

The APTLD71 Communique

Hosted by VNNIC, a long-standing APTLD Member, the 71st APTLD Members Meeting (APTLD71) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Ho Chi Minh City on 2-3 March 2017. APTLD71 was preceded by a two-day training session on DNS security delivered by the .LK Domains Registry team and LK Techcert, and an ICANN expert.

As a part of an attempt to promote the APTLD's legacy, VNNIC in tandem with .RU designed and launched a dedicated website at www.aptd71.vn.

APTLD71 recorded a record-breaking turnout: with 101 registrations for the Meeting, there were 103 participants in the room, who represented 26 APTLD Members, 3 ccTLD registries as observers (LANIC (Laos) and .AZ (Azerbaijan), and the.ME registry (Montenegro), 4 global registrars, and several I* organizations, including ISOC, RIPE NCC, APRALO, APNIC, PTI/ICANN. As well, the Meeting traditionally featured APTLD Fellows – this time, those were Messrs. Berry Amol (.PG), Ahmed Saif (.IQ), and Nicolau Santos Selestino (.TL).

Keen to improve the Members Meetings' format and substance, APTLD Board and staff ensured, for the first time ever, a two-track structure of the Meeting. In all, Members were offered 13 sessions and panel discussions, at which they delivered over 50 presentations on a broad array of matters varying from policy to technical and security. Also for the first time ever APTLD successfully deployed its own Adobe Connect Bridge to bring online over 10 remote participants, thereby broadening the outreach and making it possible for Members to tap into pool of expertise outside of the region. All the presentations are now available at: www.aptd.org.

Another innovation became an extensive coverage of the Meeting by the domestic media: the APTLD and VNNIC leadership gave interviews to the national TV channels which were broadcast in prime time and excerpts from which are now available at: the APTLD's YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaJIWMbVWC9GDD0sONpyNCw>

At the closure of the Meeting, Members discussed and approved the APTLD Policy Development Process and Capacity-Building Framework, and a draft APTLD Statement on Release of Country and Territory Names by 11 Brand Registries, subject to a subsequent review and approval by the whole APTLD community.

At the AGM on 3 March 2017, Members approved the ascending Board, the budget for FY2017, and made a number of other important decisions in the administrative and financial areas.

Next APTLD Members Meeting will be held in the city of Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, on 14-15 September 2017, with the dedicated website www.aptld72.ge co-sponsored by the local host, ITDC, and .RU, having already gone live and registrations opened.