

Report of Public Comments

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>As part of the broader ICANN effort to implement the recommendations from the ICANN Whois Review Team, the Internationalized Registration Data expert working group was formed to recommend the requirements for internationalized registration data (IRD) and produce a data model for the IRD that matches the requirements.</p> <p>On 14 April 2014, The IRD Working Group has completed its initial deliberation on the data requirements and has produced its Interim Report for public comment. In total 4 comments were received.</p> <p>The IRD Working Group has studied and addressed these comments in its subsequent meetings, and will be posting the final report for public comment.</p>			
Section II: Contributors			
<p><i>At the time this report was prepared, a total of [number] (n) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.</i></p>			
Organizations and Groups:			
Name	Submitted by	Initials	
ICANN Business Constituency	Steve DelBianco	BC	
Verisign. Inc.	Dennis Tan	Verisign	
Intellectual Property Constituency	Steven Metalitz	IPC	
At-Large Advisory Committee	ALAC Staff	ALAC	
Section III: Summary of Comments			

BC supported the proposal in the IRD report (proposal 3), with additional comments:

-The BC recommends the use of free-form text for all name and address fields.

-To balance the needs of domain name owners, registrars, and users of Whois, It is important that non-ASCII character sets are supported but not required. Per the Whois Accuracy Specification, phone numbers and e-mail address formats should still be validated.

-The BC supports localizing data labels based upon registrant location, but it is important that standard US-ASCII data labels still also appear.

Verisign supports proposal 3, but recommended language tag be removed as a requirement, and that EAI support be made optional until EAI is widely adopted, and finally data labels should remain in ASCII and not be localized.

IPC notes that user capability principle not only should apply to registrants, but it should also apply to users of the data. The IPC preferred option 2, and raised the question why option 2 does not apply to other categories such as the name and organizational name.

ALAC reaffirms that IDN are critical for enhancing diversity and multilingualism on the Internet, and that it is important the IDN policy evolution should allow more accessibility to those who do not use the ASCII character set.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

The respondents differ on which models they support. Two support proposal 3 and one support proposal 2. They also made a set of comments to the document, in which the working group will study and address.