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Wrap-Up Interview with Cherine Chalaby and Steve Crocker



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ICANN's Brad White, Director, North America Communications, sits down with new Board Chair Cherine Chalaby and outgoing Board Chair Steve Crocker. They discuss the challenges that the ICANN Board faces going forward and the importance of transparency and accountability in building trust with the community.

Chairman's Blog: ICANN60 Meeting and Board Workshop

Cherine Chalaby, ICANN Board Chair

Before I share my thoughts on the latest Board Workshop and some aspects of ICANN60, I want to take a moment to reflect. I am deeply honored to have been selected as the new Chair of the ICANN Board and do

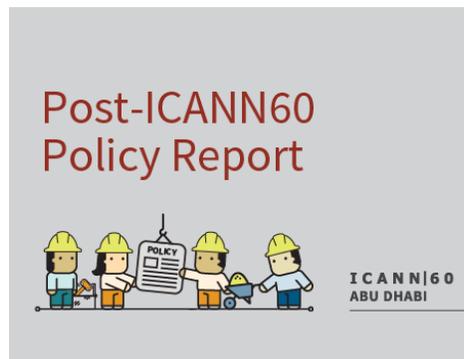
not take lightly the responsibilities concomitant with my new role. I look forward to the future with great hope and enthusiasm, and to working with all of you in partnership and in service of ICANN's mission.

I want to thank Steve Crocker one more time for his leadership and friendship. Steve and I sat down together for a quick interview after ICANN60, which you can see here. I also want to thank our departing Board members, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Asha Hemrajani, Markus Kummer, and Thomas Schneider for all their contributions and dedication to the ICANN mission. We will miss them all.

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Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN60 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN60 is available for review [here](#). ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors, Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and other groups.



Post-ICANN60 Policy Report Now Available

The ICANN60 Annual General Meeting concluded in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3 November. The Post-ICANN60 Policy Report contains updates from our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. The report is now available in English, and will soon be published in all six U.N. languages.

[Download the report.](#)

A Look Ahead to ICANN61 in Puerto Rico

Christopher Mondini, VP, Stakeholder Engagement in North America, ICANN

ICANN60 has been a successful and productive meeting by all accounts. As many of you know, this was our Annual General Meeting - it is our longest meeting of the year and focuses on outreach and engagement, in addition to the development of policy that is the hallmark of every ICANN meeting.

As we say goodbye to Abu Dhabi, we turn our eyes to ICANN61, which will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 10-15 March 2018. This marks the first time since 2014 that an ICANN meeting is hosted in the North American region, and we can't wait to welcome everyone.



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ICANN61 Registration Is Now Open

Click here to register.



COMMUNITY NEWS



ICANN Recognizes Community Leaders

On 1 November, ICANN recognized 49 community leaders at ICANN60 who concluded their terms of service since ICANN57 or concluded a term of service at ICANN60. The ICANN organization is proud to celebrate the contributions of these community leaders.

[Read the full announcement and see the list of ICANN60 honorees...](#)



Women in Leadership: From Declaration to Action

On 1 November, women from across the ICANN community came together to brainstorm about ways to break down barriers and improve the gender balance in ICANN leadership roles. The moderators of the session were Asha Hemrajani, ICANN Board Member, and Olga Cavalli, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Representative from Argentina.

Some ideas that came out of the brainstorming were:

- Be great!
- Don't apologize when you are talking.

- Believe you are great!
- You have to jump!
- Be a mentor.
- Don't adopt a child's place.
- Think strategically.
- Know your own strengths.
- Have a secure attitude and you will get respect.
- Take the pen, not only the seat.
- You will get anything if you try - take it step by step.
- If you see someone not being considered, go and help.
- Be generous with your knowledge - everything comes back.

At-Large EURALO Establishes Memorandum of Understanding with RIPE NCC

On 1 November, the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the *Réseaux IP Européens* Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), the European Regional Internet Registry (RIR).

Recognizing the benefits of mutual collaboration and support on Internet-related issues, EURALO and RIPE NCC committed to an ongoing collaboration to promote Internet activities in the region. This milestone marked the completion of establishing MOUs between all Regional At-Large Organizations and the RIRs in their respective regions.



Olivier Crépin-Leblond, EURALO Chair, and Axel Pawlik, Managing Director, RIPE NCC



PRIVACY & DATA PROTECTION

ICANN Contractual Compliance Publishes Data Protection/Privacy Statement

On 2 November, ICANN announced that it published a statement regarding the ability of registries and registrars to comply with their WHOIS and other contractual requirements related to domain name registration data in light of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (**GDPR**). Detailed guidance regarding the process and eligibility requirements will be provided shortly. View the statement [here](#). Additional information on the ICANN org's data protection/privacy activities is published [here](#).



SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION & ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue ICANN60 Statement

On 27 October, the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a face-to-face meeting in Abu Dhabi, UAE, to further its discussions on Work Stream 2. Fifty-two members and participants attended in person, and many others joined the meeting remotely using the virtual meeting room.

Co-Chairs Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez, and Jordan Carter issued a statement. [Read it here.](#)

Heather Forrest Elected New GNSO Chair

On 1 November, Heather Forrest was elected the new Chair of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO). Forrest will serve as the GNSO Chair until the end of ICANN63 Annual General Meeting in 2018, her final year on the GNSO Council. Previously, she served as the GNSO Council Vice-Chair for the Non-Contracted Parties House. Forrest has been a member of the Council since ICANN51.



GAC Elects New Chair

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) elected Manal Ismail as its next Chair, with a term beginning on 1 November 2017. She is the director of the International Technical Coordination Department at the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt and represents Egypt in the GAC. Prior to this role, Ismail served in several technical positions in the Egyptian government. She is an active member of the global Internet community with engagements in the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC), Internet Society, and Internet Governance Forum. Ismail is an alumna of the University of Louisville (Kentucky, USA) and the Faculty of Engineering at Cairo University.

SSAC Announces New Leadership

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) has elected Rod Rasmussen as Chair and Julie Hammer as Vice Chair. They will serve three-year terms beginning on 1 January 2018.

Rasmussen cofounded Internet Identity (IID) and was the company's lead technology development executive. IID was purchased by Infoblox in 2016, and Rasmussen retired in early 2017. He is widely recognized as a leading expert on the abuse of the Domain Name System by criminals.

Hammer was an independent director on the Board of auDA, the Australian country code top-level domain (ccTLD), for nine years, ending in 2016. She was appointed to the Board in 2007 after retiring from the Royal Australian Air Force in 2005 with the rank of Air Vice-Marshal. She was the first woman to achieve a one-star and two-star rank in the history of the Australian Defence Force.





2017 Leadership Award Recipient

At the ICANN60 Opening Ceremony on 30 October, Steve Crocker, ICANN Board Chair, was named the recipient of ICANN's 2017 Leadership Award. Crocker has served on the Board for 14 years, the last half as Chair. His term expired at the end of ICANN60.

"Steve Crocker's contributions to ICANN and to the development of the Internet as a whole, are outstanding," said G6ran Marby, ICANN President & CEO. "He has helped me understand the ICANN community, the dynamics, the history, and what ICANN's mission really means."

The award came as a surprise to Crocker. "My greatest source of pride when it comes to this organization is, quite simply, that it works. Furthermore, it works better and more inclusively than many ever thought possible." He went on to say, "In the early days, it was called the 'ICANN experiment'. "We don't hear that anymore because the experiment has proven successful."

The ICANN60 Abu Dhabi playlist contains videos of the speeches of the Opening Ceremony, including G6ran Marby's presentation of the 2017 Leadership Award to Steve Crocker. You'll also find videos of the speeches from Steve Crocker's Tribute, and can watch Brad White's onstage talk with Crocker. In that talk, you'll learn about what Crocker says about his time as ICANN Board Chair and what the future holds.

[Click here to watch the videos.](#)



A Tribute and Toast

On 31 October, people gathered to honor and say farewell to Steve Crocker. The informal program included well-wishers from many parts of the Internet world, and from different eras in his career.

Fellow Internet pioneers Vint Cerf and Leonard Kleinrock delivered video messages. Other speakers were G6ran Marby, ICANN CEO; Houlin Zhao, ITU General Secretary; Larry Stickling, Former NTIA Assistant Secretary; Suzanne Woolf, Former ICANN Board Member; Fadi Chehad6, Former ICANN CEO; and Nii Quaynor, "Father of the Internet in Africa."

ICANN's Brad White sat down on the stage for a friendly conversation with Crocker, who reminisced about key moments in his tenure in ICANN and entertained the audience with personal anecdotes. At the end of the event, Beth Crocker joined her husband on the stage and made a few remarks. At the reception that followed, the audience raised a toast to Crocker.



ICANN NEWS

Marrakech Identified as ICANN Meeting Site for 2019 Policy Forum

On 2 November, ICANN announced that Marrakech, Morocco, has been selected as the location in the African region to host ICANN's 65th Public Meeting, to be held 24-27 June 2019. This Policy Forum will be hosted by the [Mediterranean Federation of Internet Associations \(FMAI\)](#) at the Palmeraie Resort.

[Read the full announcement...](#)

ICANN and PTI Publish Audited Financial Statements for FY17

On 27 October 2017, ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) published their FY17 financial statements, accompanied by unqualified audit reports from BDO LLP, the independent auditors.

- [View the ICANN FY17 Audited Financial Statements.](#)

- [View the PTI FY17 Audited Financial Statements.](#)

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Now Available: ICANN FY17 Annual Report

The ICANN Board has just published the FY17 [Annual Report](#) for the fiscal year that ended 30 June 2017. Read about the major activities and milestones of the Board and community. It also includes the organization's FY17 achievements and how these map to the strategic objectives and goals, with sections detailing the accomplishments in each region.



[Read the announcement and explore the report.](#)

Board Member Integrity Screening

Cherine Chalaby, ICANN Board Vice Chair

I have no doubt that all of ICANN agrees that the ICANN community and the organization should expect Board members to hold themselves to the highest standards of integrity, and to uphold the reputation and credibility of the Board as a whole. To that end, I want to share with you the steps that we have, and will be taking, in this regard.

As can be seen from [Steve Crocker's blog](#), the Board has been considering the issue of Board member screening for some time. The Board Governance Committee carefully considered this matter in detail at its meetings on 11 October 2017 and 27 October 2017. Based on this input, the Board is taking several steps.

[Read more...](#)

Enhancing Transparency in Contractual Compliance

ICANN Contractual Compliance has published a new [Audit Program dashboard](#) to give the community a summary of audits completed dating back to 2013. The team will update this page regularly. Read more ICANN's efforts to enhance transparency in Contractual Compliance reporting in the recent [blog by Maguy Serad](#), ICANN's VP of Contractual Compliance.



Process Documentation Website Is Live!

The Process Documentation Initiative now has a [dedicated website!](#)

You'll find updated flowcharts and handbooks on policy development, advice, reviews, and the newly formed Empowered Community in all six U.N. languages.



DID YOU KNOW?

Exploring ICANN's Past

The [ICANN History Project](#) explores key events in ICANN's history and how ICANN has evolved over time - using videos, interactive timelines, and other resources. The project is preserving our institutional memory by recording the stories of key figures who helped shape ICANN. So far, the History Project has released two tracks:

- [ICANN's Historical Relationship with the U.S. Government](#)
- [ICANN's Earliest Days](#)

In a [recent blog](#), Brad White, ICANN's Director of Communications, North America, discusses the latest addition to the project's archive.



Reputation Block Lists: Protecting Users Everywhere

Dave Piscitello, VP of Security and Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Coordinator, ICANN; and Greg Aaron, VP Product Management, iThreat Cyber Group

Cybercrime is a constant problem. What many Internet users don't know is that the vast majority of users are being protected all the time by Reputation Block Lists (RBLs). RBLs are built into the Internet services we all use every day to keep harmful material out of your email inbox, warn you away from phishing attempts, keep viruses off your organization's network, and more.

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Members of the TF-AIDN

Making Progress with the Arabic Script in Domain Names

Ahmed Bakhat Masood, Chair, Task Force on Arabic Script Internationalized Domain Names (TF-AIDN)

The TF-AIDN is a community-driven working group. It was formed by ICANN's Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG) in 2013 to work on technical issues and solutions. The TF-AIDN promotes Arabic Script IDNs and their secure deployment.

Currently, the TF-AIDN has 35 members hailing from 18 countries across the globe, who also make up the Arabic Script Generation Panel. The members come from a variety of backgrounds - including linguistics, technology, and policy - and cover a wide range of Asian and African languages using the Arabic script.

[Read more...](#)



WATCH THE LATEST VIDEOS ON THE ICANN60 YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

Watch the ICANN60 Abu Dhabi Videos

We have posted 29 additional videos, including interviews with community leaders on a variety of topics:

- What is the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)?
- Asia, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) - Past and Future
- Nominating Committee
- Email Address Internationalization
- Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Update
- Universal Acceptance



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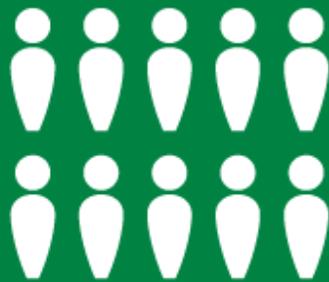
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Public sessions



Steve Crocker

Receives 2017 Leadership Award



1,909

Attendees



63

Fellows Alumni

15

NextGen@ICANN members

5

NextGen Ambassadors

5,620

Tweets with #ICANN60



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ICANN Meeting

in the Gulf Region



670

Photos taken



193,510

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1 Sand art performance by Shayma Almughairy



704

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1,290

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