and communities.

### ICANN Meeting in MdR

- Special thanks to CENTR, especially to Sabine Dolderer who served on one of the panels; Elisabeth Porteneuve who led French-language breakout group; Marcel Schneider who led English-language group
- Jaap Akkerhuis, produced a very interesting statistic over ccTLD Name Servers and shared his great technical knowledge



### ICANN Meeting in MdR

- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Reporting sessions
  - Open Mike on DNS security/stability
  - Board meeting on DNS security/stability
  - ICANN Board meeting



### The Board meeting

#### Elections

- Chairman of the Board, Vinton Cerf
- Vice-Chairman of the Board, Alejandro Pisanty
- President and CEO, M. Stuart Lynn
- Vice-President, Louis Touton
- Chief Financial Officer, Andrew McLaughlin
  - Meanwhile Vice-President



# Appointed or reappointed Committees

- Executive Committee
- Conflicts of Interest Committee
- Audit Committee
- Finance Committee
- Meetings Committee
- Reconsideration Committee
- Standing Committee on Security and Stability
- IDN Committee



### Restructuring Committee

- There is ongoing considerable discussion in the ICANN community
  - possible changes in the structure of ICANN
  - consideration of possible new Supporting Organizations
  - and changes in the composition of the ICANN Board
- The ALSC Final Report also implicates
  - issues of ICANN structure and Board composition
- The Committee of the Board is responsible for:
  - monitoring of these discussions
  - evaluating and making recommendations to the Board
- Committee on Restructuring
  - Chair: Alejandro Pisanty
  - Lyman Chapin
  - Phil Davidson
  - Hans Kraaijenbrink
  - Nii Quaynor



## Delegation / Redelegations:



.museum, MuseDoma, USA



 Coop, National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA), USA



 .au, Domain Administration Ltd, the .au ccTLD Manager.



 us, United States Domain Registrar NeuStar, Inc.



## Interim Report of the New TLD Evaluation Process Planning Task Force

- To recommend:
  - A process for monitoring the implementation of the new TLDs and evaluating the new TLD program
  - Including any ongoing adjustments of agreements with operators or sponsors of new TLDs
  - A plan for monitoring of the introduction of new TLDs for evaluating their performance and their impact on the performance of the DNS
- Interim report is posted, 28 Questions
- Community feedback and comment is welcome
- Chairman, Stuart Lynn
- ccTLD Member, Jaap Akkerhuis



# New Dispute Resolution Provider in the Asia Pacific Region

- Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC)
- Special knowledge of Asian languages
- Formed between: Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Not related:
  - E-Resolution is out of business



### Next ICANN Meeting

#### Next Meeting:

- Accra, Ghana, March 10-14, 2002
   http://www.icann.org.gh/ and meeting@icann.org.
- Vaccination: Yellow fever, Malaria +
- Visa: a Visa and a passport is required.
- Language: English
- Personal safety: Excellent

#### 2002 Meetings:

- Late June: Central/Eastern Europe
  - Proposals: Poland, Romania or Bulgaria.
- October/November 2002: Asia/Pacific
- No meeting in the US, only 3 meetings in 2002.



#### BBC November 28th 2001

- 'Nuclear option'
- "If Icann does not move then we have to prepare to deal with that situation," said Dr Black.of .uk registry Nominet.
- The rogue regional registrars are reportedly even considering setting up shop with some of the companies that look after domains not recognised by Icann. Organisations such as OpenNic, Alternic and Image Online Design already run alternative domain systems.

#### ccTLDs and ICANN

- Relation on different levels.
- The ccTLD manager-ICANN relation does not depend on funding.
- Work with ccTLDs to find a solution.
- The ccTLDs are very diverse.
- The European ccTLDs are in a very good state, mostly used as the good example.
- If one of the ccTLD managers is ready to negotiate a contract based on the published template agreements -- ICANN is ready.

#### **CENTR Meeting in Luxembourg**

#### ICANN participants

- Stuart Lynn, President
- Andrew McLaughlin, Vice President
- Theresa Swinehart, International legal affairs
- Herbert Vitzthum, ccTLD Liaison
- CENTR developed an excellent document with many questions regarding the relation CENTR-ICANN
  - ICANN Staff mainly Stuart Lynn answered the questions over 4 hours.
  - This is on ICANN's side seen as a useful start of a dialog for future sessions and can lead to major outcomes.



### IANA performance report

- Updated on 15 December
- Focus on name server changes only, this time.

Average: 12 days

Min: 0 days

Max: 38 days

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Goal: the best Service for ccTLDs!

