APTLD members and supporters met in Landmark Amman Hotel & Conference Center, Amman, Jordan on 30 October and 1 November, 2010. Around 40 representatives from 18 ccTLDs and 8 other organisations met to exchange ideas on issues related to IDN ccTLD, security, risk management of domain name abuses and new gTLD program. Regional TLD and Internet organisations were also present to update attendees of their activities.

Chair Keith Davidson opened the meeting by thanking the sponsors and the local host National Information Technology Centre (NITC), the manager of the .JO ccTLD. Nidal Qanadilo, Minister's Advisor for Promotion of the Jordan Ministry of Information and Communications Technology, shared with the participants the ICT status and development in Jordan. Nabeel Al-Fayoumi, Director General of NITC presented an update on the recent development of NITC.

Organisational updates

Different organisations were invited to share their recent developments in the meeting. Baher Esmat updated APTLD members on different developments in ICANN. Peter van Roste presented an update on what had been happening in CENTR. Chris Disspain talked about the latest issues in the ccNSO and asked for members’ inputs and views. Keith Davidson, who is also the Chair of the ccNSO Delegation and Re-delegation working group, talked about the work completed and planned ahead by the group. Fahd A. Batayneh introduced to the audience the regional roadmap for Internet governance in Arab countries.

IDN

A session chaired by Jonathan Shea (.HK) was dedicated to different IDN issues. Abdulaziz H. Al-Zoman (.SA), Fahd A. Batayneh (.JO), Lai Heng Choong (.MY), Chamara Disanayake (.LK), Ching-Heng Ku (.TW) and Andrei Kolesnikov (.RU) shared the IDN registration policies and rules in their respective registries. Hiro Hotta (.JP) discussed the issue of membership in ccNSO for IDN ccTLD managers. The work of the ccNSO IDN PDP Working Group became a good reference for APTLD. Our General Manager Jian Zhang, who’s also the co-chair of the IDN (ccNSO and gNSO) Joint Working Group, gave an update on the outstanding issues on IDN: variants handling and open application for single character IDN. June Seo of VeriSign gave an update on the IDN of .com and .net, while Jon Lawrence of AusRegistry talked about how registries could prepare for the launch of IDN. John Cane of Afilias played a video on their IDN emails solution to the audience.

DNSSEC and Security

Yong Yaw Eng (.MY) and Chamara Disanayake (.LK) shared their experience on implementing DNSSEC; while Ryan Tan (.SG) shared their study and trial on DNSSEC. Baher Esmat presented
the signing of the root in ICANN. Debbie Monahan (.NZ), who chaired the session, presented the policies on DNSSEC in their organisation. Yu Kyung Jung (.KR) then talked about how they fend .KR DNS off DDoS attacks and their plan on DNSSEC. General Manager went through the DNSSEC survey result from the members.

**Risk Management of Domain Name Abuses**

Lim Choon Sai (.SG) chaired this session covering different aspects of risk management of domain names. Yeo Yee Ling (.MY) spoke about how they handle sensitive domain names in Malaysia. Soon Wei San (.SG) presented their model of risk management in relation to name abuses. Hiro Hotta talked about DNS blocking in Japan, while Tan Yaling (.CN) discussed their effort in fighting against phishing.

**New gTLD**

Baher Esmat updated the development of the new gTLD Program at ICANN. Jon Lawrence shared with members the window of opportunities that the new gTLD program might bring. Jonathan Shea presented the queries and risks of the new gTLD from a ccTLD perspective. Norma Saqer of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property talked about trademark protection related to domain names.

**Training**

More than 15 attended the Advanced Registry Operation Course (AROC) provided by ICANN-ISOC-NSRC and sponsored by ISOC. The course was five-day long and attendees learned more about the principles and components of expanding the technical operation of a registry through effective network management.

**Excursion and Jordanian cuisine**

Attendees toured the famous Greco-Roman ruin in Jerash in between the two days of meeting on October 31. That was an experimental arrangement for the Jordan meeting. It provided an opportunity for members to know each other better, and exchange thoughts and views casually. Members all had a good time and enjoyed the mouth watering Jordanian cuisine.

**Recording of Thanks**

APTLD thanks the local host National Information Technology Centre for the generous sponsorship and brilliant hospitality during the meeting. We are also grateful to ISOC, VeriSign, AusRegistry, and Afilias for their generous sponsorship.

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The next APTLD Members’ meeting will be held in Hong Kong in February 2011.

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