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Internet Networking Executive Named as IANA Vice President

Washington, D.C… May 17, 2010… Elise Gerich, a 21 year veteran of Internet networking, has been named the Vice President for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) function of ICANN.

The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) function of ICANN is responsible for the global coordination of the Domain Name System (DNS) Root, IP addressing and other Internet protocol resources.

"Elise brings a wealth of relevant background to ICANN and will be a great fit for the role and the team," said Doug Brent, ICANN's Chief Operating Officer. "When it comes to the IANA function, she will be an outstanding ICANN representative to the international Internet community."

Before joining ICANN, Gerich worked for Juniper Networks for nine years, serving most recently as Director of Software Product Management. Prior to that, she worked as the Director of Operations for the @Home Network, which built and operated the first national backbone for delivery of Internet Services by North American cable operators.

Prior to joining @Home Network, Gerich served at the Associate Director National Networking at Merit Network in Michigan. During her tenure at Merit, she was the National Science Foundation's representative on the Federal Engineering Planning Group and Co-chair of the Internet Planning Group.

In addition to her commercial experience, Gerich has been the Co-chair of the Internet Planning Group (IEPG), Chair and Co-founder of the North American Network Operators' Group (NANOG), and a member of the Internet Architecture Board (IAB).

Elise Gerich holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan.

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About ICANN:

To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit: www.icann.org.**