

The Meetings Committee met in Marrakech, and spent two hours discussing how to make ICANN's meetings better serve the community.

Here are the main topics discussed:

1. Board Retreats
 - confirmed times for fall retreat; discussed timing of spring retreat,
 - discussed additional issues related to better utilization of directors' time during these meetings
2. For the 2007 meetings
 - will hold to deadline to receive proposals for the 2007 Europe meeting;
 - will consider how to deal with the 2007 Europe meeting immediately after the end of the term to receive proposals, if no proposals are received (including choosing a different location);
 - discussed conflict with IETF dates in March 2007.
3. Committee work
 - will create a meetings committee area on website, updated with regular monthly reports
4. 2008 meetings
 - will solicit input from community through a web forum and program committee
 - staff will make analysis of registration data from previous meetings
 - staff will assess comparative costs of making changes in the way meetings take place
 - committee will meet in Sofia to discuss information with a deadline of Sao Paolo to announce 2008 meeting locations and possible changes in the meetings format
 - committee is considering experimenting with meetings in three major international hubs (North America, Europe, Asia) instead of meetings all over the world, with the idea that regional presence staff are building capacity for local decentralized intercessional events
 - shorter meeting format also a key issue
5. Technical Issues & Remote Participation
 - more budget, more support
 - ask Thomas Narten to assist in preparing information regarding different options for remote participation

The Meetings Committee asks the community to contribute with ideas, proposals, and suggestions for improving ICANN's work.