

Current developments in ICANN

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Identified priorities for ICANN (1/2)

- Complete the MoU Process with the US DOC
- Proactively ensure the future stability and security of root server system
- Substantially augment core IANA services and ensure they function effectively
- Efficiently introduce new gTLDs to increase competition in the domain name space
- Significantly expand available resources to assist developing nation Internet communities with education and technical coordination
- Meaningfully increase preparation of ICANN materials in multi-lingual formats

Identified priorities for ICANN (2/2)

- Actively promote consumer interests through information and service
- Effectively educate consumers on how to obtain resources for dispute resolution, consumer protection and law enforcement
- Considerably strengthen services to gTLD Registries to address their growing needs as new gTLDs are introduced
- Significantly strengthen services to gTLD Registrars to ensure a healthy, competitive marketplace
- Materially aid gTLD Registrars with managing consumer complaints

At-Large Organizing

- Implemented application approval process (first round of votes in December 2003, second round of votes in February 2004, All applications except one approved)
- 8 more applications received since Tunis, currently 10 accredited organizations under due diligence
- Current list of accredited At-Large Structures: Società Internet (Europe), Arab Knowledge Management Society (Asia/Aust./Pac.), Alfa-Redi (Latin America/Caribbean Islands), FITUG (Europe), Internet Society Luxembourg A.S.B.L. (Europe), Internet Society Bulgaria (Europe), Moroccan Internet Society (Africa), Anais.AC (Africa), Sudan Internet Society (Africa), Internet Society -Finland (Europe)

Sponsored TLDs

- The sTLD Application period has closed as of 16 March 2004
- New TLDs scheduled to be available in 2004
- Candidates: .asia (www.dotAsia.org), .cat (www.puntcat.org), .jobs (www.shrm.org), .mail (www.spamhaus.org), .mobi (www.mtldinfo.com), .post (www.upu.int), .tel (www.pulver.com), .tel (www.telname.com), .travel (www.ttpc.org), .xxx (www.iffor.org)

Internationalized Domain Names

- Guidelines for Implementation of IDNs (20 June 2003)
- TLDs implementing (or planning to) include: .com, .net, .info, .museum, .jp, .kr, .pl, .se, .no, .dk, .es, .de, .at, .ch, .li

.eu

- The European Commission chose EURid (www.eurid.org) to manage .eu domain names on May 2003
- The non-profit organisation EURid asbl/vzw was incorporated under Belgian law on 8 April 2003 and has its registered office in Brussels
- Public Policy Rules for .eu by the European Commission, 30 Apr 2004
- Sunrise period (phased registration) begins Dec 2004 (approx.)
- ISOC-ECC (Internet Society European Chapters Coordinating Council www.isoc-ecc.org) is an Associate member of EURid representing the European Internet users Community

Other current topics

- WHOIS Task Force preliminary reports. (Comment Period ends on 17 June)
- .net re-assignment (first Public Comment Period on Draft Criteria for .net ends on 18 June)
- The next round of ICANN meetings in 2004 will be held 19-23 July in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia