History

- RIRs signing ASO MoU with ICANN in Oct 1999
- Funding: Agreement to
  - Cover ca 10% of ICANN budget between RIRs
  - Division of financial burden to be agreed by RIRs
- Ongoing contract negotiations until 2002
- Spring 2002: ICANN reform breaks loose…
ICANN Reform

- ASO clearly was not high on ICANN agenda
- RIRs publish several position papers
- Not much reaction from ICANN side, but:
  - ASO still untouched in new ICANN bylaws
RIR Perspective

- ICANN unstable (2002++)
- ICANN harbours IANA
- Goal:
  - Secure access to the unallocated address pool
  - In general: Guarantee Stable Stewardship of Internet Numbering Resources
- Need stable, minimalist alternative to ICANN IANA with regard to addresses / ASNs
Wanted:

- Body capable of …
  - performing IANA “spreadsheet function”
  - protecting bottom up policy making processes for Global Policies

- Also:
  Focus strengthening RIR co-ordination
Enter: The NRO

- **Number Resource Organisation**
  - “Coalition” of all RIRs
- **Carriage of joint activities**
  - Technical services
  - RIR point of contact
  - RIR representation
  - Negotiation with external parties
- **Intend to form new ASO with ICANN**
  - Able to provide service in absence of ICANN
• MoU signed following long discussion
  – RIR boards statements
  – NRO proposal
  – Final comment period

• Organs
  – Executive Council
  – Number Council
  – Secretariat
Current status

• EC appointed (RIR CEOs)
  – Paul Wilson (Chair), Axel Pawlik (Secretary)
  Raul Echeberria (Treasurer), Ray Plzak (Liaison)
• Engineering Co-ordination Group established (RIR CTOs)
  – Andrei Robachevsky (Chair)
• Secretariat at RIPE NCC
  – Email nro@nro.org
  – Web http://www.nro.org
• Not established: NRO Number Council
  – All policy related process frozen for the duration of good faith negotiations with ICANN
And what about ICANN?

- NRO has offered to ICANN to function as ICANN ASO.
- Very similar structure and functionality to current ASO.
Last Issues Resolved

• Population of Address Council (NomCom appointments)
• Liaison to Address Council from other ICANN bodies
• Some clarification and process issues

• Signed Letter of Intent with ICANN during LACNIC IV, 1 April 2004.