

OCTOBER 2009 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 20th October 2009.

Board Matters

- The governance review remains the top priority for the Board, and continues to absorb significant time and resources.
- We ran a very successful company day, the afternoon of which was attended by the whole Board and focused on change management.
- The member forum replacement for nom-steer went live as planned. There were some initial teething issues which have now been resolved and work continues on improving the user experience and email integration.
- The Board welcomed Simon McCalla, who has made a good start in his role as Director of IT.
- The year end audit process has commenced.

Events & Feedback

- We have presented the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Conservative party conferences as part of a EURIM Dragon's Den event.
- We have encouraged key stakeholders to contribute thought-pieces to the UK-IGF blog to prepare the UK position for the IGF meeting in Sharm el Sheikh.
- We have participated in the European Dialogue on Internet Governance, the first USA IGF and the UK Parliament & the Internet day.
- We have made public responses concerning the new ICANN Affirmation of Commitments.

Nominet Trust

- The Nominet Trust held its inaugural reception at Somerset House on 19th October. Keynote speakers included Martha Lane-Fox, the Champion for Digital Inclusion and Martyn Lewis, former newsreader and founder of YouthNet.

Operational Statistics

As at 30 September there were 2,869 active members and 4,237 active tags. Since August 2009, 11 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in August 2009 was 144,740 (August 2008: 134,515) and September 2009 was 164,693 (September 2008: 139,871). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months was 67.8%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 10%.