**Name. AltName, ParsedName**

 While we definitely want to keep track of contributors' names,  we are still discussing the best way to do this.  Complicating factors include:

* The traditional Western "FirstName" "LastName" template does not work in many parts of the world, e.g. because people don't use family names at all, because people use patronymics ratjher than family names, or because people place their family name (surname) first, .An additional wrinkle is that even in parts of the world where people traditionally give their family name first (e.g. China, Korea), some people have, at least in certain contexts, adopted the Western practice of writing the family name last.
* Standard practice for bibliographic citations says that titles should be removed from a person's name.  However, in some cultures it is both natural and important to include titles when citing a person's name.
* In some parts of the world, people have more than one name.  For example, where I (David Mead) have worked, all adults have at least three names:  their "school name" (how their name was registered when they went to school, what could be called their official or government name), their "nickname" (almost always a two-syllable name, preceded by *La* for males, and *Wa* for females), and their "teknonym", e.g. *Tamano Madeki*  literally "Father of Madeki".

To solve these difficulties, we may implement more than one name field.  Furthermore, at least one of the name fields will be parsed, for example:

David E. Mead  ==>   David E. [givenname] Mead [surname]

Anneka de Vries  ==>  Anneka [givenname] de [vonname] Vries [surname]

Haji La Ode Burajandi L.==>  Haji [title] La Ode [title] Burajandi [givenname] L. [patronymic]

Obing Katubi ==>  Obing [nickname] Katubi [givenname]

Kong Yuan Zhi  ==>  Kong [surname] Yuan Zhi [givenname]  
Abdullah bin Nuh  ==>  Abdullah [givenname] bin Nuh [patronymic]

This will give archivists, bibliographers, librarians and others sufficient information to handle any name as best fits their system or purposes.  Possible values for parsing a name include the following:  title, givenname, nickname, surname, vonname, suffix (e.g. Jr.), patronymic, matronymic. teknonym

http://textassistant.springnote.com/images/icon/emoticon2.gif  Maybe information about AltName could simply go in the Comment field -- see below.  That way, a separate field for AltName would not be needed. === DavidMead

http://textassistant.springnote.com/images/icon/emoticon2.gifhttp://textassistant.springnote.com/images/icon/emoticon/question.gif  Are there any compelling reasons for recognizing "middlename" as well? === David Mead

http://textassistant.springnote.com/images/icon/emoticon2.gif You could perhaps make a case for recognizing "clanname", but maybe this should simply be subsumed under "familyname" -- from the *very little* that I've seen, people use one or the other, but not both.  Perhaps a stronger case could be made for "placename" (as in Leonardo da Vinci -- the practice still being used, even if uncommonly, in some parts of the world)  Also, in Muslim culture, some people may have both a given name and an Islamic name.  For all of these, see A. Kohar Rony's *Indonesian Names: A Guide to Bibliographic Listing* at  <http://cip.cornell.edu/DPubS?service=UI&version=1.0&verb=Display&handle=seap.indo/1107123626>   Some examples:

Mohammad Hasan di Tiro ==> Mohammad Hasan [givenname] di Tiro [placename]

Iskandar KaraEng Marang ==>  Iskandar [islamicname] KaraEng [title] Marang [givenname]

Similar to "Islamic name", this author also mentions some people who, besides their  "givenname", also have an "adult name".  Finally, are there cultures where a husband's given name becomes part of a married woman's name?  === David Mead

[Kari: What about names based on children's names, the reverse of patronymy, like ambeqna Imran, neneqna Amir.]

**Privacy**

Does the individual consent to having their name made public -- to be publically acknowledged for their contributions?

NOTE: **controlled vocabulary**: private, public, unknown   (if "unknown", then the person's name needs to be kept private.)

There are two competing forces here.  As researchers, we must guard a subject's right to privacy if that is their desire, and hold their name in confidence (and also not reveal information which would make them identifiable).  Even in cases where we don't know what their desire is, we should err on the side of privacy.  On the other hand, in most places where we work, people want to be acknowledged and recognized for their contributions.  So it comes down to this: make sure you ask if a contributor's name can be made public.

**Pseudonym**

A pseudonym, or set of initials, assigned to a person who does not wish their actual name to be revealed.

**ShortName**

A person's name, short name, or nickname, used for identifying the person to other team / project members without having to use their formal name. (Contents of this field would remain private to the team / project.)

**Picture**

A digital picture of the individual, along with a caption (see below.  Is it sufficient to have only one picture associated with an individual, or should we allow for multiple pictures per individual?

http://textassistant.springnote.com/images/icon/emoticon2.gif  This may be a question for the programmers to answer, but does it matter what format?  What size?  Do we just maintain a link to the picture, or does it somehow get imported into the program?  === David Mead

**BirthYear**

Year when the person was born.

**DeathYear**

Year when the person died.

**BirthPlace**

The village, town or city where the person was born.

NOTE: Select place from "locations list".

**PrimaryResidence**

The village, town or city where this person primarily resides or has resided.

NOTE: Select place from "locations list".

**OtherResidence**

Other places where this person has lived (explain, including approximate number of years)

**Language1**

The person's primary or first language, their mother tongue.

NOTE: IMDI distinguishes between

* Language.Mother Tongue (true/false)  (language which a person learned growing up)
* Language.Primary (true/false)  (language(s) in which a person is most fluent)

For example, if for a particular person, a language is specified as Language Primary = false, it means that that person is not fully competent in that language.

**Language2**  
A second language which this person speaks well.

**Language3**

Other languages which this person knows, or in which they have some ability.

**PrimaryOccupation**

The person's primary means of earning a livelihood

**OtherOccupation**

Other jobs or occupations in which this person has worked, or in which he or she has work experience.

**BiographicalSketch**

A brief biographical sketch of the person, such as might appear on a "dust jacket".

**ContactInfo**

 How to get hold of the person.  (Contents of this field will remain private to the team / project.)

MAPS TO: IMDI distinguishes between **Contact.Address**, **Contact.Email** and **Contact.Organisation**

**Comment**

Any other comments or notes about this person which do not fit in any of the above categories.  (Contents of this field will remain private to the team / project.)