Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Applicant Organisation: University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (UniBIT)
Region: EURALO
Form Completed by: Silvia Vivanco and Veni Markovski
Email Address: silvia.vivanco@icann.org

1)   COMMITMENTS

a.   Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

b.   Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: X☐ NO: ☐

2)   GOVERNANCE

c.   Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?

Bulgaria. However, the University UniBIT actively participates in international cooperation on bilateral agreements with similar institutions in Russia, Germany, France, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, and Turkey. UniBIT is a member of IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations in LIBER - Association of European research and academic libraries in ICOM - International Council of Museums, the National Technical Committee for Standardization archive, library, information and publishing activities (TC 16) in Union of Librarians and Information Services (ULISO) and others.

d.   Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organisation?

YES: x☐   NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

The main governing body of UniBIT is its General Assembly which is constituted by individual members – representatives of academics, students and administrative staff.

http://www.unibit.bg/files/structure1.pdf

e. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: x☐ NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

http://www.unibit.bg/files/structure1.pdf

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: x☐   DELEGATE: ☐

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☐   NO: x☐

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

The main governing body of UniBIT is its General Assembly which is constituted by individual members – representatives of academics, students and administrative staff.

g. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: ☐   NO: X☐

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

h. **Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?**

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

As an Academic Institution the organization allows participation of students, researchers, etc.

See: http://www.unibit.bg/about-unibit/overview/mission-goals

http://www.unibit.bg/learning-activity/bachelor/bachelor-specialties

i. **Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).**

YES: X☐ NO: ☐

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

As a University UniBIT receive funding for its research and scientific activities by both: state budget and external funding (several projects are financed by the European Social Fund).

j. **Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?**

YES: X☐ NO: ☐

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL):

http://www.unibit.bg/files/structure1.pdf

k. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If The main governing body of UniBIT is its General Assembly which is constituted by individual me Representative of the University is its Rector. There are also other governing Decision making bodies as: Academic Council, Student Council etc. mbers – representatives of academics, students and administrative staff.

'YES', how and where are the references?

Reference: http://www.unibit.bg/files/structure1.pdf

How does the applicant appear to be funded? Outline funding sources:

UniBIT receives funding for its research and scientific activities by both: state budget and external funding (several projects are financed by European Social Fund).

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

Application form.

l. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: ☐ NO: x☐

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If 'YES', please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of 'strings' of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

m. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: ☐ NO:x ☐

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer:

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: ☐ NO: x☐

If YES, role(s):

n. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: X☐ NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

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 glo

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

Does the listed URL work?

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: x ☐ NO: ☐

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes:
About 3,560 results (0.48 seconds)

Additional information if any: The University is one of the fastest growing universities in the country.

http://www.unibit.bg/about-unibit/overview/rectors-address

b. **Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?**

No

YES: ☐   NO: X☐

If 'YES" please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

c. **What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?**

Outline focus issues: It focuses on Internet Governance; Access to global research networks.

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

  YES: x☐   NO: ☐

  Additional information if any:

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

  ACTIVE: x☐   INACTIVE: ☐

  If Active, please provide details of activities or reference URLs for the same: