



“ICANN comes to Dublin - ICANN54 promises to be a key milestone in the evolution of Internet Governance & the Domain Name industry”

When: 17th September 2015 at 17:30 -20:00 [panel discussion followed by drinks]

Where: The Blue Room, Dean Hotel

Participants:

- Michele Neylon, *Blacknight*
- Richard Browne, *Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources; Representative of the Republic of Ireland in ICANN’s Government Advisory Committee*
- Maria Farrell, *ICANN civil society (NCSG) and InterConnect Communications*
- Jean-Jacques Sahel, *VP Europe, ICANN*
- *Moderator to be confirmed*

Overview:

This special event is a prelude to the upcoming 54th public meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers –[ICANN] ‘**ICANN54**’, which will take place in partnership with our local hosts, the Internet Neutral Exchange Association Limited (INEX), for the first time in Dublin from the 18th to 22nd October at the renowned Convention Centre Dublin.

ICANN is the platform where the world’s Internet technical community gathers to coordinate key resources that make the Internet function, chiefly domain names, and associated numbers and protocols. Last time the conference was held in Europe, was June 2014 in London, UK and had the largest attendance of any ICANN meeting to date, with over 3,900 people registered for the event.

Over the past two years the Internet has been undergoing historical changes. From the rollout of new domains, known as generic Top Level Domains (‘new gTLDs’) such as .irish, representing one of the biggest changes to the Internet since its inception, to the shaping of the Internet’s future through a major evolution in its governance currently taking place – in particular the transition of the US Government’s stewardship over the critical so-called ‘IANA functions’, a process which commenced last year in March and is expected to culminate in Dublin.

The evening will be an opportunity to learn from some local and international experts about ICANN54 as well as an occasion to discuss the current hot topics present today in the Internet ecosystem, potential business opportunities, and why the world’s governments will be watching Ireland closely this October. INEX our hosts for ICANN54, will also be revealing their plans for the gala evening they are organising during the meeting in October.

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