

## APRIL 2007 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

### ENUM

The Board is delighted to announce that Nominet have entered contract negotiations with the UK ENUM Consortium (UKEC), the company set up to oversee the set up of the UK ENUM system, for the management of the Tier 1 registry. The Board thanked the executive team for its work in preparing the tender document, in particular Jay Daley and Phil Eaton.

### Help Desk Institute Awards

The board warmly congratulated Eleanor Bradley and the Registrant Services team on reaching the finals of the Help Desk Institute Awards. While on the day the team didn't secure the top spot they gave some strong competition to some well known names, and should be very proud of reaching the final three.

### First Woman Awards

The board was delighted to hear that Lesley Cowley has reached the finals of the First Woman Awards, which take place in London on 12 June 2007. Lesley has been short listed in the Technology sector. [http://www.firstwomenawards.co.uk/\(r0aim255uxa0af55bgqfcv45\)/show.aspx](http://www.firstwomenawards.co.uk/(r0aim255uxa0af55bgqfcv45)/show.aspx)

### Policy Advisory Body

The Board congratulated Andrew Bennett, Michael Toth, Mark Healey and Jarrod Robinson on their election to the PAB, and wished them well over the coming two years.

### Policy and International

The DTI has established a UK stakeholders group, made up of 15 people from the public sector, private sector and civil society. The purpose of the group is to identify UK priorities for the IGF 2007-2008 and OECD Ministerial in 2008. The Board was pleased to hear that Emily Taylor is a member of this group.

Work is progressing on the launch of our UK Best Practice Challenge to support the Internet Governance Forum. Details will be published on our website from early June.

### Governance Consultation

The first of two consultations on proposals to change Nominet's Articles of Association was extended to 9<sup>th</sup> May. The Board thanked all those who took the time to respond and encourages all members to continue to give their views on this important issue.

### ICANN

We attended ICANN Lisbon and made a series of inputs on ICANN's current operating plan.

We also made input to current ICANN strategic plan pre-thinking. The longer-term aim of making ICANN 'independent' of the DoC remains and seems to be gathering momentum as a result of IGF and other pressures. The key concern is how accountable an independent organisation might be and what sort of oversight frameworks might need to exist.

### Operational Statistics

There were 2869 active members and 4012 active tags as at 31st March 2007. Since February 2007 6 new members have joined and 8 members have resigned. The number of new registrations in February 2006 was 141,685 and March 2007 was 152,190. The average renewal rate for the year was 70%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 17%.