

**Statements of Interest for IDN Variant Issues Project
17 June 2011**

1. Your Name:

Cary Karp

2. Current employer and position:

I have a full-time position at the Swedish Museum of Natural History where I am the Director of Internet Strategy and Technology.

3. Type of work performed:

SMNH is an agency of the Swedish government. I work directly out of the office of its Director General whom I advise on matters implicit in my job title. I am also responsible for a number of projects the museum conducts under the same heading. The most relevant of these in the present context are policy and operational oversight of the .MUSEUM TLD, and the operation of the SMNH IDN Laboratory.

In addition to work conducted at the museum's own initiative, its IDN Lab provides advice and support on both an ad hoc basis and under formal consultancy agreements to other entities in the public and public interest sectors.

4. Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in that are interested parties in IDN Variant related topics:

I have no investments or ownership interest in any entities conducting activity related to IDN variants. As a member of the .MUSEUM sponsoring organization, the Museum Domain Management Association International, SMNH participates in the designation of MDI officers. I am currently its President as a representative of the museum, which fully underwrites my participation. This situation is not expected to change during the course of the VIP initiative but if it does I will modify my statement of interests.

5. Identify any type of commercial or non-commercial interest in IDN Variant related topics. Are you representing other parties? Describe any arrangements/agreements between you and any other group, constituency or person(s) regarding your nomination/selection as a work team member:

I have broad personal and professional interests in IDN, including and extending beyond the scope of IDN variants. In the latter context, I represent the Internet Infrastructure Foundation, the host organization for the Latin script study and am on the project team in that capacity. This action does not involve any form of remuneration beyond the SMNH contribution of my salaried time and is not directly related to any other IDN initiatives in which I participate.

6. IDN Variant Case Study Team members are expected to demonstrate knowledge or expertise in aspects related to the IDN Variants. Please, identify any knowledge, expertise or experience you have that would be relevant to the work of the IDN Variants:

I have a long-standing involvement in the development of IDN from numerous perspectives. A Google search on my name and "IDN" will return a representative indication of the extent of this work. Of particular relevance to the VIP work are my having designed the facility supporting the localized .TEST labels at <http://idn.icann.org/> and maintaining the associated wiki. I was a member of the IETF working group that developed the IDNABIS revision to the initial IDNA protocol and am a named author of one of its components. I am member of the authorship group that maintains the ICANN IDN Guidelines. I have prepared IDN code point tables on both script and language bases for both the .SE and .MUSEUM registries, together with policy statements about their implementation.

7. Describe any tangible or intangible benefit that you receive from participation in such processes, for example, if you are an academic or NGO and use your position to advance your ability to participate, this should be a part of the statement of interest, just as should employment by an organization that has an interest in IDN Variant Working Group outcomes:

My sole interests in participation are to contribute my experience with, and enhance my experience of, the underlying issues. I would expect this to make my involvement in future such initiatives potentially more productive, but career or material advancement are not motivating factors, nor would I expect my ability to gain such advantage to be increased by the present activity.