EURALO Prague 44 planning – ALAC Anniversary

-- Planning schedule

As the idea to organize such an event at the ICANN 44 Prague meeting in June 2012 was approved at the EURALO monthly call on 24 April, this is a first outline of a planning schedule. Further details will be discussed and decided by the prep. or org. team.

**Members of the prep. or org. team:** Wolfgang, Annette (if available), Yrjö, Adela, Olivier, Oksana, Wolf and At-Large Staff.

**Timing of the program slot / event:**

Monday, 25 June 2012, 16:00 – 18:30

**Room requirements:**

100 people (minimum) plus, small stage (wishful) with armchairs, spotlight, screen and beamer for slide presentation, sound equipment for music (start and end of the info part)

**1st draft of concept for the info part (90 minutes) – to be discussed:**

Most members (not only) of the At-Large community are not aware about the early days and starting points of the At-Large history, its first representatives, selection and working procedures etc. (there was some discussion on “lacking legitimacy” etc. at the time). Therefore Wolfgang suggested some retrospects on the turbulent At-Large history – for the start of the info part. And Wolfgang (as the walking history book on ICANN history) would be the very best person for such an introduction. Followed by comments from Andrew McLaughlin from an early observer/reviewer perspective (to be contacted and invited). The early European ALAC representatives were Thomas Roessler and Vittorio Bertola, Sébastien Bachollet afterwards (from Asia Hong and Izumi and others to be verified for the slides). As suggested for the slides, there was a public At-Large voting process conducted in October 2000 with Andy Mueller-Maguhn (for Europe) and Karl Auerbach (for North-America) as elected ICANN Board of Directors members.

Annette Mühlberg, as former ALAC chair in 2006 was a crucial driving-force for the introduction and start of the RALO system (one of the intermediate achievements of the At-Large development) and more than 160 ALSes worldwide now. The At-Large Summit in March 2009 in Mexico-City was another crucial step in its development, leading to a broader recognition among other constituencies incl. the ICANN Board (decision on voting Board member, Seat 15 etc.).

“How we became what we are” would be the subtitle for the ALAC retrospective, followed by an assessment of the present state and outlook and vision of At-Large. This will be the part of Olivier as the current ALAC Chair. IMO, the speakers’ “presentations” (no speeches or usual read-out statements!) should not exceed 45 to 50 minutes to allow enough space for comments and further contributions from the audience.

Potential moderators for the info part: Wolf Ludwig or Yrjö Ländsipuro, or co-moderation.

The info part will be complemented by the **slide presentation** on “At-Large then and now”, slides with ALAC milestones (visual completion of the retro debate, see attached for discussion).

**Background music**: For the attunement, opening and the end of the info part and the cocktail party we should select some suitable music like Beethoven's "Freude schöner Götterfunke" (European anthem) and Antonin Dvorak, extracts from “New World” Symphony, Friedrich Smetana’s “Die Moldau” or the like.

**Next steps**: After deciding the concept (see above), we need to

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

- 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, announcement etc. of the event with support of Staff

These are some basic ideas to be discussed, modified, improved and approved by the EURALO org. team the next weeks (approval next monthly/May call – implementation afterwards).

Thanks and regards, Wolf