



The Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand

NEW TOP LEVEL DOMAIN NAMES: TRADE MARK ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Peter Dengate-Thrush, Barrister and Chairman of the Board of ICANN

In 2009, ICANN began to implement plans to expand the top-level domain (gTLD) by adding specific new categories. This has caused consternation amongst trade mark owners. The executive director of INTA has stated this month:

“If not carried out thoughtfully, unlimited gTLD expansion threatens the stability of the Internet and it sharply increases the costs of trade mark protection”

Peter Dengate-Thrush as Board Chairman of ICANN, is at the heart of this issue. He will explain ICANN's plans and how it is dealing with trade mark owners' concerns.

IPSANZ is delighted that Peter has agreed to speak to its members.

WELLINGTON MEETING: Date: Wednesday 17 February 2010
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: A J Park, Level 6, Huddart Parker Building, Post Office Square
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

CHRISTCHURCH MEETING: Date: Wednesday 17 February 2010 (by video conference with Wellington)
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: James & Wells, Level 11, PWC Centre, 119 Armagh Street
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

AUCKLAND MEETING: Date: Thursday 18 February 2010
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Simpson Grierson, Level 27, 88 Shortland Street
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

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