

Communiqué of the 29th CENTR General Assembly and AGM

CENTR, the Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries held its twenty-ninth General Assembly and Annual General meeting on March 2nd and 3rd in London, United Kingdom. Over 60 participants from 29 different registries attended.

Three new board members were elected to the Executive Committee: Kim von Arx (.ca), Andrzej Bartosiewicz (.pl) and Richard Wein (.at). Richard was also appointed as Treasurer.

Departing board members, Hilde Thunem (.no), Michael Haberler (.at) and Marcel Schneider (.ch), were thanked for their service to the Executive Committee

Members voted in principle to accept an application for full membership from FO-umsitingin Faroe Islands, managers of the .fo ccTLD, and look forward to .fo becoming the 50th member of CENTR.

The participants received presentations on the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) by Markus Kummer (WGIG Secretariat), David Hendon (dti UK) and William Dee (European Commission). All three speakers encouraged ccTLDs to become more actively involved in the IGF and urged that they inform their government representatives of their positions.

The .pl and .uk registries gave presentations on recent legal cases they had been involved in and .se informed the audience on the experiences on DNSSEC deployment in Sweden. In addition, representatives of the ICM registry reported on the development of the proposed .xxx gTLD.

The IANA representative gave an update on initiatives that have begun to improve IANA's service to the community.

CENTR is currently reviewing future strategy and structure and members took part in sessions to identify future requirements in terms of activities and governance to assist in the review process.

The Chairman concluded the meeting with warm thanks to hosting member, Nominet, for their kind hospitality and a well-organised event.

Thanks were also expressed to the .cz registry for their kind offer to host the 2007 AGM in Prague.

The 30th CENTR General Assembly will be held in Madrid, Spain on 25th – 26th May 2006.