Kim Davies Appointed VP, IANA Functions and President, PTI

LOS ANGELES – 15 December 2017 – The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced today that Kim Davies, Director of Technical Services, Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), has been appointed to the position of Vice President, IANA Services and President, PTI.

Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) is responsible for the operational aspects of coordinating the Internet's unique identifiers and maintaining the trust of the community to provide these services in an unbiased, responsible and effective manner.

Following Elise Gerich's departure announcement, the ICANN organization, in conjunction with the PTI Board, conducted an extensive and exhaustive search for a replacement. The opening attracted a wide array of applicants, many of which were well qualified.

As VP of IANA Services, Davies will be reporting to the President of ICANN's Global Domains Division (GDD), Akram Atallah. "Kim was a natural choice for this position. He has a deep and wide understanding of both IANA and PTI, which he has cultivated during his long tenure as Director of Technical Services," said Atallah. "I'd also like to extend our gratitude to Elise, who was pivotal in establishing the IANA Department as an example of reliability and customer service."

In this role, Davies will be responsible for ensuring that the IANA functions are performed in a secure, stable, and efficient manner with a commitment towards operational excellence. As President of PTI, he will also serve as one of the five directors on the PTI Board.

"The IANA team has worked hard to establish themselves as a leader within the technical community," said Davies. "As we move forward, I want us to focus on continuing to optimize our business process and solidifying the community's confidence in our ability to deliver on the services we provide."

Davies will be assuming the role starting 1 January 2018, following Gerich's official departure from the organization.

Davies joined the organization in 2005, serving as Manager of Root Zone Services and Technical Liaison prior to his role as Director of Technical Services. Prior to joining ICANN, he worked as Technical Policy Advisor at the Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries, and has been involved in various facets of the ICANN community since the mid-1990s.

About ICANN

ICANN's mission is to help ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you need to type an address – a name or a number – into your computer or other device. That address must be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world. ICANN was formed in 1998 as a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with a community of participants from all over the world.