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:

   Фонд содействия развитию интернета «Фонд поддержки интернет» (The Foundation for Support of Internet Development "Internet Support Foundation")

2. Organisation's email address: *info@fondpi.ru*

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes):

   +7 495 7667132

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

   8, Zoologitcheskaya st., Moscow, Russia, 123242

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

   fondpi.ru

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: *Mikhail Medrish*

   b. Email address: *medrish@fondpi.ru*

   c. Telephone: *+7 985 9225381*

7. Secondary Contact:

   a. Name: *Andrei Kolesnikov*

   b. Email address: *andrei@cctld.ru*

   c. Telephone: *+7 499 2548894*

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?

      Indicate Yes or No: *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:

      Through their activities, Foundation pays special attention to Internet Governance and Internet security from users perspective. As an initiator and sponsor of researches, seminars and conferences on these topics the Foundation welcomes and encourages participation of various stakeholders and civil society and end-users in particular in such workshops and conferences. Whether a Board member or a regular contributor to the Foundation's operation, the end-user benefits from the research into his/her rights, support of his/her activities by means of grant-related funding from the Foundation.

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

      Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

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

      The Foundation is a nonprofit, noncommercial organization, registered due to Russian rules in Moscow.

   d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

      The Foundation's managing bodies include the Director and the Board, with the former constituting a sole executive body. Meanwhile, the Board consisting of stakeholders-representatives and end-users in particular and led by the Chair contributes to and exercises oversight of the decision-making process and decision implementation.

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

      Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

      IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

   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):

> *Being end-user oriented, the Foundation focuses on delivering meaningful public literacy and awareness-raising research and advocacy. The At-Large community, together with other stakeholder groups, co-opts its representatives to the Board thus contributing to the shaping of the Board operational agenda and corporate development strategy.*

g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

> *Russian*

2. About Your Members

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

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

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

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

Indicate Yes or No: *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?

> *Whilst the Foundation's structure does not foresee corporate membership in any form, the said civil society and At-Large community representatives are typically affiliated with a plethora of organizations (as a given person, for example, may sit on several NGOs' bodies) most of which are non-profit NGOs.*

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

Indicate Yes or No: *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.

> *We hereby attest and ascertain that the Foundation's ethos and corporate arrangements do not provide for a possibility to any public administration, government or quasi-government entity to hold membership in, or nominate their representatives to, the Foundation's managing bodies or otherwise participate in its management and operation.*

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.):

> *While the Foundation's structure does not foresee direct membership, it should be noted that its major constituencies are formed by grass-root activists and interests of end-users.*

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

> *Given the scope of operation and scarcity of funds, the Foundation relies primarily on its webpage as a major source of updates on and information of its operation and activities. More specifically, the community can familiarize itself with those by exploring the Foundation's annual reports, which provide all critical information and account of the Foundation's performance during the year under review. The stakeholders are encouraged to provide their feedback by posting comments to the reports and leaving messages to the Board, which helps streamline operations, improve performance and enhance oversight. The stakeholders have possibilities to provide their feedback during different activities organized by the Foundation and in which the Foundation takes part.*

f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

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):

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

> *The Foundation's financial standing is ensured by donations and financial support from private-sector organizations. To ensure its financial viability in a longer run, the Board members serve pro bono, while the staff has been brought to a minimum required by the present level and intensity of operation, and volunteers' engagement is encouraged, thus allowing substantial economies of scale. All the above testifies to the Foundation being self-sufficient and in no need for ICANN's funding.*

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

> *N/A*

> *At the moment, the prime source of funding is the Coordination Center for Russian TLD's sponsorship contribution; that said the Foundation takes a pro-active stance as far as other sources are concerned, bar public funding*

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):

> *It is the Foundation's ultimately strict policy not to receive any funding from both public and for-profit corporations, or the government. This commitment is strictly enforced on all the levels and will remain in force regardless of further developments in the country and on the Internet.*

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

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

> *In an effort to promote its constituents' informed participation in ICANN, the Foundation has engaged themselves in awareness-raising activities and pool sources with the Coordination Center and some other NGOs to hold/contribute to joint public events, such as workshops, Russian IGF, national internet Forum, etc. , "spread the word" among the At-Large community and engage them by disseminating printed and online publications, broadcast interviews, and using social networks*

7. 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)?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

> *It should be noted that the Foundation's limited scope of operation, scarce funding and manpower compel us to cut back on what we perceive of a less critical activities. Whilst, the information on the foundation's corporate structure, goals, etc. and, most importantly, mission and mandate has remained unchanged and fully accessible for the At-Large on our webpage, we believe there is no compelling need to update it, nor do we think the time will come to fundamentally amend it, as the magnitude of the challenges facing us today is huge. Rather, we must focus on the existing ones to promote the balanced and credible approach to the whole array of issues that are of the stakeholders' primary concern for the benefit of the growing multistakeholder community in the country.*

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

Mikhail Medrish - Director - medrish@fondpi.ru

Andrei Kolesnokov - The Member of the Board, andrei@cctld.ru

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):

   > *Whereas the Foundation's mission per its bylaws is stated as broadly as "Promotion of the growth of the Internet given the current challenging and dynamic environment in the country", the focus of attention has shifted towards public advocacy activities including inter alia the recognition of the need to duly represent Russian internet users' interests and needs as far as ICANN policies are concerned.*
   > *The Foundation's website is: fondpi.ru. Kindly note all the documents posted therein are in Russian only.*

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

   > *ICANN community's activities and the internet Corporation's operation in the constantly evolving Internet Governance ecosystem offer much food for thought and certain best practices to build on. Whilst there is a range of issues of particular interest for the Russian end-user community, they are keen to explore in depth the concept of multistakeholderism, its substance, practicalities and technicalities which make it universally applicable. As a practical exercise on the issue, the discussion on IANA transition from end-user perspective generates a great deal of enthusiasm and helps build a better understanding of both the technical aspects of the Internet's functioning and the role of the At-Large community in it.*

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?

   Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

   > *Underpinning our move to obtain accreditation with EURALO is the recognition of the end-user, At-Large community in Russia and the CIS being dramatically underrepresented at the ICANN and in the regional/global peer structures. Ours is the first attempt in Russia to break the ground in building a robust, sustainable structure to encourage a broad public participation, to ensure their voice is adequately articulated, channeled through and heard of by and within the IG organizations concerned and engage them with other stakeholders so*

that to promote a multistakeholder-based approach to major items of the international and domestic Internet Governance agenda.

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?

   Indicate Yes or No: *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.

Signature:

Name: *Mikhail Medrish*

Date: *05.11.2014*

Title: *Director*