

## **The registry for the international meeting about Internet Policies, ICANN-Mexico, has opened: AMIPCI**

- **From March 1 to 6, 2009 ICANN's 34<sup>th</sup> International Public Meeting will take place in Mexico City.**
- **The free registry for all those interested in defining the future of Internet's address system is now open.**
- **ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Mexico City, January 15, 2009.

The free registry for all those interested of participating in defining the future of internet's address system during ICANN's 34 International Public Meeting, Mexico City 2009, has opened. During this meeting the agenda will be the discussion of the main public global internet policies, due to the need of analysis because of the industry's constant evolution. The registry, plus other information, is available at <http://mex.icann.org>

Mexico City will host ICANN's, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, meeting from March 1 to 6. The Sheraton Hotel, Downtown, will be the meeting venue, according to the approval obtained at the Board Meeting celebrated in Paris, France, on June 26, 2008, as an answer to the proposal presented by the Mexican Internet Association, AMIPCI.

To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. There are currently 21 generic Top Level Domain Names (gTLD), but there are also country codes Top Level Domains (ccTLD), one for each country (.mx, .ar, .br, etc.).

At the previous meetings, in Paris and Cairo, over 1,000 people from 140 countries, gathered to approve resolutions of great relevance, such as the liberalization of the domain extensions, to provide further alternatives as ".com", ".net" or ".org".

During 2009 ICANN will open a process to create other Top Level Domains (TLD), so any person, company, community, town or city will be able to apply for a new generic Top Level Domain in the Internet. This is an important step which will allow for more innovation, choice and change to a global Internet, businesses and all those who speak other languages than English.

Other subjects will also be on the agenda during the meeting:

- The migration from IPV4 to IPV6 protocol.
- The evolution towards domain names with non Latin characters.
- ICANN's institutional transition, under the agreement they hold with the United States Department of Commerce, which ends in 2009.

"ICANN looks forward to its first meeting in Mexico," said Paul Levins, ICANN's Executive Officer and Vice President - Corporate Affairs. "Mexico has been a great supporter of ICANN since its inception."

The Mexican organization is formed by the work group integrated by the Mexican Internet Association (AMIPCI), the Network Information Center Mexico (NIC Mexico) and the Internet Society Mexico (ISOC Mexico) through a proposal presented in 2007.

“The process to apply for new names is on its way and being at the Mexico City meeting is an extraordinary chance for Mexican companies, governments, entrepreneurs and users to understand these changes in the Internet, the effects of the introduction of new Top Level Domains and the opportunities this offers”, said Enrique Bustamante, AMPCI’s General Manager.

*Created in 1998 based on functions inherited by IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority), ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) organizes internet’s international domain names and numbers. <http://www.icann.org>*

*AMIPCI, the Mexican Internet Association is a non-profit organization, founded in 1999, integrated by more than 150 entities that influence the development of the Internet industry AMIPCI’s mission is to empower the internet economy in Mexico. Since early 2007 AMIPCI is also issuing Trustmark’s to businesses that are legally established, abide to our ethics code and have in place privacy policies. <http://www.Internetorganizado.org.mx>*

*Network Information Center (NIC) Mexico - The Network Information Center-México, (NIC-México) is in charge of administering Domain Names for .MX sites (ccTLD, country code Top Level Domain) the letter code assigned to each country according to ISO 3166. Its objectives are to provide information and registering services for.MX sites, to assign IP addresses, and to maintain the corresponding databases. <http://www.nic.mx>*

*ISOC (Internet Society) Mexico is the Mexican chapter of the Internet Society. It is an international NGO created to coordinate global cooperation on Internet, its Technologies and applications. Its members represent the Internet community as a whole and consist of individuals, corporations and other non-for-profit organizations and government agencies. <http://www.isoc.org.mx>*

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