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Jávea, 15 February 2010

Dear Cheryl Langdon-Orr:

Subject: ICANN Affirmation Reviews – selection of Team Members.

I am writing to submit herewith an application to be selected as a Team Member for the ICANN Review: Accountability and Transparency. My application comprises this letter, the Annexe which addresses the requested professional and personal skills, and the attached Curriculum Vitae.

I would be glad if the At Large Advisory Committee would support this application. May I recall that I am the delegate for the At Large Structure, ISOC-Wallonia to EURALO, and that I have participated – within the limits of my time and resources – in At Large activities, including the At Large Summit in Mexico City.

I voted in the original ICANN At Large membership elections in 2000. I have been very well aware of the evolution of the concept and manifestation of the At Large community since that time.

Should you or other participants in this process require additional information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

-/ signed /-

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Annexe: Requested skills
Attachment: Curriculum Vitae

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Annexe: Requested human and professional skills

Applicants should possess the following professional and personal skills:

- *Sound knowledge of ICANN and its working practices and culture;*

Yes. I have participated in 24 ICANN meetings since the first meeting in Singapore in March 1999. I am familiar with the work of the Board, GAC, ALAC and several supporting organisations, particularly GNSO and ccNSO.

- *Good knowledge of the subject area of the review;*

I participated in the international negotiation which gave rise to the ICANN Articles of Incorporation and initial Bylaws. Since that time, I have followed with interest the evolution of the Joint Project Agreements and related developments. Naturally, accountability and transparency have been, *ab initio*, significant benchmarks for the performance of ICANN.

I am also familiar with the WSIS and IGF processes, having participated in preparatory meetings in New York and Geneva, and followed recent IGF meetings through documents, the Internet and personal contacts.

- *Team spirit, adaptability;*

Most of my professional and voluntary work has involved creating, managing and working with teams.

Within the limits of appropriate professional and ethical boundary conditions, I would say that I am adaptable to the circumstances at hand.

- *Willingness to learn;*

Yes. See adaptability, above.

- *Capacity to put aside personal opinions or preconceptions;*

Yes. Although I usually have an opinion about matters that I know about, I also have experience negotiating with other participants representing different opinions or interests. (I recall that this was once called “Getting to Yes”.)

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- *Analytical skills;*

I have qualifications in science and economics with training in business management and international affairs. I have experience in applying this to international relations, economic analysis, financial analysis, trade, technologies and competition policies.

- *Ability to interpret quantitative and qualitative evidence;*

Yes. See Analytical skills.

- *Capacity to draw conclusions purely based on evidence;*

Yes. See Analytical skills.

- *Commitment to devote his/her time to the review process.*

I am presently Retired with significant family responsibilities. I expect to be able to devote the necessary time to this undertaking during the next few weeks. I do not have a remunerated employment and have no conflicts of interests.

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Attachment

CURRICULUM VITAE

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON (Fujian, China 1941)

EDUCATION: Cambridge University 1960-63
B.A. Natural Sciences, Economics. M.A. Cantab.

London Business School 1971 Business Management
(short graduate programme)

Harvard Center for International Affairs 1981-82
(one year sabbatical)

LANGUAGES: English, French, Spanish

Lived in: China, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Spain,
United States, Nigeria, Belgium.

EMPLOYMENT: Commonwealth Secretariat 1963-65, OECD 1965-66,
World Bank 1966-73, European Commission 1973-2005.
Retired November 2005
Honorary Director of the European Commission.

TEACHING (Part time*): Economics – Holland Park Polytechnic, London 1964
European Affairs – Catholic University, Lisbon 1980
Industrial Economics – College of Europe, Bruges 1988-90
European Affairs – Cambridge and Boston, Mass. 1981-82

* These classes were undertaken in the evenings or at weekends.
The Industrial Economics course at Bruges also involved setting and marking final examinations.

PUBLICATIONS: Several articles have been published in academic and professional journals. Contributed extensively to a number of IBRD Economic Reports and to European Commission Communications (further details on request).

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Functions and responsibilities relevant to ICANN and ALAC

- European Union: Convenor of the European multistakeholder Internet Panel of Participants (EC-POP) 1996-2002
- European Commission delegate to the GAC 1999-2002
- Member of the European Internet Foundation ([EIF](#)), to date.
- ICANN: Secretary of the [GAC](#): 2002-2005
- Internet Society: [ISOC Wallonia](#) (Belgium): Member of the Executive Committee (Administrator). ICANN At Large Structure.
- Chairman of the Internet Society European Chapters' Coordinating Council ([ISOC-ECC](#)) 2007-2009.
- Civil Society: President of [Interparents](#): the parents' associations of the European Schools, 2007-2009.
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At its meeting on February 23, 2010, the ALAC decided to ask all candidates seeking ALAC's endorsements to address two questions.

Alan Greenberg's e-mail of 9 March 2010 requests a statement responding to the following questions:

1. that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's accountability, transparency and the focus on the interests of global Internet users;
2. that you will be able to do this from the perspective of the global ICANN At-Large Community and the ALAC.

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- 1. ... that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's accountability, transparency and the focus on the interests of global Internet users;***

First, I would confirm that I am an **Internet User**. For more than four years, since I retired, I have been alone in managing the use of the Internet for my voluntary work and for the whole family, with hardly any technical support. The NGOs with which I am associated, particularly <*Interparents.eu*> have benefitted from my experience on the Internet as a user.

I am not technically qualified in this field and have no commercial interests in the Internet.

Notwithstanding, I would go so far as to suggest that I have a good instinct for what works and what does not work on the Internet from the users' point of view, including specific ICANN aspects. I took part in the initial negotiations which resulted in the internationalisation of ICANN. I am on record for resisting the dilution of user representation within ICANN. I supported IDN at an early stage. I initiated what has proved to be one of the most successful new TLDs, on a hunch as to what many users in Europe might want.

May I also say a word about “**fairness**”. It is only right that we should participate in a fair assessment, which should be cognizant of, and on occasion should take account of, how the ICANN organisation got from there to here and where it might be going.

It so happens that I had the opportunity to discuss, officially and privately, with all the leading protagonists in the ICANN process over an extended period of years. From the inception of the POC, the IFWP, the EC-POP, the first At Large elections and the subsequent manifestations of At Large in ICANN. I confess that I was there in one capacity or another.

I would dare to suggest that at this stage in the life of ICANN, that background could contribute significantly not only to an objective evaluation from the users' point of view but also to its fairness.

2. that you will be able to do this from the perspective of the global ICANN At-Large Community and the ALAC.

Whoever undertakes this task, as a sole individual, faces a challenge if she or he is to integrate the whole perspective of the global At Large Community into the evaluation of ICANN's accountability and transparency. I would only say that I believe that I am better placed than most people to attempt to do this loyally and with an open mind.

I am fluent in three languages and have lived in different parts of the world for most of my life. I have worked - on mission - in a number of other countries for more or less extended periods.

I am known to many of the At Large leadership, and to members of the At Large Advisory Committee. I have attended several At Large meetings and conference calls and contributed to the final drafting of the At Large Mexico statements. I follow the EURALO and ALAC discussion lists on a regular basis.

I would submit that I am well aware of the diversity of circumstances world wide, as I am aware of the spectrum of opinion and advice within the At Large community and ALAC.

Furthermore, and without prejudice to the outcome of the recent discussion about whether or not representatives could be mandated in this context, I would expect our representative on this Team to benefit from a channel of communication with ALAC during the evaluation process. How this could be done would be influenced by the working methods of the evaluation Team, which have not yet been determined.
