

Letter of Motivation  
Whois Policy Review Team  
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Dear all,

I am writing to you regarding the Whois Policy Review Team, to express my strong willingness to be part of it.

I have been strongly involved in the Ican process since the setting up of the organization in 1998. I physically participated to the Berlin's meeting in 1999 and I then followed the Ican's work as a member of the At Large Study Committee (ALSC) in 2000/ 2001 as one of the two European representatives of the Committee. I followed the works done by Ican since that time as chairman of the French Chapter of the Internet Society (Isoc) as well as an IT Lawyer and Professor of Law. Particularly, I teach the Internet Governance to my students both in the University of Paris Sorbonne and Paris 11 Sceaux and to that effect I have studied all areas of Ican. I was one of the founders of the European Global Event on domain Names and address systems on Internet (EGENI)'s annual meetings from 2001 to 2008 to discuss Internet governance issues and more precisely Whois, privacy and personal data protections.

Regarding the topic "Whois", I believe that I possess the requisite skills and personal characteristics to serve on this team. I recently wrote a book entitled the digital identity in questions (May 2008 – Editor Eyrolles) in which I stressed the great importance of the Whois (one chapter of the book). Whois is the largest identity register in the world and, thus, a unique experience in the history of the humanity. If Whois should have evolved we should find a consensus between the need for certain stakeholders to use public Whois information for harmful purposes and the right for registrants to defend their privacy.

Finally, since I am a practitioner in my work who can account on a team of ten associates, I have the opportunity to decide where and when devote my time. So I am able to perform an outstanding work for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely yours.

Olivier Iteanu