

To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs,

Hereby I report my interest to become a member of ICANN's **Accountability & Transparency Review Team**, with the full information as requested in your Call for Volunteer:

- 1) A resume – see **Attachment 1**,
- 2) A letter of motivation – see **Attachment 2**,
- 3) A Declaration of Interests – see **Attachment 3**,
- 4) Advisory Committee I wish to represent: **Governmental Advisory Committee**. Preliminarily the possibility of my application was endorsed and approved by the Russian Representative to GAC (Mr. Igor Milashevski), and discussed/supported with other members of GAC.
- 5) Desired position: (first preference) **Representative of GAC**, or (second preference) **independent expert**.

Kind regards,

Michael Yakushev

Moscow , January 14 / 2013.

(Attachment 1)

Resume (biography and other personal information) (Jan.2013)

Name:

Michael YAKUSHEV (Mikhail Yakushev, Михаил Владимирович Якушев)

Country of citizenship: **Russia**

Country of residence: **Russia**

Current job, title and employer:

Job Title: **Vice-President**

Employer: **Mail.Ru.Group** (<http://mail.ru>)

Areas of Responsibility: legal support of the company's Internet-related activities worldwide; government relations aimed at better business environment for IT/Internet industry; legal advice for the new Internet-based services and their compliance with local laws and regulations. Mail.Ru is one of the biggest Russian-based internet companies, with ownership in a number of social networks and other internet resources, and world-wide operation.

Professional education:

1989

International Law Department, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University).

Professional history [most recent]:

2008-2010

SAP C.I.S.: Director, Legal and Commercial Affairs

2006-2008

Microsoft Corporation: Director, Legal and Corporate Affairs for Russia and C.I.S.

2004-2006

Federal Ministry for Information Technologies and Telecommunications, Russian Federation: Director of Legal Department

Current and past volunteer positions, roles and accomplishments:

ICANN WHOIS Review Team, designated nominee by ICANN President and CEO (2011-2012): Assessment the extent to which current WHOIS policy is effective and its implementation meets the legitimate needs of law enforcement and promotes consumer trust. Report delivered to the ICANN Board (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/whois-rt-final-report-11may12-en.htm>).

Council of Europe Ad-Hoc Advisory Group on Cross-Border Internet (MC-S-CI), Vice-Chairman (2010-2011): Examination of the feasibility of drafting an instrument designed to preserve or reinforce the protection of cross-border flow of Internet traffic openness and neutrality. Approved by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe: Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)8 to member states on the protection and promotion of the universality, integrity and openness of the internet ([https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=CM/Rec\(2011\)8&Language=lanEnglish](https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=CM/Rec(2011)8&Language=lanEnglish)), and Declaration on Internet governance principles (<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1835773>)

Russian ccTLD Coordination Committee (NGO), Member of the Board (2001-2010 and since 2012), Representative of the Russian Government (2004-2006), Chairman of the Board (2008-2010): provision of stable and secure function of the Russian ccTLD(s) and the system of domain names registration; legal support and advice on the development of Internet in Russia.
<http://www.cctld.ru>

Russian Center for Policy Studies (PIR-Center), Chairman of the Executive Board (since 2010): Political think-tank, aimed at providing expertise on international security, and being represented throughout former Soviet Union and in Geneva. Last years is actively involved in information security issues.
<http://www.pircenter.org/index.php?id=1174>

Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG, under UN Secretary General), Member (2004-2005): preparation of the Report on Internet Governance (2005).
<http://www.wgig.org/docs/Bio-Yakushev.html>

G8 Digital Opportunities Task Force (DOT-Force), Representative of the Russian Federation (2000-2001): preparation of the Report of DOT-Force including a proposal for Genoa Plan of Action (G8 Summit, 2001).
<http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/dotforce1.html>

Languages: I am fluent in Russian, English, and Spanish; I have basic knowledge of German, French, Polish and Ukrainian.

Contact information: provided in the covering letter

References: available on request

(Attachment 2)

Letter of motivation.

(1) I started working in the field of Internet in 1995, and I have been involved with questions about Internet Governance and ICANN since the foundation of ICANN, and later, during the WSIS. I have been working for the Russian and the international Internet Community and have participated in many ICANN-related events, including the participation in the recent WHOIS Review Team, for many years. This experience made me realize better the strong and the weak sides of ICANN and would help to organize the work and support the success of the forming A&T Review Team.

(2). If selected, I will make sure that the strong sides become even stronger, and the weak ones be fixed: I believe that ICANN needs even more transparency and more accountability; and especially in the time of the Affirmation of Commitments, it needs to engage even more the broad Internet community. However, as Governments do play their own – and substantive – role in the multi-stakeholders model, their interest should be taken into consideration as a top priority in the respective areas of their responsibility.

(3). I managed to build knowledge in both the government and the non-governmental world – I've done business in practically every aspect of the Internet in Russia/C.I.S/Europe. I became member and contributed substantially in the work of DOT-Force, Working Group on Internet Governance, among others. During my engagement with the international organizations I always stress on the need to strengthen the ICANN model of managing the Internet DNS, as well as to improve the transparency and accountability principles of ICANN.

(4) I have published more than 60 Internet-related articles in different Russian magazines, and three books (in Russian): *Internet and Glasnost* (2000), *Information, Property, Internet* (2005), and *Internet Governance: Documents and Materials* (2012).

(5). All the above shows that I am eager to contribute with my theoretical skills and professional experience to the detailed and substantial review of accountability and transparency of the activities of ICANN.

(6). I participate in ICANN activities as volunteer and I do not expect any compensation other than the reimbursement of the indicated expenses. I participated in the same manner in DOT-Force, UN WGIG and CE MC-S-CI, WHOIS RT, and others.

(Attachment 3)

**Declaration of Interests and Affirmation
regarding Conflicts of Interest Policy
by MICHAEL YAKUSHEV
for participation in the ICANN Affirmation of Commitments
Second Accountability & Transparency Review Team.**

1. Current vocation, employer and position:

Mail.Ru.Group (<http://mail.ru>), Vice-President

2. Type of work performed in 1 above and declaration of relationships with entities holding a Financial (or declarable) Interest in ICANN:

(1) **Areas of Responsibility:** legal support of the company's Internet-related activities worldwide; government relations aimed at better business environment for IT/Internet industry; legal advice for the new Internet-based services and their compliance with local laws and regulations.

(2) **NO RELATIONSHIPS with entities holding Financial (or declarable) Interest in ICANN.**

3. Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in registries, registrars or other firms that are interested parties in ICANN policy or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement:

NO FINANCIAL OWNERSHIP in such firms and/or organizations; I am member of the Board of the RU/PФ Coordination Center (cctld.ru), with **no senior management/leadership interest.**

4. Am I, or a company I work for:

- Currently an applicant for a new gTLD? Answer: **NO**
- Providing advice to any current or future new gTLD applicants? Answer: **NO**
- Otherwise involved in an application submitted for the New gTLD Program, such as providing service in support of an applicant or having a financial interest in an applicant? Answer: **NO**

5. Identify any type of commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes. Do I represent other parties in any PDP or other ICANN related processes? Answer: **NO COMMERCIAL INTEREST**

6. Geographic Region associated with the nationality of volunteer: **EUROPE.**

7. Stakeholders Group(s) AC's or SO's in which I volunteer or currently participate within ICANN: **ccNSO**.

Except as described above, I have no (i) ownership or investment interest in any equity with which ICANN has an existing or proposed transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; (ii) a compensation arrangement with any entity or individual with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; and (iii) a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which ICANN is negotiating a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement.

SIGNATURE: **Michael Yakushev**

DATE: January 14, 2013