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TOP STORY

2016 Multistakeholder Ethos Award Recognizes Two Members of the Global Internet Community

ICANN is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Multistakeholder Ethos Award. This year, the community evaluation panel recognized two long-time members of the ICANN community: **Chuck Gomes** and **Keith Davidson.** The awards were presented on 27 June at ICANN56 in Helsinki, Finland.

The Multistakeholder Ethos Award honors members of the ICANN community who have made outstanding contributions to ICANN's multistakeholder model of Internet governance.

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APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

New Domains Create Fresh Opportunities in India

India, with the world's second-largest number of Internet users, will enjoy both economic and societal benefits from the expansion of the Domain Name System (DNS). This conclusion came at a media briefing held in New Delhi, India, on 16 June 2016. Attendees included print and online journalists from daily newspapers, financial news organizations, newswires and technical publications. The discussion focused on ICANN's **New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD)** and **Internationalized Domain Name (IDN)** Programs.

From Left to Right: Rajiv Bansal, Professor Singh and Samiran Gupta

Speakers at the media briefing were: Samiran Gupta, ICANN Head of India; Professor Udaya Narayana Singh, Chair of the Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel; and Rajiv Bansal, Joint Secretary of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) and CEO of the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).

Gupta introduced ICANN and spoke about how the New gTLD and IDN Programs can benefit Indian businesses and users. Professor Singh shared the work of the Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel. Bansal talked about the Indian government's vision of the Internet.

The media was engaged and asked many questions. A key question was: "How can the gTLD and IDN programs help the Indian people, literate in so many regional languages, use the Internet more effectively?"

Read two articles published after the meeting:
Future of internet to depend on bringing more regional language users online
New Internet Domains can create new opportunities for Indians: ICANN

ICANN Public Meeting Returns to APAC Region

ICANN57 will be held in Hyderabad, India, from 3-9 November 2016. Dr. Aruna Sharma, Secretary of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) of the Government of India, talked about Hyderabad at the **Chairman's Reception** at ICANN56 Helsinki. She encouraged ICANN community and staff members to attend the event later this year. Watch the **Hyderabad introductory video** that played at ICANN56 and read the **blog on ICANN57** by Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific.

We hope to see you in Hyderabad!

Dr. Aruna Sharma Inviting ICANN56 Attendees to ICANN57

Akinori Maemura to Serve on ICANN Board of Directors

The Address Supporting Organization selected Akinori Maemura, General Manager of the Internet Development Department at the Japan Network Information Center (JPNIC), to serve a three-year term on Seat 10 of the ICANN Board of Directors.

Maemura has also served on the Executive Council of the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), acting as Chair for more than a decade. Maemura's term will start at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting held during ICANN57. For more information, read the **announcement** on the ICANN Address Supporting Organization's website.

Chinese Community Gathers to Discuss Universal Acceptance

On 14 June 2016, the Chinese community attended a workshop on the Universal Acceptance (UA) of domain names. Held in Beijing, the workshop was hosted by the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), DotAsia and registrar company Corporation Service Company. Over 30 local participants from registries, email service providers and information technology companies attended the event. They discussed ways to foster readiness for UA and how to mitigate any challenges.

Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific Speaking at the Universal Acceptance Workshop

ICANN Reaches Out to APAC ccTLD Managers

Jia-Rong Low Speaking at the APICB in Beijing

The third Asia-Pacific Internet Resources Capacity-Building Program (APICB) was held from 13-17 June in Beijing. ICANN co-organized the event with the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) and the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Name Association (APTLD). The event featured more than 20 workshops on topics such as Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC), ICANN's New Generic Top-Level Domain Program, Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA). The participants, mostly country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers, came all over Asia.

Speakers from ICANN were Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific, and Champika Wijayatung, Regional Manager of Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement. Low's speech at the opening ceremony stressed the importance of regional collaboration, including IDNs and UA. Wijayatunga conducted a workshop on DNSSEC and security considerations for ccTLDs.

Participants expressed an interest in working with ICANN to organize capacity-building events in their respective countries.

ICANN Hosts Second APAC Space Web Conference

The second Asia-Pacific (APAC) Space Web Conference was held on 16 June 2016. The discussion topic was the policy development process for subsequent procedures for New gTLDs. **Learn about the project.** Mary Wong, ICANN's Senior Policy Director, introduced the issue to over 30 APAC session participants, who asked many questions during the lively discussion that followed. **Read more** or **watch the session recording**.

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Watch Wrap-Up of First Policy Forum in Helsinki

ICANN's Duncan Burns speaks with Board Chair Steve Crocker and ICANN CEO Göran Marby. Crocker and Marby look back on ICANN56, discussing how the policy focus changed the dynamics of the meeting. They also give an update on the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Transition in light of the recent report from the National Telecommunications and

Information Administration (NTIA). Watch the **video**.

Celebrating 200 At-Large Structures

On 23 June, ICANN celebrated an exciting milestone in the history of the At-Large Community - the At-Large Advisory Committee has accredited the 200th organization as an At-Large Structure (ALS).

From the Arctic to the Cook Islands, ALSes form the basis of the At-Large Community, which represents the best interests of Internet users in ICANN's multistakeholder model. Across the world's five geographic regions, 92 countries and territories now have ALSes, with 42 in Africa, 44 in Asia Pacific, 37 in Europe, 50 in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands, and 27 in North America.

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Call for Volunteers for SSR2 Review Team

ICANN is looking for volunteers to serve on the Second Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2-RT). The **Call for Volunteers for SSR2-RT** will open on 30 June 2016 and will close on 15 August 2016.

We are seeking a diverse team that reflects gender and geographic diversity. We've developed a **presentation** that describes the team, its work and the expertise needed. Please help spread the word!

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

David Ng Ki Chun
Director of Community Development, DotAsia Organisation

David Ng is currently working at **DotAsia Organisation**, a not-for-profit registry of the top-level domain .asia. The organization's mission is to promote Internet development land adoption in Asia. DotAsia fosters the participation of children and youth in Internet governance, recognizing that they are important stakeholders in the sustainable development of the Internet.

For over 15 years, Ng has advocated for children's rights, working to empower children and youth at local, regional and international levels. Ng is the coordinator and supporter of DotAsia's youth volunteer network, **NetMission.Asia**.

Ng worked with the Ambassador of NetMission.Asia and the ICANN APAC hub to launch the **NextGen@ICANN** program during ICANN49 Singapore. NetMission.Asia also organized the **Hong Kong Youth Internet Governance Forum** that was held in June 2016.

NetMission.Asia is working on these upcoming regional events:

- **Youth Internet Governance Forum (yIGF)**, part of the **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)**
- Mock ICANN Board Meeting, part of the **Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA)**

POLICY UPDATE

Read the Post-ICANN56 Policy Forum Report!

To learn about the cross-community sessions and accomplishments of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees at ICANN56, read the **Post-ICANN56 Policy Forum Report**! This new effort captures the important work of the ICANN community on key issues and tracks progress from ICANN Public Meetings in a simple, accessible format.

GDD UPDATE

Global Consumer Research Study

Now Available! New Findings About the gTLD Market

A global study has found that awareness and trust of generic top-level domains (gTLDs) continue to increase. Wave 2 of the Global Consumer Research Study measured current consumer attitudes towards the gTLD landscape and the Domain Name System (DNS). The study also assessed changes in consumer attitudes from the first wave of the study in 2015. Nielson conducted the research for ICANN. The results will inform the work of the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team. For key findings, **read the report**.

Amending the New gTLD Registry Agreement

On 31 May 2016, ICANN announced that it had posted for public comment a proposed amendment to the base New gTLD Registry Agreement. Like other business contracts, the Registry Agreement needs to be modified occasionally to clarify responsibilities and update terms. We encourage all members of the ICANN community to provide feedback. Comments close on 13 July 2016. **Read the blog** to learn more, or **comment** on the proposed amendment.

DNSSEC Validation: What's It All About?

DNSSEC

When you've used the Internet to look up something, you've relied on the Domain Name System, or DNS, to give you the information you requested. A security technology called Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) protects Internet users

against attacks that can result in forged DNS responses. DNSSEC validation ensures that DNS information hasn't been modified during transit. To learn more about this technology and important updates that will be implemented in the coming year, **read the blog.**

IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS

NTIA Report Update

In last month's **IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal Assessment Report**, NTIA evaluated the transition proposals against the COSO internal control framework. The COSO framework aligned with the U.S. Government Accountability Office's recommendation for how NTIA could enhance its review.

NTIA's **COSO Assessment** was favorable. Of the 70 areas assessed, only 11 received a yellow rating (partial compliance), and there were no red ratings (noncompliance).

Read more...

> IANA - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
> NTIA - National Telecommunications and Information Administration
> COSO - Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission

Preserving the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Internet

ICANN and Verisign have completed discussions and negotiations for the Root Zone Maintainer Services Agreement (RZMA).

The RZMA is intended to maintain stable, secure and reliable operations of the root zone for direct root zone management service customers (registry operators, registrars and root server operators). The security and stability of the Internet's domain name system is also maintained, due to an extension of the .com Registry Agreement that coincided with the term of the new RZMA.

- The RZMA has been posted for a **30-day public review period**.
- The Proposed Amendment to the .com Registry Agreement has been posted for a **43-day public comment period**.

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CCWG-Accountability Launches Work Stream 2 in Helsinki

Over 70 individuals met in Helsinki for a full-day meeting of the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) to begin introductory discussions on Work Stream 2. Joined by many other participants via Adobe Connect, the group started conversations on each of the nine Work Stream 2 topics, ranging from diversity across ICANN to the role and function of the Ombudsman. Many participants presented their views on specific topics of their choosing by hosting five-minute "lightning talks," which sparked many healthy debates throughout the day. Co-Chair Thomas Rickert concluded the meeting by praising the group's accomplishments and recognizing that it had a clearer path to developing its Work Stream 2 Report.

As a reminder, members and participants of the CCWG-Accountability are encouraged to sign up to participate in subgroups for each of the Work Stream 2 topics. If you are interested in becoming a participant or observer of the CCWG-Accountability, please send an email to **acct-staff@icann.org**.

Read the **Co-Chairs' blog leading into ICANN56**.

Open Public Comment and Public Review Periods

Public Comment Periods:

- **Proposed Amendment to .COM Registry Agreement** (30 June-12 August 2016)
- **Draft Post-Transition IANA Articles of Incorporation** (1 July-31 July 2016)
- **Draft Post-Transition IANA Bylaws** (8 July-7 August 2016)

- **Draft Post-Transition Governance Documents** (8 July-7 August 2016)

Public Review Period:

- **Root Zone Maintainer Agreement** (30 June-30 July)

☑ DELEGATED TLDs

Forty-three new gTLDs were delegated in June

Here are some of them:

hisamitsu	prime
epost	chintai
kosher	orientexpress
travelchannel	frontdoor
fire	farmers

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📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 APrIGF | 27-29 July 2016

The 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (2016 APrIGF) will be held from 27-29 July in Taipei. The forum is a key regional platform for the APAC community to discuss, exchange and collaborate on Internet governance matters. ICANN will be involved in various **APrIGF sessions**.

On 26 July, the day before APrIGF begins, ICANN will be supporting a full day of capacity-building sessions. The sessions will introduce newcomers to Internet governance and critical Internet resources.

Register for APrIGF. We hope to see you there!

SANOG28 | 1-9 August 2016

The 28th South Asia Network Operators Group (SANOG) conference will be held in Mumbai, India, from 1-9 August 2016. SANOG28 is a regional forum for data operators in South Asia to discuss technologies and operational issues. The event is organized in three parts: conference, tutorial and workshop. **Learn more.**

Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance | 11-15 September 2016

ICANN is supporting the Asia Pacific School of Internet

Governance, which will be held from 11-15 September 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. This event targets leaders of Internet governance schools and others who engage in Internet governance activities. Attendees can expect to deepen their knowledge of Internet governance and the multistakeholder model. **Learn more.**

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