

**Motivation Letter** regarding  
**Call for Applicants for the Position of Volunteer Review Team Member,**  
**“whois policy”.**

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I wish to represent the ASO on the “whois policy” review team, with the ASO already being aware of this application.

My motivation to apply is summarized as follows:

I am interested in ICANN’s well-being and continuous development as can be seen by my service on the Address Council and the NomCom2010

While the Resource Registry Database (accessible by the ubiquitous “whois” method) is considerably different from the “whois” service - and applicable policies – for Domain Names, there is a wide overlap when it comes to

- protecting privacy and data related to individuals
- making important information about registrants available
  - both publicly, to law enforcement and for other parties
- maintaining the availability and global access to relevant data
- educating the community about the whois services and the boundary conditions of its use.

On top of that I am also – in my personal capacity - a registrant of a domain under Austria’s ccTLD and the administrative contact for our NREN’s<sup>[1]</sup> domain in .net.

As an aside, a different group in our university’s Central IT Department is operating the registry for Austria’s ccTLD and is developing and maintaining registry software for managing domains (both ccTLD and E164).

Last but not least, while I am interested in supporting ICANN’s goals in general and to contribute, I would also like to use this opportunity to take interesting ideas and findings back to my (and the RIPE community’s) work with our region’s resource registry (RIPE-DB).

[1] National Research and Education Network

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