

# At-Large Advisory Committee Report to the Board

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# Committee Activities

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- At-Large organizing
  - Outreach through mailing lists and website
  - At-Large Structure accreditation process
  - At-Large Structure applications
  - Two regional workshops in Rome
- Policy development
  - Three WHOIS task forces
  - Statement on registry services
  - WIPO-2
  - Public meeting in Rome
- More activities
  - WSIS

# At-Large Organizing

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- Implemented application approval process
  - First round of votes in December 2003
  - Second round of votes in February 2004
  - All applications approved except one rejected as ineligible
- Prepared “welcome package” for accredited orgs
- Started discussion list for At-Large Structures
  - Still to become truly operational
- 8 more applications received since Tunis
- Currently 10 accredited organizations + 6 applications under due diligence (in Tunis: 0 + 8)

# At-Large Organizing

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- Current list of accredited At-Large Structures:
  - Società Internet (Europe)
  - Arab Knowledge Management Society (Asia/Aust./Pac.)
  - Alfa-Redi (Latin America/Caribbean Islands)
  - FITUG (Europe)
  - Internet Society Luxembourg A.S.B.L. (Europe)
  - Internet Society Bulgaria (Europe)
  - Moroccan Internet Society (Africa)
  - Anais.AC (Africa)
  - Sudan Internet Society (Africa)
  - Internet Society - Finland (Europe)

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- Current list of applications under due diligence:
  - Internet Society Vasudhay Kutumbhkum (ISVK) - India (Asia/Australia/Pacific)
  - ISOC Taiwan Chapter (Asia/Australia/Pacific)
  - At Large @ China (Asia/Australia/Pacific)
  - National Information Infrastructure Enterprise Promotion Association, Taiwan (Asia/Australia/Pacific)
  - Internet Society - Catalan Chapter (Europe)
  - Asociación Costarricense de Derecho Informático (Latin America/Caribbean Islands)

# At-Large Organizing: Africa

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- African RALO Contact Group Set-up
- Website to publicize/coordinate African region activities is being developed
- Secretariat to support outreach & ALSs recruitment/mobilization activities is being set-up to be based in Accra
- Targeted outreach to increase number of ALSs is on-going and will be step-up leading to Kuala Lumpur and thereafter (revised schedule on reaching critical mass of accredited ALSs)
- Still hopeful to launch RALO in Cape Town or at minimum get enough ALSs and start the formation process

# At-Large Organizing: Asia/Aust./Pacific

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- APNG – started “AtLarge Committee”
- Outreach meeting at
  - APRICOT, Kuala Lumpur
  - AP\* meeting
  - APNG meeting
- ALAC conducting due diligence on 4 ALS applications from this region
- Planning organizing event in Kuala Lumpur to advance RALO

# At-Large Organizing: Europe

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- 2 more applications received
- Formal requirements for RALO already met
- Broadening the scope, schedule revised
- Mailing to around 40 “non-technical” organizations – some feedback received
- Aiming to start a founding group



# At-Large Organizing: LA & NA

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- Latin America/Caribbean and North America conducting outreach to variety of groups
  - Professional societies (e.g. engineers, attorneys, etc.)
  - Consumer advocacy and civil society groups
  - Computer user organizations
  - Others

# Policy activities: Registry services

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- Position on Jan 17th
  - Everything should be allowed unless proven harmful
  - Special attention to cases where market competition can't work
  - DNS must be application- and protocol-neutral
  - Changes that increase revenues for registries but dump costs on end users should be prevented
  - Registries should not exploit market dominance in their field to enter into other fields
  - Monopolies should not be established if competition is possible

# More activities: WSIS

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- Informal participation by some ALAC members in WSIS and in related events
- WSIS workshop co-organized here in Rome
- Very important that the ICANN community:
  - is informed about what is happening at WSIS
  - mobilizes local Internet communities
  - participates in the upcoming UN WG activities
- Statement released in the last weeks
  - Support for public-private partnership and ICANN
  - A couple of issues still need to be addressed
  - ALAC willing to participate in UN working group



# Thank you

**For further information:**

**ALAC Website: <http://alac.icann.org/>**

**ALAC Blog: <http://alac.info/>**