

Candidate Statement

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Dear ccNSO members,

Firstly, I would like to thank my nominators: Alejandra (.gt), Pablo (.pr) and Andrey (.ru) for their confidence in me.

In the following paragraphs I will briefly share with you why I believe I would be an excellent ICANN Board member and why you should vote for me.

Career development: I started my career in the DNS environment in 1994 when I joined the Academic Networking Laboratory LATNET of the Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Latvia, the .lv manager at the time. As a webmaster, I developed the website for www.nic.lv and the first domain name registration platform. Later, when the Network Solutions Department (NIC.LV) was established to manage the .lv ccTLD, I became the deputy executive and, in 2007, the chief executive of NIC.LV. Under my guidance, NIC.LV developed an extensive and robust technical infrastructure, updated the domain name registration policy to be in line with international best practices, introduced the registry-registrar-registrant model, set up a back-up data centre, launched DNSSEC, anycast, EPP and many other features that have contributed to make .lv a sound, valuable and innovative extension that appeals locally and internationally. After so many years as head of NIC.LV, I believe that my main achievement was and still is a fantastic, professional, committed and supportive team.

International activities: NIC.LV joined CENTR in 2005 and ccNSO in 2009. It was a result of activities by Giovanni Seppia (ICANN at the time), Daiva Tamulioniene (.lt) and Jānis Kārklīņš (GAC chair at the time). Giovanni and Daiva came to visit NIC.LV and talked a lot about the value of collaboration among ccTLDs.

My first, personal experience in the international arena was in 2007 when I participated in a CENTR Legal and Regulatory workshop. The level of openness and willingness to share information with others had a powerful impact on me. It changed the way I have been looking at international collaboration forever. Since then, I have participated in many CENTR meetings – General Assemblies, Tech, Admin, Marketing workshops, in APTLD General Assemblies and many ccNSO meetings. All these meetings and all the fantastic people from the worldwide registry community helped me to grow both professionally and personally.

One day I realised that it was time to start giving back. Encouraged by others, I joined many ICANN groups: DNS Security and Stability Analysis working group, ccNSO Incident Response working group, ccNSO Meeting Programme working group. In later years, I participated also in ccNSO Review Working Party, as well as chaired ccNSO Meeting Programme working group and ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee.

In 2012, I was elected to the ccNSO Council from the EU region. In 2016, the Council entrusted me with the role of the Chair. I would like to wholeheartedly thank my Council colleagues for believing in me, for their continuous support and for their commitment to the ccNSO. I also would like to thank all community members who supported me, the Council, ccNSO and cross-community working groups. You taught me to appreciate and value different views and the importance of thorough discussions. You helped me to understand and cherish our diversity. You encouraged me to stand for what I believe

is the best for the ccNSO, its members and non-member ccTLDs. You showed me that nothing is impossible.

In my role as Chair of the ccNSO Council, I represented the interests of ccNSO members in discussions with other communities, including, sometimes, in challenging situations that required mediation and negotiation skills. It allowed me to better understand how ICANN works, how other constituencies work. When in an unprecedented move the ICANN Board paused the SSR2 review, I had the opportunity to be a part of the efforts of SOAC chairs to deal with that situation and restart the review. I could witness how individuals from different communities with different interests started working as a team for a common goal. It was a unique experience that taught me how ICANN works and also how it could work.

Education and other activities: I hold a professional degree in Mathematics, Master degree in Computer Science and Master degree in Law from the University of Latvia. I have participated in several research projects, e.g. BalticGrid – a project to develop grid infrastructure for resource demanding calculations for researchers in the Baltic countries. I also wrote several books for computer users (for example, about Windows 95, MS Word), published more than 40 articles for internet users about internet and computer networks related issues, lectured law students on Legal Informatics and IT students on law and internet governance.

Conclusion:

Listening, understanding, being eager to learn, investigating and assessing options to sort out issues of different nature, to deliver on matters that are at the heart of the ccNSO community and, therefore, of the DNS community, being passionate about the roles I was entrusted by the community: this is the way I have been behaving and feeling since I stepped in the DNS world. And, you can trust me, I will continue to do so. After all, every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

The DNS and internet world is very different now, and it will keep changing at probably much faster speed than we know. I am committed to be a tireless and dynamic Board member, always ready to accept challenges and to explore the next frontier.