

Dear Silk Task Force Members,

On behalf of the Kyrgyz Research and Educational Network Association(KRENA-AkNet) I send application for receiving the SILK Equipment.

The following includes the required conditions:

1. Kyrgyz Research and Education Networking Association(KRENA-AkNet) established in January 24, 2002. (Please, see attached file with certificate from Kyrgyz Ministry of Justice)
2. Acceptable Use Policy is attached. It's based on version of AUP which Prof. Peter Kirstein has sent to us.
3. Dr. Askar Kutanov is a national representative to Silk Board for Kyrgyz Republic.
4. Location of the satellite dish for Silk project is selected on the roof of Academy of Science building. All necessary conditions for it's operation are exist there, including diesel generator on case of emergency.

There is ,already, one operating satellite antenna on the roof of Academy of Science building which received through the NATO NIG Project.

5. AkNet has a two licences for satellite antenna operation and data transmission. We have applied to State Commission on Communication Permission to get frequencies for second satellite antenna for Silk Project. Under the receiving of equipment and their installation we could get licence
6. We have, already, four years experience in satellite antenna operation and network running. There is qualified technical staff(Mr. Yu.Veliychuk, Mr. A. Mambetaliev and others) to run satellite station and network for Silk Project(Robert and Walter know them). Mr.Yu.Veliychuk will attend Budapest workshop.

I hope Kyrgyz RENA satisfies all required conditions and could receive equipment for Silk project implementation.

Please, inform us about possible data for shipping.

It would be good to receive equipment for Silk Project at the beginning of September. I hope we could install it and test it before Zagreb workshop and STF meeting. It would be good gift for Kyrgyz universities if we provide Internet through the Silk by September or beginning of October,2002.

Only, we need letter from NATO office for Custom Tax exemption for equipment. I will prepare it and send to Walter.

Best regards.

Askar Kutanov