

Note from the Chair for the October 29, 2014 Steering Group Meeting

Dear colleagues,

I welcome all of you back from what was hopefully a relaxing summer break. As you all are aware, we have entered the busiest period of the ICN year. The first of our three fall workshops has already been held and I have been told it was very successful, and I am confident that the other two workshops will go just as well.

In this call, I would like to look forward to all our activities occurring prior to our next ICN annual conference in Sydney. But I also want to take stock of our prior and future activities.

ICN Chair feedback session

We will start off with a discussion on how to improve the overall performance of the ICN and how to achieve our objectives of focus, inclusiveness and implementation. I would like this session to open a first and constructive discussion on our past work and would like to hear any suggestions you may have on how to improve our work. In addition, a town hall discussion will be held on November 13, 2014 where the Vice Chairs and I will have an opportunity to also hear the views from ICN members. Given that at the annual conference in Singapore, the ICN will celebrate its 15th anniversary, we might even consider whether to carry out a survey next year following up on the second decade survey.

2015 Annual Conference

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission will provide an update of the 2015 Annual Conference logistics. We will request WG Chairs to report on how they are progressing to meet the deadlines the ACCC has previously mentioned.

Finally, the ACCC would like to discuss the process to invite ASEAN members, who are not ICN members, to the 2015 Conference.

AWG – World Bank Group Cooperation

The AWG will give an update on the cooperation with the World Bank Group and will focus especially on the 2015 Advocacy Contest.

ICN Training on Demand

The US FTC will give an update on the ICN Training on Demand project, formally known as the Curriculum Project.



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Membership WG

The Membership Working Group Co-chairs received applications for ICN membership from the Competition Agency of Georgia and the Trade Competition and Consumer Protection Authority, Ethiopia. The Co-chairs will seek SG approval.

I look forward to talking to you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt