Report on ICANN Activity for November 2017

This report will mainly cover observations from ICANN60.

ATLAS III

This is the name for the next General At-Large Assembly, which was to take place in 2019 in Kobe, Japan (provided that funding is available).   Since then, we have heard a statement that it will be later in the year, in Montreal, but the messages were mixed.   We are waiting confirmation on this.

WHOIS/"Registrant Data System"

There were a number of meetings that touched on this. The "main" one was the Gereric Name Services Organization RDS/WHOIS policy meeting during which someone had actually suggested that the fundamental question was whether this is necessary

This particular meeting was to establish requirements for GTLD registration data and directly services. A couple of weeks ago, this policy group assigned small teams – 17 of them to explore the purposes of the various WHOIS data points. A list of purposes for the minimum public data set was developed and presented.

GDPR is a huge issue here. Enforcement of this can be anywhere.   WHOIS data vioates GDPR practices and will create problems when it starts being enforced. ICANN is seeking legal opinions on this.

Continuing Work on "ICANN Evolution"

Most remaining topics have been coveed – final reports are coming out for public comment.   But a remaining issue is that of Jursidiction There is still debate on a number opf issues involving working under US law while dealing with some countries.

A report is being readied for public comment – this report does have a dissenter who has a recom

The .AMAZON Top Level Domain Issue

The problem is that governments in the Amazon River region dispute Amazon's "corporate takeover" of their geographic region name.   There was a Governments Advisory Committee meeting on this which Amazon atteneded. Amazon presented firstly their legal view and then an olive-branch package that included permitting citizens of the region to register second-level domains like "rainforest.amazon.   Further, they would fund an effort to create a TLD like ".AMAZONA".

Reaction was mixed. Most delegates would at least discuss the package. One

delegate was not impressed at all and presented their view (rather loudly).
The meeting ended with a promise by region delegates to discuss the proposal.

DNSSEC KSK Rollover Postponement

There are a n umvber of ISP's that are not ready for the rollover.   The operation
of the rollovers at that level is decentralized.

There was a problem in that the postponement wasn't widely known until it
happened.   A communication plan is being developed to reach out to the
stakeholders.

Technology Task Force

A policy tracking tool is being developed to gather all of the progress
information into one place for presentation.

There is a staff initiative to implement a Document Management system to make
it practical to find documents in the ICANN system – the "Information
Transparency Initiative."

We are still looking for new conferencing solutions.   For group chat, ther are a
number of soluions that share common features.   Currently, SLACK and
derivatives are being considered

Other Technology Topics

Blockchains:

There are at least two projects exploring the idea blockchains as al alternative
structure for DNS.   This has drawn the interest of a number of groups, including
ISOC, who have a blockchain interest group.

This is interesting in that, if implemented, it would decentralize the DNS, and
there are ramifications to that..

Internet Health Indicators

There is work going on to develop metrics to measure the health of the Internet's
unique identifer systems.   A proposal is out for Public Comment. If requested, I
will provide a link to this.