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

Contact information

1. Organization's Name:

   USUARIA, Asociación Argentina de Usuarios de la Informática y las Comunicaciones - Asociación Civil

2. Organization's email address:

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3. Organization's phone number (include country/city codes):

   +54-11-4951-2631 and/or +54-11-4951-2855

4. Organization's address (location and postal address, if different):

   Rincón 326
   (C1081ABH) Capital Federal
   Buenos Aires, Argentina

5. Organization's website (URL) (if available):

   www.usuaria.org.ar

6. Organization's contact for ALS application (email, phone, address):

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Description

7. Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?

   YES

8. Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies):

   64 members. All of them related with ITC (Information Technology and Communication) business in Argentina. Most of them (85%) employed as IT executives at domestic companies of different sizes and activities, involving a large number of IT people in their acting area. The remaining USUARIA´s members work in other ITC-related activities (teaching, consulting, IT suppliers among others).

9. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

> *Any party (either an individual or a corporation) holding the capacity of user for computing and communication equipment is entitled to join USUARIA as a member thereto.*

10. In what language/s does your organization conduct its business?

> *SPANISH*

11. Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

> *YES*

12. Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

> *The Association is managed by a 27-member (16 regular and 9 deputy members, respectively) Managing Committee and by an Executive Board consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.*

13. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

> *YES*

14. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

> *Web-Site available Information + E-mail messages to members + Users' meetings according to their topic -affinity.*
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> *Spreading Activities:*
> * *Usuaria Conference (+1000 attendants; held on an annual basis since 1982 – www.congresousuaria.org.ar);*
> * *Segurinfo (+ 900 attendants - www.segurinfo.org.ar);*
> * *Mate.ar Award (since 1996, we award prizes to the best Internet Sites – www.matear.org.ar)*

15. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

> *YES at www.usuaria.org.ar*

16. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Name: *Hernan Huergo*
Position: *President*
email: hhuergo@fibertel.com.ar

Name: *Juan J. Dellacqua*
Position: *VicePresident*
email: jdellacqua@trends.com.ar

Objectives

17. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

    Promoting and fostering its members' relationships to each other, so as to enable equipment, techniques, and experiences exchange.

    Representing its members and ITC users in general before the public powers in connection with such matters as are direct or indirectly relevant to the activities mentioned.

    Promoting studies, seminars, and conferences, so as to spread the technical and scientific knowledge reached by ITC areas to its members and to the community in general.

    Encouraging administration methods improvement through information processing and treatment.

    Emphasizing a high ethical sense accomplishment in the relationships between its members.

18. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:

    Internet Governance

19. If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?

    YES

Signature

(Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your organization to sign this application and commit your organization to comply with ALS criteria.)

Raul Bauer