MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF APTLD
HELD ON MARCH 1 1999 AT SUNTEC
CITY DOWNTOWN SINGAPORE AT 1300

The meeting was chaired by Prof Kilnam Chon (Korea).

APOLOGIES: No apologies were received.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of the last annual general meeting were not tabled.

AGENDA: The agenda for the AGM was presented by Prof Chon and approved.

Reports:

Reports on the joint meeting on multi lingual names and DNS, APTLD workshop on DNS and APTLD country report on government roles were not discussed as most delegates were present at the meetings.

1. IFWP (O'Brien NZ): reported a MOI on the status of the group had been formulated for the formal transfer to ICANN.
2. DNSO (Chon): meetings had produced the BMW and Paris drafts but there had been a lack of interest by APTLD mainly due to travel constraints by smaller countries. Semich (Niue) also reported on previous DNSO meetings outlining the main issues of a Name Council and DNSO membership.

3. ICANN Takahashi (Japan): reported on workshops held during the past 12 months.

4. WWTLD: (Chon): provided the meeting with information from previous meetings.

5. WIPO (O'Brien): said a request for comments [rfc] issued by WIPO been presented in various countries around the world and as many issues of intellectual property faced members of APTLD he suggested reps from WIPO be invited to present a discussion paper at San Jose June 22 1999.

Working Group Reports:

iName/iDNS (Kuo-Wei Wu): Issues of using ethnic languages in common name address systems were discussed and it was decided to
attempt to find out the needs of Asia Pacific countries who wished to participate in such a system.

Funding Model(O'Brien): In relation to the formalization of APTLD the question of funding a secretariat was outlined and it was estimated that financing such a project would cost between $USD50,000 - $100,000. The chairman suggested that fees could be levied on the basis of large TLD's of 50,000 registrations $10,000 pa; medium TLD's 5000 $2,000 pa; small TLD's up to 5000 $400. Fees would fund the secretariat and assist small countries with travel subsidization.

Education (Higgins): There was need for more time to discuss education and training at future meetings especially for those from low level technology countries such as those in the South Pacific. UNESCO was assisting by funding training courses in Wellington NZ for Pacific Islanders. It was recommended that a two day workshops be scheduled for future meetings.

Administration: Discussions are continuing on APTLD administration.

Incorporation: Delegates were informed there were three alternatives for
the future of APTLD- incorporation, operation under APNG umbrella or no incorporation-independent. If it was the intention to form a secretariat and employ staff then incorporation was necessary. If incorporation was agreed upon it would be necessary to have a membership and fee structures and determine the cost of incorporation. It was agreed by a majority that there be a payment of fees based on the number of registrations which could produce revenue of $52,000 based on 4 large TLD's, 5 medium TLD's and 5 small TLD's.

In addition it was agreed by members that those countries interested in pitching for the secretariat produce expressions of interest based on incorporation, non incorporation and working under the umbrella of APNG.

**Future Plans -Committees:**

1. **DNSO:** The meeting agreed there was no APTLD position and delgates were encouraged to actively participate in the current DNSO Meeting discussions on the BMW and Paris drafts

2. **DNSO - Registry constituency(ccTLD):** It was decided to persue registry constituency representation.
3. **Chairperson:** Professor Chon agreed to serve another 12 months as chairman of APTLD.

4. **Committees:** The following committees were set up with country representation in parenthesis:

   - **Legal** - Patrick O'Brien (NZ, TW, NU, SG, JP, KR).
   - **Workshops** - Bill Semich (NU, NZ, TH, SG, LK).
   - **Developing Countries** - Hua-Lin Qian (CN, SG, KH, NZ).
   - **Special Projects** - Agnes Lee (SG).
   - **Finance** - Shuichi Tashiro (JP, com AU).
   - **Technology** - Gihan Dias (LK, SG, PH, NU, KR, TW)

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**APLD Liaison Organization**

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Meeting schedules:

APTLD - San Jose USA June 21
TLD Workshop - San Jose USA June 22
ICANN Berlin May 25-27(DNSO General Assembly on May 25)
ICANN Chile  August
ICANN USA    November
ICANN Africa February 2000(?)
APTLD       February 2000
The meeting concluded at 6.32 pm.

**Appendix : 1999.2 APTLD Meetings Participant List**

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