Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

ICANN

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: **Wikimedia Österreich (Austria)**
2. Organisation's email address: **verein@wikimedia.at**
3. Organisation's phone number: **+43 699 14128615**
4. Organisation's address: **Wikimedia Österreich**
   Glacisstraße 57/II
   8010-Graz
   Österreich (Austria)
5. Organisation's website (URL): **http://www.wikimedia.at/**

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: **Manuel Schneider**
   b. Email address: **manuel.schneider@wikimedia.at**
   c. Telephone: **+49 7622 6677201**
7. Secondary Contact:
   a. Name: **Kurt Kulac**
   b. Email address: **kurt.kulac@wikimedia.at**
   c. Telephone: **+43 664 4128615**

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:
   http://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikimedia_%C3%96sterreich/Statuten/final/en&oldid=853219

   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:
   Wikimedia Österreich is an association established and registered under Austrian federal law.
   It is based and registered in Graz as association no. 642058113.
   The registration can be reviewed here: http://zvr.bmi.gv.at/.

   d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):
   - **Board – volunteers elected biennially by the general assembly**
   - **General Assembly – annual assembly of all members**
   Daily work is done on public mailing lists and wikis:
   http://lists.wikimedia.org/pipermail/vereinat-l/
   http://mitglieder.wikimedia.at/

   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:
   http://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikimedia_%C3%96sterreich/Statuten/final/en&oldid=853219

   f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership: **written application**
   board approval (formality)
   payment of membership fee
   http://mitglieder.wikimedia.at/images/e/e1/Aufnahmeantrag.pdf

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

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**

   b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?
      Indicate Yes or No: **yes**

      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?
      We don't restrict the type of organizational members, they are of either kind.
      There are currently less than 10% of organizational members at Wikimedia Österreich.
      All members share the idea of supporting free knowledge, either because they are involved in that field or affected by it or just because they find the idea appealing.

   c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?
      Indicate Yes or No: **not yet**

      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 do several projects with govermental bodies such as the Federal Bureau of Monuments (Bundesdenkmalamt) and are aiming in getting them as members in order to tie them a little more to our association. Organizational members are per statutes "supporting members", thus have no voting right.

   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.):
      Most of them are volunteers working on Wikipedia or any other Wikimedia projects. Hobbyists of various backgrounds, mostly computer-savy persons.

   e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:
      All issues / activities in the association are discussed on a public mailinglist, plannings are done on a public members wiki:
      - **http://lists.wikimedia.org/pipermail/vereinat-l/**
      - **http://mitglieder.wikimedia.at/**

f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?
81 regular members
3 regular members at reduced fee (students, pensioners etc.)
1 organizational member

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**

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation?
   - **Grants through the Wikimedia Foundation**
   - **donations from individuals (collected online)**
   - **membership fees**

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): **no**

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?
Indicate Yes or No: **yes**

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**
   - **http://www.wikimedia.at/**
   - **http://mitglieder.wikimedia.at/**
8. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):
   - **Chairman**   Kurt Kulac   kurt.kulac@wikimedia.at
   - **Vice Chairman** Christoph Breitler   christoph.breitler@wikimedia.at
   - **Secretary**   Ingo Allmer   ingo.allmer@wikimedia.at
   - **Vice Secretary** Beppo Stuhl   beppo.stuhl@wikimedia.at
   - **Treasurer**   Reiner Strubert   reiner.strubert@wikimedia.at
   - **Vice Treasurer** Michael Kranewitter michael.kranewitter@wikimedia.at
   - **Advisor**   Denis Barthel   denis.barthel@wikimedia.at
   - **Advisor**   Manuel Schneider   manuel.schneider@wikimedia.at

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):

   The purpose of the association is the advancement, creation, collection and redistribution of Open Content in voluntary service, for the encouragement of free knowledge and education. Open Content refers to all work that has been placed by its author under a license, which allows everybody to modify and distribute these works. In addition, the awareness of the related social and philosophical issues will be enhanced. The Association shares the objectives of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization founded in Florida, USA. The Wikimedia Foundation coordinates activities along the lines of the Association's purpose within the international sector, and manages the name Wikimedia as well as the names of the various international Wikimedia projects.
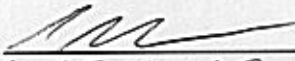   - http://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikimedia_%C3%96sterreich/Statuten/final/en&oldid=853219
   - http://www.wikimedia.at/ueber-wikimedia

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:
   - **net neutrality**
   - **fair access to internet ressources which requires a fair internet governance**
   - **making sure that internet governance respect public interest – the public are our volunteers who create the Wikimedia projects**

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

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:	*[signature]*	*B. Stuhl*
Name:	GURT KULAC	Beppo Stuhl
Date:	11. 1. 2012	11. 1. 2012
Title:	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY