

## Chairman's Report

A.Bartosiewicz, 2008-02-22

Dear Members,

Just a few key issues...

Paris GA was another successful meeting for OUR organization, we focused on the real problems: technical / network security (early warning systems, anycast, DDoS attacks) and critical infrastructure, WHOIS. We accepted applications for membership from .TR and .SK. We are now stronger as the European regional organization!

**CENTR played** an active role in **Internet Governance Forum** in Rio (November 2007) organizing two interesting sessions. CENTR was visible during IGF, and those two sessions as well as the CENTR booth were perfectly organized thanks to our Members, General Manager and the Board.

**CENTR Board continued the tradition of having productive discussions with ICANN senior staff** during ICANN meeting in LA – this is a good example of direct communication between CENTR Board and ICANN Board. Both LA and India meetings were very productive for General Manager and CENTR Board.

During ICANN meetings, CENTR Chairman had also several other face to face meetings with ICANN staff, Chris Disspain (ccNSO), EU and USGOV representatives, regional organizations' top management and many more. Thanks to such meetings, we are able to exchange our opinions directly with key people within ICANN and other organizations.

I have to mention also that CENTR demonstrated **the ability to self organize and be able to draft a common position on NTIA response**. The debate was very painful, but the result is worth the time spent on this document. From my perspective it's important our voice to be heard. The next challenge is to have a learned input to the OECD Ministerial meeting scheduled in (June 17-18, 2008)

I have also to explain why I haven't been to India for ICANN meeting... The reason is my final PhD exams, which I had in the beginning of February 2008. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 I finally got "PhD" title, so I can now focus on CENTR and (of course, this is my primary job) .PL only ☺