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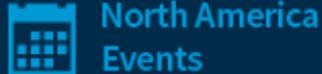
TOP STORY

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**.

ICANN NEWS

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. **Read more...**

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. **Read more...**

SPOTLIGHT

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!

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

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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**.

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.

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)

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🔔 **GDD UPDATE**

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**.

Global Consumer Research Study 🔍

Comment on the Proposed Amendment toAmending the Base 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?

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.**

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Forty-three new gTLDs delegated in June 2016

See the full list here: **https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings**

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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.

ARIN Fellowship Program Accepting Applications

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) is accepting applications for fellowships for ARIN 38 in Dallas, Texas, which will take place 20-21 October 2016. Apply here by 21:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on 31 July.

Attending an ARIN meeting as a fellow is a great opportunity to learn more about ARIN services and operations, meet industry peers and start voicing opinions in policy discussions.

Each Public Policy and Members Meeting, ARIN selects up to five individuals from each sector of its region to attend as part of its **Fellowship Program**. Fellows receive the following benefits:

- Hotel accommodations at the meeting hotel
- Round-trip economy class airfare to the meeting
- Small stipend
- ARIN Advisory Council or seasoned community member mentor
- Optional registration and hotel accommodations for the North American Network Operators Group (NANOG) or Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) when held in conjunction with an ARIN meeting

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