Slate of 2020 APTLD Board Candidates

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Brent Carey

**Organization:** InternetNZ

**Position:** Domain Name Commissioner

Brent Carey is the Domain Name Commissioner, part of the InternetNZ group responsible for the regulatory, compliance and dispute resolution functions of the .nz domain name space. Before his appointment, he was the Commission's Chief Operations and Policy Officer after returning from Australia to New Zealand where he was a Senior Manager for the Victorian Telecommunication Ombudsman's office.

Brent has over 20 years’ experience in regulatory, compliance, public relations and legal enforcement roles and has worked in Australia and Asia.

Brent has been active in various international domain name and Internet forums including:

- the legal and regulatory working group of CENTR
- the Internet and Jurisdiction Policy Network
- the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum and
- the CCNSO at ICANN

He has for the past 18 months been on the CCNSO’s PDP Retirement Working Group.

He is a life member of the Australian Privacy Foundation and a member of Veski Connection a leading group of scientists and business leaders committed to supporting the State of Victoria’s science and innovation communities.

He is a member of the International Council for Online Dispute Resolution. In New Zealand he is an Associate member of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators and a member of the New Zealand Institute of Company Directors and the New Zealand Marketing Association.

He is a Founder of Agribusiness Green Meadows Beef which does business in New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Singapore and South East Asia.

Brent has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University of Wellington and a graduate certificate in Dispute Resolution (Industry) from Box Hill Institute, Australia. You can find out more about his professional background on his LinkedIn profile [https://www.linkedin.com/in/brentpcarey](https://www.linkedin.com/in/brentpcarey)
Statement

Dear APTLD members and friends,

I am ready to serve you as one of the candidates for the four vacant Board positions. I will work hard to ensure APTLD has good strategy and governance approaches and strong engagement with its members.

I am excited by the prospect of helping APTLD make decisions about where best to spend its resources to support the region’s efforts.

.nz has been a strong supporter of the APTLD community from its beginning, and understands the history of the organisation and its desire to continuously improve what it does.

I have been an active member of the APTLD community on behalf of .nz since Debbie Monaghan stepped down as Commissioner presenting at various meetings on issues such as law enforcement and dispute resolution and working on governance issues.

I have been a member of APTLD’s working groups most recently the Working Group on Development of the Transparency and Accountability Framework which delivered a new framework that was adopted by the Board for APTLD.

I am also an active member of the Events Committee working hard to bring the community APTLD’s meeting in September 2021 which will be held in the Pacific nation of Fiji.

Through APTLD networks I have also developed a number of interdependent and reciprocal relationships. For the past while I have been information and resource sharing under a Memorandum of Understanding arrangement with other ccTLDs including Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea. These relationships were born out of involvement in APTLD and have helped with the management and administration of each of our Country Code Top Level Domains.

I think APTLD has done a great job to foster these type of interdependent relationships. I think more of these types of arrangements and facilitating short term secondment/study tour opportunities between registries would strengthen the overall Asia Pacific ccTLD community.

I want to work together with our community to better APTLD and our organisations individually and collectively. I especially want to make sure that the fellowship program and training days build and nurture the community’s technical, policy and dispute resolution skills. I further want to help APTLD with its decision regarding whether to reincorporate in a new jurisdiction.

I am enthusiastic, hard working, respectful and a team player who likes to think about the future and add value where it matters.

I am an active member within many online related organisations such as ISOC Asia Pacific and NetSafe. I hope to bring ideas from how these member organisations engage with their
I have lived and worked across the Asia Pacific region including in Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Australia. Living and working in different cultures has provided me with a unique opportunity to experience different ways of working, communicating and collaborating. I firmly believe in consultation and cooperation and professionally working well together for a better APTLD and to reach common goals.

I am finishing my working group activity as part of the CCNSO’s work on the retirement of ccTLDs which will give me more time to give back to my own region the APTLD community and help ensure a well governed APTLD.

I believe I have the right experience and can devote the required time to this position to make a difference and would be honoured by your support of my nomination.
Prof. Gihan V. Dias

**Organization:** LK Domain Registry

**Position:** Domain Registrar and CEO

Prof. Dias graduated from the University of Moratuwa in 1985 and was awarded a doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the UC Davis in 1992.

In addition to serving as the Domain Registrar of the LK Domain Registry from its inception, he is also a Professor in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

He has initiated several new services at the LK Domain Registry including TechCERT – Sri Lanka's first and foremost computer security readiness team, IDNs, DNSsec, Internet Presence services, security services, etc. Under his leadership, the Registry has conducted the successful BestWeb competition for over 10 year.

He is currently the Vice Chair of APTLD, and has worked with the Chair on numerous initiatives to improve APTLD.

He has assisted many public and private organisations to build, secure, and make best use of their computer systems. He was inducted to the Internet Hall of Fame in 2013.

**Statement**

APTLD serves the largest geographical area and number of ccTLDs and has grown in strength and influence in the past few years.

If elected, my main priority would be for APTLD to continue to serve its members. It would provide more and services to its members. It will become closer to its members by organizing more events in each of its regions. APTLD will become a respected player not only in the TLD space but also in the entire Internet arena. It will build co-operation with regional TLD associations and other relevant organizations. APTLD will also be alert to threats (technical, domain industry and government) to ccTLDs and take proactive action to avoid them.
Datuk Hasnul Fadhly bin Hasan has been appointed to the Board of Directors for APTLD since 2018.

He is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MYNIC Berhad which is an agency under the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia.

He has been working in various companies from multi-nationals, research and development industries, and small entrepreneur companies for more than 20 years. Many of the varied experiences gave him a good understanding of the different nature of the companies in terms of how it operated and how it can be successful in any size of the organizations. He takes pride in what he does and believe in the growth and development of the company and the teams he engaged with.

As a strategic leader, he oversaw the transformational aspect of the company to ensure growth and sustainability. Focuses on the transformation of corporate culture and global practices that emphasizes on customer experience and service delivery. He also is passionate in enabling Malaysians to be a part of the global Digital Economy.

He holds a degree in Computer Engineering from Vanderbilt University, USA.

Statement

Being in the board of APTLD, it gives a great view of the inner working of a diverse group of ccTLD operators. It also helps for us to be mindful that as APTLD grows in memberships and reputation, we need to establish better clarity and governance to ensure the consistency and sustainability of the organization can be maintained.

The area of exposure and showcasing the value of APTLD must also be heighten so that the members and the public am aware that APTLD's contribution to the society at-large. More focus on enablement is key to strengthen ccTLDs in the Asia Pacific region. APTLD can be the catalyst through the focus groups and enablement programs. Showcasing ccTLDs is also an important value since everyone can learn from other ccTLDs success and failure.
I believe more strategic focus on branding and structured enablement programs are key towards building the brand value of the organization.
Erhan Karabardak

**Organization**: .PG & Cooper Mills Lawyers

**Position**: .PG Advisor & Cooper Mills Lawyers Director (Lawyer and Registered Trade Marks Attorney)

Erhan Karabardak is a senior lawyer, and trademark attorney. Erhan is recognised as a leading trademark and domain name professional and is regularly engaged to provide expert advice and commentary on trademark and domain name issues. He is an author for a leading legal publication writing about trademarks and domain names. He acts for a range of clients both Australian and internationally based, including well-known global brands, with over 20 years’ experience.

Erhan also has experience in cyber security, having completed a cybersecurity studies with Harvard University and served as part of .au Domain Administration (auDA) risk committee managing risks including cyber security risk to the .au ccTLD. Erhan has served as a director and board member of auDA, is a former Chairman, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Since retiring from the auDA Board, Erhan has become an adviser to .PG.

**Statement**

During my time on the APTLD Board I have helped improve governance and accountability structures, including overseeing the implementation of the accountability and transparency framework. I have been part of the Board that has overseen the continued growth of APTLD, to become the biggest regional organisation of its kind. I have also been instrumental in assisting management with legal affairs, arranging speakers for APTLD member events and securing sponsorship for a member meeting.

As the only lawyer on the APTLD Board, I believe that my legal background, motivation and long standing involvement with ccTLDs brings a unique skill set to assist in the further development and enhancement of APTLD. There is a lot more to do, particularly to further strengthen member services, I ask for your support to continue. If you have any further queries feel free to contact me at ek@cm.com.au
Mr. Shubham Saran has been the General Manager for National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) since August 2016. He is a qualified Service and Result Oriented professional in ICT & Telecom Industry.

During his tenure as the GM of NIXI, he steered some of the key projects and reforms across Internet Exchange, National Internet Registry and ccTLD Registry.

He handled and coordinated the team during the ICANN 57 at Hyderabad being the host of the event.

He is responsible for expansion of new Internet exchange points in the country, amendment of the policy to open the Internet exchange for any entity having an AS number.

For .IN Registry, he managed the Migration of Technical Service Provider (TSP). Presented the same at ICANN66 Montreal highlighting the largest migration in terms of maximum number of TLDs – 16 (.IN + 15 IDNs) Basis this has also extended support to other ccTLDs seeking inputs on migration.

He is contributing to the APTLD community also as member of the ‘Laos IDN task force.’ He was also a member of The Neo-Brahmi Script Generation Panel (NBGP).

Presently he is working towards the use of Internet for inclusive growth and development of multi-lingualisation in the Indian context and the roll out of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in rest of the official Indian languages.

He has also actively contributed as Member of some of the committee’s in the country on issues like IPv6 transition in India, Root Server etc.

He is also actively involved in NIXI’s integral role in the Internet Governance by supporting events like INNOG (Indian Network Operators Group), inSIG (Indian School of Internet Governance) etc.
Statement

Once I am elected and get the opportunity to serve, then along with the other members will continue to work towards the objectives of APTLD. I strongly believe that APTLD community must work coherently, enabling and learning from each other thereby further strengthening the community. I will bring in my experience in policy development activities related to ccTLDs and IDNs in Indian context and would like to contribute to our APTLD diversified community. As regional body we represent the largest Internet user base and if we continue to work the way community is working, we will be able to contribute not only to our members but also to the global community.
Prof. Yudho Giri Sucahyo

Organization: PANDI (.id Registry)

Position: President

President of PANDI (.id Registry) and also Professor at Faculty of Computer Science – University of Indonesia, has bachelor degree and master degree in computer science from University of Indonesia, and doctorate degree in computer science from School of Computing - Curtin University of Technology, Australia.

He is also a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), and ISO 27001 LA (Lead Auditor). He is also serve as Academic Relations Coordinator at ISACA Indonesia Chapter, Network Associates at Development Implications of Digital Economies (DIODE) Strategic Research Network and Academic Advisory Council of The Asia Pacific Institute for the Digital Economy (APIDE).

Statement

In 2019, under Yudho’s leadership, PANDI received a certification on ISO/IEC 27001:2013 while still maintaining its ISO 9001:2015 certification. Also in 2019, Yudho led Transparency and Accountability Framework Development Working Group to develop Transparency and Accountability Framework for APTLD. His academic background as professor at the best university in Indonesia, his several international certifications on IT Audit and Information Security, and his experience as scholar in prominent digital economy organizations will be valuable to increase the role of APTLD in contributing to the development of internet ecosystem in the region.

It is time to make synergy among APTLD members, less developed Registries should be able to learn from more developed Registries, more mature Registries should help less mature Registries. Together, let's make a better digital world.
Wilson, WONG Ka-wai

Organization: Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited (.hk Registry)

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Wilson Wong Ka-wai is the Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited ("HKIRC"). A veteran of over 25 years in sales and management experience in private and public companies, Wilson is helming HKIRC in strategic business development and operational rhythm. Wilson is also responsible at the highest level for furthering HKIRC’s mission to promote Hong Kong as an international centre of e-commerce, and to encourage a better understanding and more effective use of the Internet and related technology in Hong Kong and across the region.

Before joining HKIRC, Wilson was the General Manager of IT Industry Development Division of Hong Kong Productivity Council, overseeing HK IT Management Consulting, Cyber Security, Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team (HKCERT), Software Development, Business Process Management and Management Information System (MIS) functions. Wilson also held various key management positions in SAP Hong Kong and Microsoft Hong Kong.

Wilson currently sits on the Smart Lampposts Technical Advisory Ad Hoc Committee of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, providing expert views in smart city development in Hong Kong and 5G mobile network implementation. Wilson is also serving as a member of the Security Service of NGC Steering Committee of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the federation of non-government social service agencies of Hong Kong.

Wilson holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration (EMBA) from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Statement

I am seeking election to the APTLD Board with the aim to contribute to the growth and elevation of members’ participation among the Asia Pacific ccTLD communities. It is the mission
of APTLD to work as the forum of information exchange regarding technological and operational issues of domain name registries in the region, and I hold strongly that for a forum to function at its best, every member’s input and voice counts, in particular, when international-facing policy matter concerns.

One thing I consider to be my strength would be the vast background regarding policy steering I have been involving in public sectors, together with my ample business development and management experience gained in the information technology industry over the years. This enables me to possess the right balance of down-to-earth business and technical acumen, together with the ability to communicate with different parties in a synchronized and understandable language.

I look forward to serving the APTLD communities, and ultimately, fostering our members to be proactively involved in the regional and global Internet fora.