The meeting’s aim was to discuss the upcoming SOP Working Group sessions during the Brussels meeting: A Working Group meeting will be held on Sunday, 20th June 2010 at 15.00 – 16.00 and a session during the ccNSO members meeting on Wednesday 23rd June at 14.00 – 15.30 will be devoted to find out what the community’s strategic preferences are in respect to ICANN’s Strategic Plan. Patrick Sharry will moderate the latter session, aiming to get the people in the room engaged in an open dialogue.

Discussions were held on how the session will be formed. It was suggested to start off the discussions by a panel debate. All regions should be represented in the panel, which should be no bigger than five persons. It was also suggested that people with varying opinions should be invited, as well as experts from outside the ccTLD community. A suggestion was to ask Olof Kolkman, IAB Chair to be a panelist. Bart Boswinkel was tasked to contact Olof. All other Working Group members were invited to submit suggestions for panelists to Byron by the 11th June.

It was also discussed which strategic issues should be included both in the panel debate, as well as the interaction with the ccTLDs. It was decided to select five issues, so that 15 minutes of debating could be devoted to each item. Suggested topics were: DNS CERT, Financial Contributions, New gTLDs, Root Scaling, Renewal of IANA Contract, SSR. Patrick Sharry noted that it should be avoided to only evolve the discussion around security issues. It was therefore suggested to look at the survey that was conducted last year and to use some of the questions that were posed there. Bart Boswinkel is to send out the link to the survey to the SOP Working Group email list.

It was clarified that the participants will be divided into smaller groups of 2-3 people, where discussions on the pre-given issues will be encouraged. Each group needs to assign a spokes person who will formulate the group’s conclusions to the meeting. Each participant will also be handed poker chips, or similar, which will give the participant a possibility to “weigh” the importance of
each topic (the more poker chips the participant assigns to a topic, the higher importance it has).

• Discussions on how the logistics will be handled were also held. It was estimated that there will be enough people available to help out during the session. All logistic needs were to be specified by Patrick Sharry and sent to Gabi as soon as possible.

• Patrick Sharry was invited to join the SOP Working Group meeting on Sunday, 20th June at 15.00 – 16.00. Gabi is to send out an email to the SOP Working Group email list confirming the time.