Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

Applications should be submitted electronically to staff@atlarge.icann.org. Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from http://www.atlarge.icann.org/files/atlarge/als-application-form-en.doc

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name: **University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (UniBIT)**

2. Organisation's email address: 119, Tzarigradsko shosse, 1784 Sofia, BULGARIA

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes): + 359 (0) 2 971 80 68

4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):

    119, Tzarigradsko shosse, 1784 Sofia, BULGARIA

5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available): www.unibit.bg

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.

6. Primary contact:

    a. Name: Stoyan Denchev

    b. Email address: s.denchev@unibit.bg

    c. Telephone: + 359 (0) 2 970 85 83

7. Secondary Contact:

    a. Name: Plamena Popova

    b. Email address: plam.popova@gmail.com

    c. Telephone: + 359 (0) 2 970 85 96

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

    a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

YES.

b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found: The main governing body of UniBIT is its General Assembly which is constituted by individual members – representatives of academics, students and administrative staff.

c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

YES.

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

As a legal structure UniBIT was incorporated in 1950. It has received its accreditation as a University by a Decision of the National Assembly of Bulgaria in 2010.

d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes): The main body of the University is its General Assembly which is constituted by individual members: academics, administrative staff and students. Representative of the University is its Rector. There are also other governing and decision making bodies as: Academic Council, Student Council etc. Please check http://www.unibit.bg/files/structure1.pdf for the structure of UniBIT.

e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

YES – Regulation for the structure, management and activity of UniBIT

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available) https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B-7I4wu_HMCHOGEzMmFmNjctYmRjNC00NDgzLWI0MDAtNjg0OTE2NDcyNDRl/edit?sort=name&layout=list&pid=0B-7I4wu_HMCHNTg1MDI5YmQtNDEyZC00MzI2LTkxZDEtYmU5MDFmM2JjZTFi&cindex=5#

f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy): N/A

g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business? Bulgarian, English and Russian (for international projects)

2. About Your Members

   a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

      YES.

      IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

   b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

      NO.

      IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

   c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

      NO.

      IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

   d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.): Academics, Students and Administrative Staff

   e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest: Organisational communication

f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have? Approximately 3 000 students, 103 academics and administrative staff - 54.

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

YES.

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"): As a university UniBIT receive funding for its research and scientific activities by both: state budget and external funding (several projects are financed by European Social Fund).

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate): As a university UniBIT receive funding for its research and scientific activities by both: state budget and external funding (several projects are financed by European Social Fund).

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

YES.

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

YES. http://www.unibit.bg/

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Prof. D-r Stoyan Denchev, Rector of UniBIT - s.denchev@unibit.bg

Prof. D-r Irena Peteva, Vice Rector of UniBIT – i.peteva@unibit.bg

Objectives

1. Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted): The UniBIT' mission is to prepare highly qualified, socially and personally motivated and adaptable to global environment and the challenges of the

information society experts, able to contribute to the integration into European and global values.

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership: Internet Governance; Access to global research networks;

3. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

YES.

4. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

YES.

The texts of the MoUs can be found at: https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/Reference+Texts

Signature

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organisation to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply with ALS criteria.

Date: December, 6 2012