



New CEO to be announced at Prague News Conference

Announcement to Precede ICANN's 44th Public Meeting in Czech Capitol

Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker will introduce the next President and Chief Executive Officer of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) at a news conference on Friday, 22 June in Prague, Czech Republic.

The announcement has been anticipated since Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's current President and CEO disclosed last August that he would step down at the end of his contract which expires on 1 July.

Dr. Crocker will join Chief Operating Officer Akram Atallah and the next CEO in answering questions from journalists during the Friday news conference, which will be webcast live from the Czech capital.

News reporters who are unable to attend the news conference are encouraged to participate via the live webcast or international telephone link.

The news conference will take place 2-days prior to ICANN's 44th public meeting in Prague.

Here are the details:

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: [Dr. Stephen Crocker](#), Chair of Board of Directors; [Akram Atallah](#), Chief Operating Officer; New ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer.

WHEN: Friday, 22 June 2012, 1600-1700 Prague (1400-1500 GMT/UTC).

WHERE: Room - Palmovka /Rokoska, Hilton Prague Hotel, Pobrezni 1 Prague, 186 00, Czech Republic.

OFF-SITE ACCESS: Journalists from around the world can participate in the news conference via remote access.

- A live video webcast may be accessed at <http://icann.adobeconnect.com/prq44-press>.

- Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international toll-free number obtained from this list www.adigo.com/icann. The toll free access number in the U.S. is +1.800.550.6865. Once you have reached the conferencing center, dial 25594.

LANGUAGE: The news conference will be in English.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- To read the news release on Rod Beckstrom's announced departure from ICANN (16 August 2011), go here: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/releases/release-16aug11-en.pdf>.
- To review the schedule for the entire Prague meeting, go here: <http://prague44.icann.org/full-schedule>

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