ICANN Stockholm Meeting

Report of the Vice President and General Counsel
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Independent Review Policy

• Independent Review Policy (Art. III, Sec. 4(b)) adopted 10 March 2000
• Supporting Organizations to appoint 2 members each to Nominating Committee
• Six appointments completed 10 April 2001:
  – Tim Berners-Lee (PSO, 2 years)
  – Scott Hemphill (DNSO, 3 years)
  – Olivier Iteanu (DNSO, 2 years)
  – Ching-Yi Liu (ASO, 3 years)
  – Joon Kook Park (ASO, 2 years)
  – Houlin Zhao (PSO, 3 years)
Independent Review Policy

- 22 May 2001—Notification of initial 9 IRP vacancies given to nominating committee
- 20 August 2001—Nominating committee to submit slate of 9 nominees
- Board to vote on whether to confirm slate
- Independent Review Panel to adopt rules of procedure
- Independent Review Panel in operation
VeriSign Agreement Update

• 2 April 2001—ICANN Board approves revised VeriSign Agreements with revisions (centralized Whois commitment, greater advance notice, $10000 license fee waived, sanctions program, etc.)
• 16 April 2001—Revisions implemented and agreements sent to Commerce Department
• 18 May 2001—Commerce Department approval (annual audits made mandatory, .net term reduced to 30 June 2005, possibly as early as 10 November 2003)
• 25 May 2001—Agreements signed
VeriSign Agreement Update

• Rapid phase-in of new provisions

• .org transition
  – 31 December 2002 turn-over
  – $5.0 million funding for non-profit operator by 2 October 2002

• Decisions required
  – New operator: selected/established?
  – If selected, how
  – Nature of operator’s relationship with ICANN—sponsored/unsponsored
  – Registry policies

• Proposed referral to DNSO, requesting interim report by 12 October 2001

• Decisions about operator by March 2002
New TLD Implementation

• Status of agreements
  – .biz, .info signed 11 May 2001
  – .name, .pro basic agreement approved in Melbourne; subject to 7-day posting once final appendices completed
  – .aero, .coop, .museum
    • agreement terms under discussion
    • some drafts provided
    • sponsors preparing draft appendices
    • common issues plus some separate issues for each TLD
New TLD Implementation

- Implementation schedule (.biz, .info)
  - .biz started trademark claim program 21 May 2001
  - .info starts sunrise registrations late June
  - Land-rush registrations
  - Delegation of TLDs for testing/evaluation (no problems expected)
  - Resolution starts 1 September for .info, 1 October for .biz
New TLD Implementation

- Re-accreditation of registrars
  - New form of agreement with riders
  - 80 registrars have signed
- Escrow program
- IETF provreg work ongoing
- Whois, performance reporting, etc.
- Public awareness
- TLD program evaluation