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Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process

Subject: Letter for support for .PARS

Dear Sirs

This letter is to confirm that Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association fully supports the application for .PARS submitted to ICANN by Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti in the New gTLD Program.

As the president of Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association, I confirm that I have the authority of the Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association to be writing to you on this matter.

The .PARS gTLD is the perfect way to easily and simply tie together online the peoples of various nations connected ethnically and linguistically dating to the Persian community gathering together from 850 BCE in Pars land.

While the .PARS TLD ties back historically, linguistically and culturally to the Persian people, it also has the potential to tie together the tens of millions of people across the globe who read Persian-script languages.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Yours sincerely

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President of Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association



UIS

On August 22, 1949 the French caving organization held a gathering along with cavers of France, England, Greece, Switzerland and Italy to decide for specialized congresses aiming speleology in different countries. In 1953 the first congress was held in Paris and by 1964 two others were held up until 1965 when the 4th congress was held in Slovenia and the first board of directors were chosen.

UIS is established as a non-beneficial organization consisted of different nationalities with the goal of improving relationship between cavers and speleologists to develop scientific, technical, exploration, cultural and economic parts of this practice all over the world.

Now UIS with more than 60 years of experience and membership of 60 countries is working with the discipline of introducing the importance of the caves to the world.

Caving in Iran

There is no exact reported time of entering caves but since human beings chose underground as their dwellings, always a sense of fear accompanied with curiosity and fascination has attracted them to this secret land. Gradually the mountaineers to satisfy their insatiable thirst for impossible led them to the undiscovered underground world.



Tehran - Aban 1344 speleological bureau of Iran

Caving Renaissance

A caving expedition with the presence of 14 cavers from 6 countries in October 2008 under the leadership of Dr. Fadi Nader, UIS secretary, gathering of a group of Iranian cavers and sharing their knowledge along with the precious experiences of Prof. Meladen Garasic from Croatia, Jean Pierre Bartolyns from Belgium, Head of caves protection department, Rene Sherer, a veteran Swiss caver was a turning point in changing Iranian cavers attitude toward the practice of safe caving. Learning how to explore vertical caves with the safety measures opened new windows. SRT courses, surface exploration, map-



The Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association

Cavers are the citizens of the underground world and believe they should leave nothing in caves but their footprints, take nothing but pictures and kill nothing but time.



picture of Afshin Yousefi - Ghalechi cave - Beken



International team and member of
international speleological union of Iran

ICSA- Aims

It was after ISEI2008 when the Iranian participants using the experiences of veteran cavers decided to establish a non-governmental organization for cavers and the specialists of geology. Finally in Esfand 1388 (March 2010) the national Iranian Cavers & Speleologists Association as an organization for people with the following aims officially started to work:

- 1.Helping the development of caving and speleology in Iran
- 2.Organization of cavers and speleologists and establishing friendship
- 3.Finding new caves and cooperating with the related organizations to protect them
- 4.Collecting information, mapping, documenting, research
- 5.Holding caving and speleolog seminar and congress - scientific related to cave

Now after 2 years ICSA with 200 members and representatives from different cities is closely following its own aims.

Activities

- Holding 6 national gatherings in the provinces: Khorasan, west and east Azarbayjan, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Alborz
- IST2009, Lebanon; 9 Iranian cavers participated in an advanced caving course in Lebanon under the patronage of UIS
- Cave rescue maneuver along with Teheran fire service and cavers of Tabriz and Maragheh
- Participating in MESS3 in Lebanon and presenting articles, photos and maps from Iran
- Mapping more than 40 caves with UIS standards
- Membership in Iran National Speleology Workgroup
- Establishing links with scientific and academic association as Iran Geology Association, Ministry of Science, Oceanic Studies and etc
- Introducing caving and speleology to more than hundred people during geology conferences
- Sending cavers and geology specialists as advisors to several karstic areas to help for research and civil projects
- Cooperating with Power and Water Resources development Co.

"...speleology in Iran could not make progress and be scientific unless an association manages these issues in international level."

Fadi Nader in Tehran, ISEI2008

Anyone seeking for perfect understanding of the fascination and beauty of mysterious caves will be awarded an amazing view of what his eyes will not find in daily life. Join us to guide you to the wonders of the underground world.

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