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SSAC-RSSAC Open Mic for the Community

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction to the SSAC
- Introduction to the RSSAC
- Community Q&A: Open Mic Session
 - ➔ Opportunity for community members to ask questions and engage with the SSAC and RSSAC



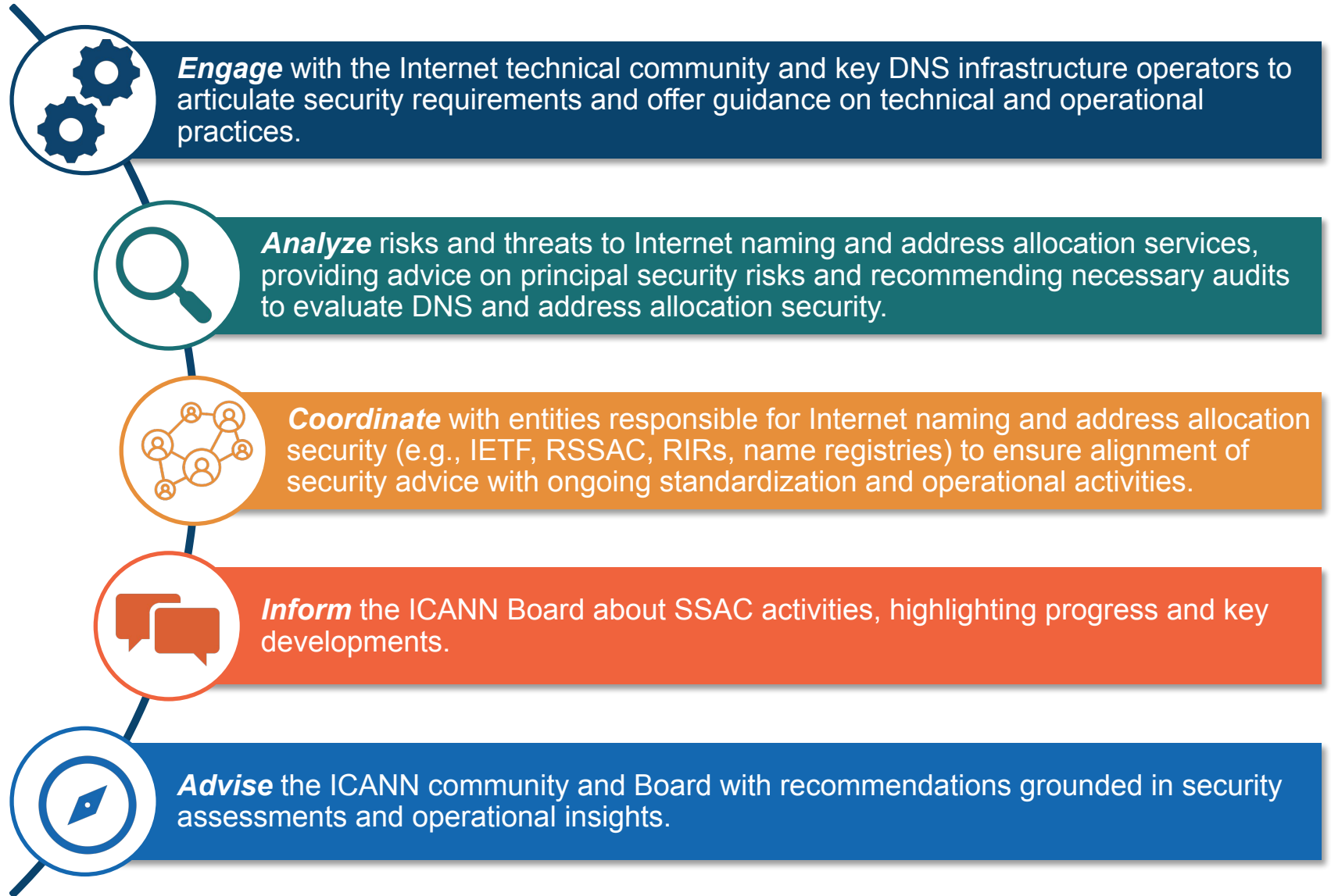
SSAC Overview

Ram Mohan

ICANN's Mission:
Ensure the *stable and secure*
operation of the Internet's unique
identifier systems

SSAC's Role:
Advise the ICANN
community and Board on
matters relating to the
security and integrity of
the Internet's naming and
address allocation
systems

SSAC's Responsibilities



Who We Are



North America: 23

Latin America/ Caribbean islands: 0

Africa: 2

Europe: 11

Asia/ Australia/ Pacific: 4

SSAC Leadership Team (2024-2026)



Chair

Ram Mohan



Vice Chair

Tara Whalen



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James Galvin



Leadership Team

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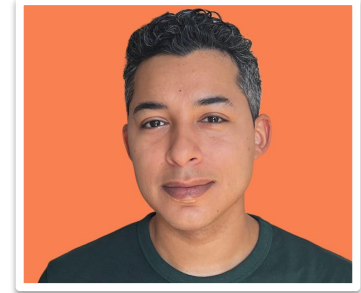
Policy Support Staff

Kathy Schnitt



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Dan Gluck



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Michael Puckett

Collective Skillset: Registry, DNS Operations, Privacy, Human Computer Interaction, Technical Standards, Risk Management, DNSSEC, Cryptography, DNS Abuse, Threat Intelligence, Internet messaging, Cybersecurity, Executive Leadership, Strategy, Public Policy, Data Analysis

5 Keystone Topics: The SSAC As An Authority

1

DNS Abuse

- The most significant security issue facing our community.

2

New gTLDs

- One of the largest strategic and tactical priorities for our community.

3

DNSSEC

- A significant technology that improves DNS security. Still evolving.

4

Alternative Namespaces

- New namespaces may want to integrate with the existing one. What are the issues?

5

Internet Governance & SSR

- Add technical heft and provide meaningful advice for policy makers worldwide.

Significant SSAC Publications

Domain Name System (DNS) Security:

- DNS Response Modification: [SAC006](#)
- Domain Name Hijacking Report: [SAC007](#)
- Fast Flux Hosting and DNS: [SAC025](#)
- Measures to Protect Domain Registration Services: [SAC040](#)
- DNS Blocking / Security: [SAC050](#), [56](#), [65](#), [127](#)
- DNS and the Internet of Things: [SAC105](#)
- DNS over HTTPS and DNS over TLS: [SAC109](#)
- DNS Abuse: [SAC115](#)
- Certificates: [SAC057](#), [74](#)

Domain Name System (DNS) Management:

- Global Namespace: [SAC053](#), [62](#), [66](#), [70](#), [78](#), [90](#), [124](#) (Dotless domains, name collisions, public suffix list, shared use, and stability)
- Registrar Nameservers: [SAC125](#)

Registration Data:

- WHOIS Terminology and Structure: [SAC051](#)
- Registration Data Model: [SAC054](#)
- WHOIS: Blind Men and the Elephant: [SAC055](#)

Other:

- IDNs: [SAC084](#), [88](#), [89](#) (Single character TLDs, variants, ccTLD processes)
- Routing Security: [SAC121](#)
- Software: [SAC132](#)

Recent Publications and Active Work

Recent Publications

- [SAC132](#): The Domain Name System Runs on Free and Open Source Software
- [SAC131](#): SSAC Comments on Functional Model for Root Server System Governance
- [SAC130](#): SSAC Comments on Name Collision Guidelines in the Proposed Language for the Draft Next Round Applicant Guidebook
- [SAC129](#): SSAC Comments on GNSO Domain Name Registration Data Accuracy Concept Proposal

Active Work

- Responsible Integration into the DNS Ecosystem
- DNSSEC Operational Considerations
- DNS Abuse & AI
- DNS Transparency
- GNSO PDP on Associated Domain Checks
- SSAC Research Apprenticeship Pilot

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RSSAC Overview

Jeff Osborn

What is RSSAC?

- The role of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (“RSSAC”) is to advise the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the
 - Operation
 - Administration
 - Security, and
 - Integrityof the Internet's Root Server System.
- (This is a very narrow scope!)

- RSSAC is a committee that produces advice – primarily to the Board but also to other ICANN bodies and other organizations involved in the DNS.
- Root Server Operators are represented inside RSSAC, but RSSAC does not involve itself in operational matters.
- RSSAC is composed of
 - Primary representatives from each root server operator
 - Alternative representatives from each root server operator
 - Incoming liaisons from other bodies
 - 28 members

RSSAC Caucus

- Body of volunteer subject matter experts who help draft RSSAC Publications
- **Members**
 - 128+ DNS Experts
 - Public statements of interest
 - Public credit for individual work
- **Purpose**
 - DNS experts who bring diverse expertise to publications
 - Transparency of who does the work
 - Framework for getting work done

Recent Publications and Active Work

Recent Publications

- [RSSAC061](#): Guidelines for Changing IP Addresses
- [RSSAC062](#): Security Incident Reporting
- [RSSAC063](#): Statement on the Governance Working Group's Root Server System Governance Structure
- RSSAC001v3 Caucus Work Party

Favorite Topics

- Service Expectations of Root Servers Operators ([RSSAC001](#))
- Measurements of the Root Server System ([RSSAC002](#))
- Metrics for the DNS Root Servers and the Root Server System ([RSSAC047](#))
- **Any** questions about the DNS root server system

RSSAC Leadership



RSSAC Chair

Jeff Osborn

Internet Systems Consortium



RSSAC Vice Chair

Hans-Petter Holen

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RSSAC Statements of Interest: <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/RSI/overview>

Questions for the SSAC and/or RSSAC?





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