
MEMORANDUM

TO: TRAVEL & TOURISM INDUSTRY MEMBER
FROM: RONALD N. ANDRUFF, PRESIDENT, TRALLIANCE CORPORATION
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2003 ".TRAVEL" UPDATE
DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2003
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The Tralliance February Update focuses on the following two important areas:

The Travel Partnership Corporation (TPC) Interim Board of Directors

I am very pleased to announce that the Interim Directors, which represent both geographical and travel industry sector diversity, have all accepted the invitation to join the TPC Board. The commitment of this distinguished group of individuals to the TPC underscores the breadth of the travel and tourism industry's support for the **.travel** initiative and is an exciting precursor of things to come. So it is with great pleasure that I am hereby introducing you to the members of the Travel Partnership Corporation Interim Board of Directors. They are: Jean-Claude Baumgarten, President, WTTC; Kevin Dobby, Senior Vice President & Corporate Secretary representing IATA; William Maloney, Executive Vice President & COO, ASTA; Birger Backman, President, UFTAA; Francesco Frangialli, Director-General, WTO; Michael Gehrish, President, IACVB; Tom Jenkins, Executive Director, ETOA; Michael Crye, President, ICCL; and last, but not least, Peter de Jong, President, PATA. In addition, there are three further Directors who await their respective Board's approval to join the TPC Board.

As explained in the January Update, the Interim Board of Directors will meet for the TPC's first board meeting on March 10th, 2003, at the ITB Berlin.

ICANN Update

ICANN has announced the agenda for the upcoming Rio de Janeiro Conference, scheduled for March 23-27, 2003 (<http://www.icann.org/riodejaneiro/>). It notes that the topic: *Form of and Process for Request for Proposals for Additional Sponsored Top-Level Domains* will be discussed in the ICANN Public Forum on Wednesday, March 26th. Our understanding is that the RFP itself will be available for public viewing online at www.icann.org prior to the Rio Conference, however no date has been given as of this writing for that document to be posted.

Tralliance is hopeful that the ICANN Board will approve the RFP in Rio and that the application process will begin shortly thereafter.

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