



ICN Steering Group Meeting

Friday, May 1, 2015, 1:45 pm (Sydney)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
Competition Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Moroccan Competition Council
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
Turkish Competition Authority
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting.

Item 2: Annual Conference

The Chair congratulated Mr Rod Sims and his staff at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on organising an excellent conference.

The SG members expressed their gratitude to the ACCC and praised the conference.

There was general consensus that the conference left little room for improvement: It was noted that the plenary sessions were lively and that the approach of concentrating them in the morning worked very well. However, more audience participation would be

desirable. The BOS were interactive; in order to further enhance audience participation it was suggested to reduce the speaking time of the panellists. The heads only meetings were a valuable addition to the conference program. It was noted that efforts regarding outreach should be further increased. The involvement of NGAs in all sessions was very much welcomed as NGAs form an integral part of ICN. The informal part of the conference and the tea breaks between sessions offered networking opportunities and slots for bilateral meetings which are considered an essential part of the success of the annual conferences.

In a first brainstorming on the ICN's future the Chair pointed out that the ICN as a stable and mature organisation needs impetus in order not to lose momentum. He identified three areas to be further analysed and discussed in following SG meetings and invited SG member to make suggestions:

- Policy issues.
- Implementation – including disseminating work products within the agencies.
- The needs of young competition agencies.

Item 3: Other Business

The SG confirmed the Chair in his post for a second two-year term. Bruno Lasserre and Vinicius Marques de Carvalho kindly agreed to continue as Vice-Chairs.

The ICN-OECD Liaison highlighted the valuable participation of the OECD in the conference.

Item 9: Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next SG meeting will be held on June 17, 2015 (on the margins of the OECD).