

## 2014 Nominating Committee Selects Wolfgang Kleinwachter ICANN Board Seat 2

The 2014 NomCom, in response to the very recent confirmation of the resignation of Olga Madruga-Forti from seat 2 on the ICANN Board, has appointed Professor Wolfgang Kleinwachter, a current NomCom appointee to the Board, at seat 8 whose term was to end after the Los Angeles meeting, to take up this now vacant seat on the Board until AGM 2015.

It should be noted that whilst the 2014 NomCom has chosen this successor within the 24 hours remaining of its cycle.

We did consider the option to leave the matter to the 2015 Nominating Committee (NomCom) that starts its work on Friday, October 17.

Leaving the work in the hands of the 2015 NomCom would have led to a delay of at least some months in filling the position. Due to our confidentiality requirements and assurances, the 2015 NomCom has no access to information of its predecessor's candidate pool, so the process would have needed to start from scratch. The time required would have been out of proportion considering that the term is just about one year.

The rationale for the 2014 NomCom's decision was to avoid undue delay in filling the vacancy at a critical time and to minimize the time needed for getting Olga Madruga-Forti's replacement up to speed.