It is my pleasure to announce that Booking.com approached Karen Pauley, president of The Perl Foundation, during the recent YAPC::NA conference in Asheville and announced their intent to sponsor the Core Maintenance Fund. Karen was both pleased and delighted at the generosity of Booking.com who have decided to sponsor $10,000.

Booking.com have sponsored Perl events and initiatives for many years and have also been host to Perl events at their offices in Amsterdam. They employ a large and committed team of Perl developers and use Perl for a vast number of tasks in their business. Booking.com have spoken favourably about how Perl has given them the “flexibility and efficiency that has enabled them to grow quickly”.

“The Perl Foundation is delighted to announce this generous gift to the Perl 5 Maintenance Fund from Booking.com, a consistent supporter of Perl.” said Karen Pauley, president of TPF, “This donation comes at a key time [for the fund] and will be exceptionally helpful to ensure the ongoing maintenance of Perl 5. This is yet another example of the commitment Booking.com has to Perl and a demonstration of their generosity to the Perl Community”.

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