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Janice Douma Lange: Good morning. Wow, that's really cool. I got everybody to just be quiet all at once – that's really a lot of control and power and I like it. So everybody, good morning.

Participants: Good morning.

Janice Douma Lange: I love it. So if you haven't guessed by now, I'm Janice, the woman behind the emails and all the craziness.

[Applause]

Janice Douma Lange: Oh no. Thank you. I get sillier as the week goes if that's even believable. So I swear I'm going to have to get the hand-holds soon cause I can't really do this well. I just want to say welcome to everyone. I am beyond words of what it takes for all of you to get here from the time you fill out the application - and so many people say they have such nerves about filling that out – to just the whole travel, the logistics of juggling your jobs and your responsibilities and convincing your

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employers that this is the right place to be and just the whole experience of just getting here, arriving here and preparing for this week is really tremendous and I think it just needs to be recognized and I really appreciate everything that all of you have done to get here today.

This is going to be just a fantastic week - I can say that with 100% assurance. This is the five-year anniversary of the Fellowship Program, having started in San Juan in 2007 and since I was granted the privilege of taking this program over in Los Angeles in 2007, I have yet to have an experience that's less than brilliant and that's because the people that I am so blessed to receive in this program. So I have every assurance that this week is just going to be one more fantastic journey, one more fantastic adventure.

So I cannot wait for each one of you to stand up so I can finally take the picture from the page and put it to a person and then we can really, really start to get to know each other this week. The start is just a quick slide program. And I want to welcome anyone who is participating remotely as well. We have opened up the lines in the last year and a half so that we can remotely connect with our alumni of the program and anyone in the community who wishes to join us.

And even with that here in the room and in the Hilton Grand Ballroom where we'll be from Monday through Thursday - that room is also open to anyone in the community. So if any newcomers come in or individuals for a day decide that they would like to stop in and check out the program, our doors are always open.

So though we are a close family and we stay together for each session in the morning and in all of our activities, we truly want to open our doors to those who perhaps did not get into the program or were not aware of the program but really could use the extra information and the extra time and the presentations that we offer. So any time the room is full I'm happy and any time it's just all of us, I'm happy still.

So I'm just going to run through a couple of the basics of the program. The pictures – well, I just like them so I put them there – there's no real reason. That's the Marina del Rey office which we just moved out of. I don't have a picture of our new office. When we moved on the 15th, I was actually heading to the East Coast to visit family, so I haven't yet gotten there. We'll get one for you next time.

But that's Marina del Rey with the California fires about three years ago behind it which was pretty fantastic in a very tragic way. But the basics are that you get your breakfast at the Intercontinental like today. It is going to be rather strict because I do need everyone to get the early breakfast at 6:30. This may seem like a silly thing to start the Fellowship Morning Meetings with, but for us to start on time, for us to respect the presenters who take their time out of their day to come to our very early meeting, I need to you all to do whatever you need to do to be at breakfast at 6:30 there and be getting on a shuttle and being here by 7:15.

Some of the alumni will say I'm being very lenient with that since 7:00 a.m. was the norm, so 15 minutes I'm really giving a lot these days. So 7:15 gives us 15 minutes if anyone has questions; if anyone has something they need to discuss; if you need to do a quick email on the

laptop – you have 15 minutes to kind of get that done before our presenters start at 7:30.

One of my main rules is laptops down and I was a teacher for four years for third and fourth grade before I worked for Disney, before I worked for ICANN. So my teacher mentality rings through and I talk about it in the *Welcome to ICANN* Presentation later on this morning as well. Everyone feels that they have to come and take every word that anyone speaks in the entire session down or that you somehow aren't connected with the session – it's not that important – or you can multi-task – you're that good. You're not that good.

When you're here, especially as a Fellow – first, second or third time – the focus needs to be on the folks in the room and if your laptop is up – in my old school – the focus really isn't on the presenter and engaged with them and I want that to happen. Secondly, everything is recorded; everything gets a transcript, so you don't have to be nervous about losing that pearl of wisdom that is shared. First of all, if it's such a pearl, it's going to put itself in there. Secondly you'll find it again on transcript and on recording.

So relax, drink it in, take it easy, take in the experience of the session at that moment. Listen to the presentation; get ready to ask questions. The presenters come in ready to be asked questions. We have a very living room type attitude here in the Fellowship; it is your room all week; it's your family – feet up; you're relaxed and I want the presenters to come in in a very relaxed mode as well. I want them to feel as though we invited them into our home and we want to have a chat.

So when I go through the agenda – and I'll be sending you this PowerPoint so that you don't have to memorize it – when we go through the agenda, look at the different presenters and think about already, start to think about, "Wow, I've got individual, one-on-one – or 23-on-one – time with this individual on this particular subject. What are those questions that I would not want to get up in front of the public on a microphone on my first time to ICANN and ask but I have the privilege of asking in a small group?" So I want everyone to start thinking about questions for these presenters early.

And not only is the Fellowship room your home, but the conference room is. Two things about that – 1) I want you to understand if this is your first time here, you're already a member of the community. By use of the internet, by touching the keyboard with the end of your fingers, you're an end user and you're part of the community already. Once you've applied for the program and are accepted into the program, you've already found your place in the ICANN community. Once you register and are actually here in person, you're engaged; you're involved; your voice is already in a place to step up to the microphone.

So be at home here. This conference center for one week is your home. Secondly, Prague the city is not your home. It's a place to visit if you were a tourist. I want everyone to enjoy Prague; I want everyone to get the experience to go walking old town. I know you all have and at the time that those who have come early. But during the time...

[break in audio]

Male: ...Academy of Armenia and Manager of Cisco Networking Academy in Armenia. I'm also operating with NATO, a NATO Research Technology Organization, technical team member. My research is in the frame of cyber security issues. I'm from Armenia mafia and I'm glad to see that Siranush is also here. [laughter]

Siranush Vardanyan: Hello everyone. I'm Siranush. I'm happy to be here and representing two mafias from Europe and Asia/Pacific. I was a Fellow and I'm still feeling me always as a Fellow but I started in New Delhi in 2008 and after that my life with ICANN has a beautiful journey to Cairo, to Sydney, to Singapore. And then I was nominated as a NomCom member from Asia/Pacific and Australia from At-Large constituency whom you will have a chance to meet, both At-Large people and NomCom people.

So this year we have a huge task to select three Board members and community members for ALAC and for GNSO and for ccNSO. And you will learn more about that and this will give you also thoughts for future applying for those leadership positions within ICANN. So welcome too Fellowship.

Janice Douma Lange: Vanda has trained you well – we'll see that.

Karen Gamboa: Hello, my name is Karen Gamboa. I am from Costa Rica; I am Communication Advisor from .CR and this is my first time as a Fellowship. Thank you.

Shahzeb Ali Khan: Hello everyone; I'm Shahzeb from Pakistan. I'm a graduate in IT but fortunately or unfortunately I ended up as a professional corporate banker. So I started as a marketing awareness company for New gTLD which brought me back to IT world and I came to know about ICANN and ICANN has given me this opportunity to learn more and to spread the knowledge and to share my experience and to learn from all of you. So thank you ICANN and I would love to learn from every one of you. Thank you.

Beran Gillan: Good morning. My name is Beran Gillan; I'm from the Gambia. I'm the Vice President of the IT Association of the Gambia. I also sit on the committee that's responsible for getting re-delegating .GM domain back to the Gambia. We currently don't have it. I'm here under that note and I hope to learn as much from the Fellows, alumnis and all the presenters. Thank you.

Kashif Bhatti: Hello. Good morning everyone. My name is Kashif and I am an ICANN Fellow from Pakistan. This is my second meeting. I have attended my first meeting in Singapore last year. In Pakistan I'm working for Telecom Regulator in the capacity of Assistant (Inaudible) ITC. So looking

forward to educate myself from all of you and small tip to newcomers – try to absorb as much as you can and we’re here. Okay.

Maria Dolores Puy: Hello everyone. Good morning. My name is Maria Dolores Puy; I’m from Argentina [like Gabby]. It’s my second time as a Fellow here and my first meeting was in Cartagena. I’m a lawyer and a Notary Public. I come from the academia sector. I am also a PhD candidate in Argentina and an ISOC member, but first of all, I’m a Fellow. Thank you.

Aleksander IcoKave: Hello everyone. I’m Aleksander IcoKave from Macedonia. It’s nice to see you all here. I’m an attorney-at-law and sometime patent attorney. I’m anxious to learn as much as possible here. Thank you.

Ali AlMeshal: Hello. We used to... when we say hello in our country, the other need to respond to that, so I will not speak until you respond. Hello?

Participants: Hello.

Ali AlMeshal: Oh okay, that’s fine. My name is Ali, Ali AlMeshal; I’m from Bahrain and I believe I’m the only one from the Gulf region in the Middle East and I’m holding that nice shiny tiny meaning I am new. So I’m brand new to the ICANN and this is my first time, so don’t ask me anything about ICANN because I’m coming to learn from you.

If you can any questions to do with the [payment] industry, here's a guy you can ask about. I have 18 years of experience between business and IT, ITM business in the card [payment] industry – credit card fraud, risk security, hackers and business models as well. You can come and ask me. I'm representing Bahrain Internet Society Chapter. I'm the Board member there. I'm acting as a Director of Strategic Alliances and as I said, this is my first time. Please help me. Thank you very much.

Gary Campbell:

Good morning everyone. My name is Gary Campbell. I am from the beautiful Caribbean island of Jamaica, home of Usain Bolt. I work with the Ministry Board for the responsibility for ICT – I'm the Director of ICT. I'm also a Doctoral candidate with research focused on Open Source software. I look forward to an interactive and participative session with all of you guys. And if you're nice enough to me, perhaps I'll give you the secret behind Usain Bolt's speed. Thank you.

Fedor Smirnov:

Hello everyone. My name is Fedor; I'm from Moscow, Russia. Should I tell that I am from Russian mafia? Not sure. I am working in the area of marketing communication; I have worked for some time for the largest Russian registrar and so I was actively involved in everything that was going on in this area in Russia. Now I switch onto information security and I'm glad to participate in the Fellowship Program for the first time. Thank you very much.

Ibrohim Djuraev: Again good morning everyone. My name is Ibrohim Djuraev. I am from Uzbekistan, (Inaudible). I am working for UZINFOCOM IT Developing Center as a (Inaudible) Director. Also I'm coordinating activities of UZ domain, also working on information security issues and also on calibrating legacy nations. So I have also some questions to Ali. I think we will talk about these security issues. Thank you.

Daniel Dimov: Hello. I am Daniel Dimov; I am from Bulgaria and I am a PhD student in the Netherlands.

Sarmad Hussain: Hello everybody. My name is Sarmad Hussain. I am from Pakistan. I am a professor of computer science so I come from academia. And I've been an ICANN alumni – I am an ICANN alumni here... alumnus. My first meeting was back in Delhi in 2008 with Siranush. And most of my involvement with ICANN has been related to IDNs so if you have any queries about IDNs, I'll be most happy to answer them. And I also serve on SSAC which is the Security and Stability Advisory Committee at ICANN. Thank you.

Syed Iftikhar Shah: Morning everyone. This is Syed Iftikhar Shah from Pakistan. I'm working in the Ministry of Information Technology Division; and the mission of the Ministry of IT of Pakistan is to enhance the ICD in every walk of life. That's why we're working on the local content development. For the local content development, we take initiatives for the establishment of IDN ccTLD in our major local languages. In this

regard we work with the multi-stakeholders – (inaudible), IT, language experts. And I thank Mr. Sarmad – he’s leading us in Pakistan and he is very technical and very supportive from Pakistani community and especially from academia.

As I told you that I am working in the Ministry of IT, we work in local content development, as well as we are working in [ego admins] program. If any Fellows can share our experience in [ego admins] program, all is welcome. Instead of that, we are well in telecommunication sectors. We have a very authentic and very sound deregulation policy in telecom sectors.

We are also working on IPv6 transitions. Any Fellow who needs help in this regard, we are in good positions. I am also a researcher. I have different publications in IS area and any Fellows can share IS related research topics most welcome. Thank you. Information System.

Janice Douma Lange:

But what do you do in your spare time? [laughter]

Megaly Pazello:

My name is Megaly Pazello. I am from Brazil. It’s not my first ICANN meeting, but the first one... this is the second one, but the first one was ages, ages ago so I feel like it is the real first one because now I have much more knowledge about internet governance, much more knowledge about different issues that will be discussed here and very grateful to stay here. Thank you for being selected.

I work for... I have two hats. I work with [NGOs] in Brazil regionally and also at global level; with women's groups and also what we call in Brazil the Digital Cultural Movement. And also I am a Senior Fellow of a research group in Brazil at the Rio Janeiro University where I am in charge of the Internet Governance Research area. Thank you.

Yashar Hajiyev:

My name is Yashar Hajiyev. I'm third time visitor, participant of Fellowship Program. I am Head of Information [Policy] Centers in [Europe] in which I do the consulting to our ministry and to our Administrator of our national domain in Azerbaijan. Sorry, it's Azerbaijan. So I'm happy to be with you and I'm also in my country as well as you know that was capped off in our song contest on [Eurovision]. So if you have some interest in [modern conditions] of music so I'm the right person to be approached for that. Thank you. We are hosting last year a meeting for IGF also.

Zaur Zeynalov:

Hi everyone. My name is Zaur Zeynalov from Azerbaijan. Here are a lot of lawyers and I am also a lawyer in ICT law so I think we have other things to discuss. I used to work for Minister of Information Technology for Azerbaijan and I used to prepare some legal documents in ICT regulations and hope I will learn to get some information for my country here. Thank you very much.

Manuel [Rojas]:

Hello. My name is Manuel from Mexico. Actually I'm not in the Fellow Program but since this is my first time, I decided to join this meeting in

order to have a better understanding on a first-timer point of view. And I do stakeholder analysis in the ccTLD from Mexico, so I think I'll be joining you very much this week. Thank you very much. I think I'm the last one.

Natalia Enciso:

Hello, my name is Natalia Enciso. I am from Paraguay. I am a alumna and I am also a lawyer. I heard someone was a lawyer. And now I am an ALAC member. Welcome to ICANN.

Carmen:

Hello, my name is Carmen. I am from Paraguay as well. I'm (inaudible). This is my first time and I'm here just to get in touch and Natalia brought me. She is my dear friend, so she said a lot of things about you guys so I'm here to check it out.

Janice Douma Lange:

Is that our last in the back? Nobody was hiding? Good. Well, what I'd like to do now is to start with the ICANN regional managers and Save, I see you back there. Maybe we can ask you to just start and introduce yourself and maybe how you came into ICANN, but a little bit about the region and the important work going on?

Savenaca Vocea:

Okay, good morning all. My name is Savenaca Vocea. I'm originally from Fiji Islands in the Pacific. So I joined ICANN in 2006 October to be its Manager for Original Relations serving the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand. In that region there's about 27 ccTLDs so our work

involves being the front for ICANN as staff to take ICANN issues to the region, discuss them and also help in the outreach.

So most of the issues has been on redelegation from some of the island countries talking to regulators and governments who at that time did not participate fully in ICANN, so we've been able to bring in a lot of new GAC members from that region and also the formation of ALSs. We have one ALS from the Pacific Islands which is the Pacific Island Chapter of Internet Society and I'm glad to say that some of them are now active in ICANN to participate in the ALAC.

There is one Fellow from Fiji who's not here yet, but I think he's arriving this afternoon so you'll get to meet him and we'll get to talk more about the region. So I'll hand it over to Baher.

Janice Douma Lange:

Save, can I just ask you a question and I know the answer but I want to say there are actually a couple Fellows who are discussing redelegation and how with Botswana has had... There's no simple answer – I know that from five years - but what advice could you give? You mentioned you try to work with regulars; you try to work with it. What advice could you give if someone's going through this process?

Savenaca Vocea:

Yes, when we get questions about redelegation I think one of the issues that we do talk about is so what's wrong with the current model and what's the motivation behind their wanting a redelegation. And also for them to understand the processes that's in ICANN and that there is no one right model in the redelegation process.

So once we get to sit down and talk about that and they realize, okay, why are they really wanting this to happen. Some of the motivations behind them is that they think there's a lot of money to be made in ccTLDs and how it could improve on the ICT sector and so we've got to look at the markets and also talk to them about really what's motivating them to have this redelegation, cause it's issues about who's the current manager, who's the current trustee and how is it being managed at the national level.

Baher Esmat:

Hi. Good morning. My name is Baher Esmat. I come from Egypt. I have been involved in internet since 1993 and I joined ICANN in early 2006. So in my late job with the government, the Ministry of Communications, Information, Technology in Egypt, I got involved in the WSIS – the World Summit on the Information Society process and particularly the internet governance part of this process.

And in late 2005 ICANN was about to start what we call the Global Partnership Team where ICANN wanted to have one regional manager in each and every region. So they approached me about joining to work as the Regional Manager in the Middle East which I accepted and I started with ICANN in early 2006.

And ever since then I've been involved in internet and ICANN issues, domain names, IP adversaries, etc. in the region. So the Middle East, my region, actually spans from Egypt all the way to Pakistan and I'm very glad to see many Fellows from Pakistan at this meeting. I'm very glad for that.

And ICANN declared that Egypt is part of the Middle East because my colleague, the African Region Manager – she’s not here – and she keeps fighting with me because she – and she’s right. Egypt is part of Africa, but still I’m Egyptian and that’s also a part of the Middle East. So I’m very glad to be with you here this week. If you need anything, I’ll be happy to help

Also in addition to my responsibility for the Middle East, I’m also working with Nigel on leading on the IGF and the internet governance project from the ICANN side, so anything on this topic as well, I’ll be happy to help to answer any questions. Thank you.

Janice Douma Lange:

Baher, could I ask you what effect – and this is one of the classic like press questions and I don’t mean it that way; I mean it very sincerely – the continual uprising in Cairo – we had such a moving presentation by Amr in San Francisco about the impact in Cairo of the uprising. But now if it continues, what is the impact on the internet; what is the impact on the work with shifting fans of government and who’s in charge. What kind of effect does that have on the work that you’re trying to do and what’s going on?

Baher Esmat:

Well, it has an impact on different levels and part of the impact is positive; part is negative. On the positive side we’ve see many people connecting to the internet in the past 18 months, even in the older generation like my parents’ generation. They wanted to get to Facebook and see what’s going on and actually the past year I witnessed

the highest growth in number of users in Egypt in the past decade like 20-25% increase in use and that's good.

Now the other side of the coin is that government is paying more attention to what's going on. They somewhat wanted to get more – not necessarily control, but at least more understanding of what's going on. There have been many discussions on the legal aspects like to amend laws and regulations with regard to free-flowing information; with regard to cyber security and so on.

Again, the good side of this is that many of these discussions involves people from the business, from the civil society so the multi-stakeholder model is kind of you know, working and that was not necessarily the case in the past. So there has been impact.

Also on particularly in relation to ICANN, some of the work that started like 3-4 years ago has somehow got delayed like the IDN ccTLD of Egypt which was launched back in 2010 and the land rush of the Society and ccTLD was supposed to start off in the beginning of 2011 exactly at the same time when the revolution started off. And everything was kind of put on hold since then so that is not a very good development.

So yeah, there has been impact. Some is good; some is bad, but I think the overall result is going to be positive. Many people are more and more interested in the internet in getting access and understanding what the internet can do, not only to their work and professional career, but even to their day life and activities and that's very good.

Male:

So hi, [saying hello in various languages]. I'm [Vinnie]. I was born in Macedonia and then I lived for some years in Bulgaria looking where to move next. And once I managed to achieve Bulgaria to become a free and democratic country, I decided that I need to get to another country to make it free and democratic, so I moved to the U.S. seven years ago and the results are clear. George Bush is not the President and the U.S. is not in Iraq and is taking out of Afghanistan. So you know.

I've been around ICANN for quite a while. I'm representing ICANN in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and before that I was on the ICANN Board and I'm chairing the Bulgarian Internet Society so I was immediately thinking that we should do something with Bahrain, a brotherhood and relationship and we can immediately sign some agreement here.

Don't ask me any questions cause already so many people told you that you can ask them anything, so I feel like – good – there are other people who are willing to help. I'm very happy actually that this is the first time ever we have somebody from the Macedonian Civil Society so to speak as a Fellow. We only had one before and that was the Minister of Information Society who was here. Oh yes – Sasha, yeah.

And I'm also happy to see another fellow Bulgarian although I didn't know you live in the Netherlands, otherwise I would have probably reconsidered. [laughs] But we need a couple of Bulgarians from Bulgaria cause they keep on blaming us that we are the Balkan mafia and unlike anybody else who here was saying, "We are the Latin mafia," or whatever mafia, just open the latest issue of the foreign policy, I think, or was it the foreign affairs? Sorry, the Foreign Affairs magazine

where there is the main article is the mafia states and you can read a lot about Bulgaria.

So unlike you guys, we have a former mafia guy as the Prime Minister, so that's an achievement which you still need to catch up to to get there. [laughs] Half jokingly, if any... Is anyone here from France? No? From Italy? Yeah, yeah, I know. I know there is a guy from the United Kingdom who will be speaking shortly hopefully. He's the Vice President for Europe.

So tonight if England wins, don't forget to congratulate him and tomorrow if England loses tonight, don't mention it because they were expecting it's gonna lose before which is disqualifying us of the European Championship. I don't know. Any questions or I covered everything?

Janice Douma Lange:

I don't know what to do with you. [laughs] You leave me nowhere to go because it'll end up with a comment that I maybe don't want to have happen. [laughs] We love you.

Male:

Okay and I'm passing the mic to Nigel Hickson who is the VP for Europe.

Nigel Hickson:

Well you know, I have the privilege of being able to do something about him because he works for me, so if anyone wants to see him next year, put up your hands and if you don't, you know, [laughs] we can take the necessary action.

Well good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I stand before you as a newcomer as well, although I was in Costa Rica I didn't really understand Costa Rica. Well, I understood the place cause it was very nice and I even understood the buses. But I didn't really understand what was going on in Costa Rica at the ICANN meeting.

I only joined ICANN in March so this is my second meeting; I'm very glad to be here. Indeed I worked for most of my career - as you can see I've had a very long career - and I worked in government. So I got away for 30 years without understanding anything and without really doing anything important at all. So I'm uniquely qualified to come to ICANN I think. [laughter]

Yeah, yeah. All they said is, "You're gonna work in global partnerships," and I said, "Well, you know, what's global partnerships?" And they - very serious - "Well, you've got to represent the community; you've got to represent ICANN in the community; you've got to get everyone involved in the community. The community needs to come to you to find out what's going on."

And I said, "Well, what does that mean?" And they said, "Well, you've got to talk to people." I said, [laughing] "That's no problem, is it?" [laughter] You know, talking is no problem at all as long as I don't have to understand much, you know. So yeah, so I'm ideally qualified and it gives me great pleasure to be a Vice President.

I don't know what a Vice President is but I have wonderful people working for me cause I have Vennie and Baher and at the moment I'm also responsible for sort of Europe whatever that is and that includes

the Middle East because of the Eurovision Song Contest and so Europe is expanding of course.

I'm also at the moment taking a responsibility for Africa which I think is further down, isn't it, you know sort of across? And unfortunately Anne-Rachel is not here. It's a shame that you can't meet Anne-Rachel because she is expert in everything, so she's working for me at the moment and she covers the whole of Africa.

So what does global partnerships do? Well, I sort of flippantly said what we do to an extent and other people will tell you much more seriously, but we truly believe in global partnerships cause we've got no other choice. No, we truly believe in global partnerships that ICANN needs to be global. We're the global voice if you like for ICANN.

And it's a two-way street. We want to go out into the community and tell people about ICANN and that's if you like, you're a part of that flock, if you see what I mean because we rely on the whole community to get the message out there of what ICANN is about. So that's the first bit, you know, really getting people to understand about ICANN cause you hear so much crap about... oh, crap – I'm not allowed to say that word.

You hear so much inaccuracy about ICANN, don't you? You hear so much is written about ICANN which is wrong. I mean some is right but most of it is wrong. So part of our role is to try and educate people about ICANN, to tell them what it's really about.

But the other important part of global partnerships is to understand what's going on in the community; to understand what governments are thinking; what institutions are thinking in Europe; I have to talk to

the European Commission in Brussels which is a great pleasure; I have to talk to the ITU which is an even greater pleasure. And there's lots of institutions we have to talk to; we have to understand and we have to feed that back to ICANN.

We're on the Executive Team – the Vice Presidents are on the Executive Team. You'll hear from the others who are more qualified than me in a minute. And on the Executive Team of course we feed into the ICANN Board and we try and represent the global interests on the ICANN Board.

And so it's so fantastic to see so many of you and you're all so qualified, aren't you? I mean no one has just stood up and said you know, they just did this or did this. I just sort of went to school and then joined the government and I'm here, but most of you have actually done real jobs. [laughs] I mean it really is great to talk to you.

One issue of course that we are dealing with and it's been mentioned is the whole issue of multi-stakeholder approach and you're going to hear more in the week about multi-stakeholder approach and what institutions we partner with, so I'm not going to talk about the ITU or the WCIT or the WTPF, but I will want you to understand all those acronyms by the end of the week and there'll be a test.

But fundamentally it doesn't matter about any of these institutions. What it really matters about is the internet and what the internet can do for people and society and globally. And we truly believe that what the internet can do – the internet does so much better when we're all involved in this particular equation; when we're all at the table; when

we're all discussing what the internet can do for a global society and that's truly the multi-stakeholder approach.

So thanks very much. I don't understand this reference to football, but I'm sure the best team will win. Thank you. Rodrigo.

Rodrigo de la Parra: Good morning.

[French interpretation]

Rodrigo de la Parra: ...and it can be overwhelming to attend an ICANN meeting, it really is. And it's very hard to understand how it works and to sail in this sea of acronyms and the GNSO and everything, so it's quite complicated.

So here in the Fellowship Program everything has been in a way resolved so you just sit down – we have to be very early though so that's not a problem. You take breakfast and you sit down, relax and everybody will come to you instead of you going to everybody and every single constituency group or AC or SO and then hopefully by the end of the week you will be able to manage an ICANN meeting and we sincerely hope that you can engage in the ICANN community.

So welcome everyone. I'm glad to see so many familiar faces and coming back faces and of course, people from the region. I'm happy to have you here again. Thank you, gents and I will hand it to Xiaodong Lee which is our Vice President for Asia.

Xiaodong Lee:

Thank you, Rodrigo. I think you are so lucky and welcome to ICANN because I cannot be a Fellowship because now I act as staff of ICANN (Inaudible) for Asia. I remember 10 years ago I joined my first ICANN meeting in Shanghai, I hosted the meeting. So I just think what is ICANN?

And even I joined ICANN I don't know what ICANN really is. I'm not sure what kind of conclusion you will make after you join the one-week ICANN meeting so maybe you think, "I love ICANN," or "I hate ICANN." Maybe you love ICANN – you love the drink, you love the music – it's nice, right? Yeah.

Yeah, you can ICANN. So you know my conclusion is I hate ICANN because there's a lot of discussion, lot of meetings, even you join ICANN for many times, you cannot get involved in the discussion because you need to know more about ICANN.

You even I join ICANN for many years so every time I hear ICANN, then last year I joined ICANN because I hate ICANN. So [laughs] you know I not only hate ICANN; I also hate Bahar steal the Middle East from Asia. Also I hate [Vinnie] because [Vinnie] steal Russia from Asia, and also I hate [Enedra. Enedra] steal Africa from the world.

Because my home country's China, they say that China and Africa is very good friends, right? But I think I am lucky. I serve the various regions for Asia/Pacific. I think, "Asia/Pacific?" Rodrigo, isn't Latin America near the Pacific? [laughs]

ICANN is very eventful even for the comedians. Also ICANN is a wonderful executive team. So today they're having the (Inaudible) is for North America because there's no fellowship from North America, right? So all us VPs really take care of that region for ICANN. Maybe in future days another VP to take care of Africa.

So I think from my personal point of view, I think you're lucky and it's also lucky for ICANN because you are the Fellowship. We connect you; you connect the world; you can look at community and it is a very good opportunity for you to understand ICANN and also it's a very good opportunity for ICANN to understand your region, your community. So thank you, thank you, thank you very much.

Janice Douma Lange:

I probably shouldn't ask you this, but I just will. So do you see ICANN having an office in Asia or do you see more of a remote visit type of a situation for ICANN in Asia?

Xiaodong Lee:

Yeah, you know ICANN now have the office in Monterey, D.C. and also have office in Brazil and we also have an office in Asia/Pacific in Sydney; (inaudible) is not staying in Sydney. ICANN has a plan to have an Asia/Pacific office in Asia but it's not decided in which country. And it's maybe Singapore or Hong Kong, an economic place so it's up to the Board.

But I do believe we will have an office in Asia because Asia has 60% population and also 40% of them are users. There's no doubt that ICANN will pay more attention to Asia region, so at least I hope. Around

here, especially for the Fellowship in Asia/Pacific, you can give some suggestions, also make contribution to this Asia/Pacific office. Thank you.

Janice Douma Lange:

I put you on the spot there. Thank you so much to the managers and to the vice presidents and as I say those two titles, let me just say Fadi, our new CEO – when he talked to staff yesterday, he talked to us about a very open door policy and it kind of means you throw the titles away. And Nigel – he needs his – he needs to feel good about himself, so let him have that. [laughs]

But never be put off by a title here in ICANN at the week. I am blown away. I have gotten to read all of your applications; I understand the quality; I understand who we have in this room, but your titles don't matter so much now, Just like out there with ICANN community and staff. Don't worry about the title, "Can I go up." This badge means you go up; you go up and you talk to staff; you talk to community leader; you talk to a Board member, so I just thought it might be important just to say that here. There are no boundaries on conversations in the hallways or whatever. If you... Well, I'll go into that in the Welcome to ICANN, so I won't do that here.

We have two alumni that have not been able to introduce themselves so from behind the camera.

Tatiana Chirev: Oh, me? Hello everyone. I'm a photographer here. My name is Tatiana Chirev. I was a Fellow myself. I had a great experience. Now I'm a Fellowship Committee member and I'm happy to see you all here.

Janice Douma Lange: And the one, the only Tracy Hackshaw.

Tracy Hackshaw: Hi. [laughs] Hi everyone. Tracy Hackshaw from Trinidad and Tobago. I'm a three-time Fellow and I guess this is the kind of fourth time according to Janice. I'm a member of the GAC and just left a GAC meeting to squeeze in this so I'll see you guys around hopefully, alright? Good morning, have a good time.

Janice Douma Lange: Tracy's my music night hero as well. So I am going to just say we're going to wrap this up cause everyone's going to need a bit of a break. No, did I say you could talk? [laughs] So we're going to take a bit of a break. I do have some gifts and prizes for our Fellows. For those others who are here visiting with us, if you'll just let me first take care of our Fellows and if I have some extras, I'm more than happy to share because anything that says Fellowship that you're carrying or have that's good news for me and for the program.

And we're just so happy that those of you who just walked in this morning joined us. We're just so happy. Come every day; come talk to us and share the experience. Several of the Fellows started that way.

They just walked in and here we go. (Inaudible), what would you like to say, baby?

Male: I want to ask people working on IPv6 because it is my field of interest, so Fellows who are working, please let me know so we can share our knowledge.

Janice Douma Lange: That's very great of you. So we will stop our live stream right now and...

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