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Root Server System Advisory Committee

21 December 2015

To: ICANN Board of Directors
From: RSSAC Co-Chairs
Via: RSSAC Liaison to the ICANN Board of Directors

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board of Directors of changes to the RSSAC leadership and, in particular, to request action with respect to the appointment of the co-chairs of RSSAC.

As you know, the RSSAC completed a restructure process in 2014. Lars-Johan Liman (Netnod, I-Root Server Operator) and Jun Murai (WIDE Project, M-Root Server Operator) served as the co-chairs after this restructure. Tripti Sinha (University of Maryland, D-Root Server Operator) was elected to a two-year term as co-chair in December 2014.

On 3 December 2015, the RSSAC conducted an election for one co-chair position and elected Brad Verd (Verisign, A/J-Root Server Operator) to a two-year term as co-chair. Tripti Sinha will continue to serve as co-chair for the second year of a two-year term.

According to Article XI, Section 2, Subsection 3B of the ICANN Bylaws, the ICANN Board of Directors shall appoint the co-chairs and the members of the RSSAC. Thus, the RSSAC recommends the Board of Directors appoint Brad and Tripti as co-chairs of RSSAC. Biographical information for Brad and Tripti is attached for your reference.

The RSSAC welcomes comments from the Board of Directors concerning this request.

Lars-Johan Liman and Tripti Sinha
Co-Chairs, Root Server System Advisory Committee

RSSAC Co-Chair Biographical Information



Tripti Sinha, the D-root representative to the RSSAC, is the Assistant Vice President and Chief Technology Officer within the Division of Information Technology at University of Maryland (UMD). She leads UMD's Advanced Cyber Infrastructure Innovation Initiatives and Internet Global Services. Tripti has been with University of Maryland since 1990 and has more than 25 years of technology leadership experience in areas ranging from software engineering to advanced cyber infrastructure.



Brad Verd, the A/J-Root representative to the RSSAC, is the Vice President of Production Operations at Verisign. Since 2000, he has been operationally responsible for COM, NET, A/J-Root as well all globally deployed production services offered by Verisign. He bring over 25 years of technology leadership experience in many disciplines.