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[1] U.S. NTIA SOLICITS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ICANN
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The NTIA is seeking public comment on "continuation of the transition of the technical coordination and management of the Internet domain name and addressing system to the private sector." In addition, they will also hold a public meeting to discuss issues associated with the progress of the transition on July 26, 2006. We prefer to think of it as a global referendum on ICANN. IGP will be developing talking points for inclusion in submitted comments which respond directly to the challenges posed by the DoC's oversight of ICANN. Comments are due on or before July 7, 2006.
<http://www.internetgovernance.org/news.html#ntiahearing_052306>

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[2] IANA CONTRACT SOLE SOURCED
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Reneging on an earlier suggestion that the contract would be put out for competitive bid, the US Department of Commerce announced its intention to give ICANN a sole-source, no-cost contract to provide the "IANA function" - a key source of control over global internet policy.
<<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/spg/DOC/OS/OAM/DOCNTIA%2D0001/SynopsisP.html>>

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[3] THE "MAG" ANNOUNCED, IGP PARTNER APPOINTED
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The "MAG" - a "multistakeholder" advisory group which will provide advice to the UN Secretariat concerning process and substantive agenda of the Internet Governance Forum - was announced this week, with a pronounced bias toward participants from ICANN and ISOC. Jeanette Hoffman, a partner with the

IGP,
will serve as a civil society representative.
<http://www.internetgovernance.org/news.html#hofmannmag_051706>

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[4] INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (IGF) CONSULTATION HELD
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Following the first in a series of consultations, the IGF released a program outline for the first meeting to be held in Athens. The agenda is organized around the headings of Openness (Free flow of information, ideas and access to knowledge); Security (Building trust online, protecting users from spam, phishing, viruses, maintain security while protecting privacy); Access (Internet connectivity, policies and costs) and Diversity (Promoting multilingualism through IDN, and local content and Respecting geographical diversity)
<http://www.intgovforum.org/athens_outline.htm>

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[5].xxx TURNED DOWN
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In response to the May 10, 2006 denial of their TLD application, ICM Registry filed a reconsideration request with ICANN and a judicial appeal under the Freedom of Information Act to challenge redactions and omissions from the documents released to it. Even with redactions, the documents clearly show how US supervision of ICANN was influenced by domestic political pressure.
<http://www.internetgovernance.org/news.html#foiaxxx_051906>

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[6] IGP PRESENTS AT CFP 2006
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Derrick Cogburn and Milton Mueller participated in a panel held at the premiere privacy conference in North America - Computers, Freedom and Privacy 2006. The session focused on the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as a new platform for discussion of global Internet policy and included participation of Markus Kummer, the IGF Executive Coordinator, Bill Drake, director of the project on the Information Revolution and Global Governance, and Michael Nelson, VP Public Policy, ISOC.
<http://www.internetgovernance.org/events.html#cfp2006_050406>

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[7] IGP RELEASES DISTRIBUTED SECRETARIAT PAPER
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"The Distributed Secretariat: Making the Internet Governance Forum Work" outlines a new way for the Internet Governance Forum to meet the need for a substantive Secretariat. John Mathiason proposes a "distributed Secretariat" wherein the Forum delegates to qualified groups the responsibility for preparing the factual and normative analysis that can serve as the starting

point for its public deliberations. View the full paper:
<<http://www.internetgovernance.org/pdf/distrib-sec.pdf>>

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