

At Large Advisory Committee Report to the Board

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Committee Activities

- At Large organizing
 - Outreach through mailing lists and website
 - Outreach through physical participation and meetings
 - At Large Structure accreditation process
 - At Large Structure applications
 - African community involvement in Tunis
- Policy development
 - Statements on wildcard services
 - Statements on new gTLDs
 - Statements on WHOIS
 - Participation in working groups

At Large Organizing

- Prepared accreditation criteria for ALS
 - Approved by the Board in June
- Prepared application forms in different languages
- First 8 applications received
 - Africa: ISOC Sudan, University of Ghana, Anais.AC
 - Asia/Pacific: Arab Knowledge Management Society (AKMS)
 - Europe: ISOC Italy, FITUG, ISOC Luxembourg
 - Latin America: Alfa-Redi
- Adopted approval process for applications
- First applications to be processed in the next few weeks

At Large Organizing

- Outreach / Organization activities
 - Participation by members in 10 user events in 4 regions
 - Mailing to a list of 6000+ organizations and individuals
 - Grant by InfoDev to bring African Internet community members to Carthage
 - Organization of three regional workshops in Carthage
 - More to come
- Appointments
 - Roberto Gaetano as Board liaison
 - Members in task forces: Transfers Assistance Group, WIPO-2 Working Group, GNSO Whois Steering Task Force

At Large Organizing: Africa

- 1-year plan to launch AF RALO by Dec 2004
- Setup AF RALO Contact group
 - 3 ALAC members and 10 others
- Rome - to reach critical mass of ALS
- June 04 - setup interim RALO committee to draft By-Laws
- Sep 04 - formalize AF RALO
- Dec 04 - Official Launch

At Large Organizing: Asia/Pacific

- APNG – started “AtLarge Committee”
- China – Internet Society of China ready for ALS application
- Taiwan
 - ISOC Taiwan Chapter, hosted by TWNIC
 - Net Consumer Protection Association
 - Taiwan Internet Association
- Japan – “Study Group” to begin with Government

At Large Organizing: Europe

- Already talking about European At Large
- User organizations forming coordinating group, common mailing lists
- Aiming to get a good number of applications before end 2003
- Jan – Mar 04: EU RALO bylaws discussion
- Rome / Kuala Lumpur: EU RALO launch

Policy activities: Wildcards

- First statement on Sept 16th
 - Concerns of the community
 - Request to stop service
- Solicited community comments
- Second statement on Oct 13th
 - Preserving users' right to choose
 - Keeping innovation at the edge
- Co-sponsored workshop in Carthage

Policy activities: New gTLDs

- Final document on Oct 9th
 - Open market competition
 - ICANN should not judge usefulness of new TLDs
 - ICANN should not judge business models
 - “No-harm” approach!
 - Time to turn this into a predictable and steadily running process
 - Lower barriers (technical, continuity...)
 - More geographical and linguistic diversity

Policy activities: WHOIS

- Participation in GNSO WHOIS Steering Group
- Raised review of data elements collected and displayed as issue with GNSO
- New statement on Oct 29th (yesterday), making the case for registrant privacy (see <http://alac.icann.org/>)
- Support and willingness to participate in the President's WHOIS Committee

More activities: WSIS

- Informal participation by some ALAC members in WSIS PrepComs
- WSIS workshop in Carthage on 29 Oct.
- Very important for the ICANN community to be informed about what is happening at WSIS
- At Large could bring a good contribution to the discussion and bridge contrapositions



Thank you

For further information:

ALAC Website: <http://alac.icann.org/>

ALAC Blog: <http://alac.info/>