Jeremy’s proposed language to the Interim Report

I would like to propose some items which may elicit varying appeal.  
  
- Do we want to alter the preliminary IRD-WG recommendations from "WHOIS clients (both port 43 and web)" to "registrant data query tool"?  
  
- Under the findings section: The requirements of international content combined with the current WHOIS protocol are incompatible.  Quoting from RFC 3912

The WHOIS protocol has not been internationalised. The protocol has no mechanism for indicating the character set in use. Originally, the predominant text encoding in use was US-ASCII.  In practice, some WHOIS servers, particularly those outside the USA, might be using some other character set either for requests, replies, or both.  This inability to predict or express text encoding has adversely impacted the interoperability (and, therefore, usefulness) of the WHOIS protocol.

- Under the findings section: "IETF has done work on a system called CRISP to increase the flexibility and scope to build a protocol that allows one to find and access information associated with Internet labels"  
  
- Under the findings section: There has been no demonstrated deficiencies with web based query tools as HTTP-based protocol support language and script encodings"  
  
  
- Under the recommendations section: "ICANN phase out the requirement for the RFC 3912 WHOIS system" - this would leave the web based query tool."

- Under the recommendations section: "ICANN direct a working group to choose a replacement for both the whois and web based query tool to be a single point of access for domain label name.  This WG would examine privacy concerns, accessibility to data concerns, and registry/registrar impacts"