EURALO Prague 44 planning – ALAC Anniversary

Dear Silvia and Heidi,

thanks for your response and assistance offered for the follow-up of an EURALO event in Prague!

I think, with the recent Board mail and responses we found approval on:

- not having a Showcase in the regular sense,

- but for another type of "happening" like

- a policy debate (JJS) or

- an ALAC anniversary or birthday party with a retrospective ... (Wolfgang and many others).

And I do think that the last option is actually a GREAT idea and could be a valuable contribution from EURALO to the Prague meeting! Once we have a basic concept for this, we should announce this on the EURALO list but I don't think we really need an org. committee for this (what is usually an inclusive approach but we only get the "usual suspects" for it), and it will take much more time to get it organized and run.

Let me suggest the following:

- to create a small team (Wolfgang, Olivier, Annette - if available – Oksana, me and Staff – and others WELCOME),

- draft a basic concept (like a retro-debate suggested by Wolfgang: Wolfgang (15 min. input on At-Large history), commented by Andrew McLaughlin (to be contacted and invited) with further comments from Vittorio Bertola (as one of the European old-hands and Annette Mühlberg (as former ALAC chair) and Olivier as the current ALAC Chair. And I dare to suggest myself for the moderation?

We need a good (or suitable intro music (trailer) like Beethoven's "Freude schöner Götterfunke" and Antonin Dvorak, extracts from “New World” Symphony or the like,

besides some slides with basics or milestones on the ALAC history

(to be further defined by the team).

- invite the speakers incl. prior briefing on roles etc.,

- reflect and organize appropriate space / large room or even the plenary at the Prague venue (Staff),

- timing: suggest in the afternoon, e. g. Monday 16:00 PM,

- reflect and find one or two sponsors (like Dot.eu etc.),

- if we get around € 3'000 sponsoring, we can offer good drinks and snacks or cocktail party for the celebration afterwards,

- develop a good concept for promotion of the event with support of Staff

For organizing something like this, we do not need a broad org. committee (where only few are doing the work ;-)

These are just some of my thoughts -- to be submitted and discussed at our next monthly call ... (wouldn't do any announcement before).

Kind regards,

Wolf