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Regular session of the Conference



The regular session of the Conference of Co-founders was held on **25th May** at the Moskva Hotel in Belgrade. Thirty-three authorised representatives of Co-founders with the right to vote attended the meeting.

The following matters were on the agenda:

- 1. Information on the Financial Report for 2012 and for Quarter 1 of 2013 $\,$
- 2. Adoption of the mandatory Report on the work of the Board of Governors for the period October 2011 February 2013 and Information on the work of the Board of Governors for Quarter 1 of 2013.
- 3. Adoption of the following documents: Ethical Codex, Rulebook on Policy and Prevention of Conflicts of Interest and the Rulebook on Internal Communications Channels
- 4. Election of members of the Statutory Committee

After deliberation and consultations, the decision was taken to postpone the adoption of the documents referred to under item 3 until the next session.

Statutory Commission

Žarko Ptiček, Milena Ignjatović and **Saša Levnajić** were elected as members of the Statutory Commission at the session of the RNIDS Conference of Co-founders on 25th May. At the constitutive meeting of the Statutory Commission, Milena Ignjatović was elected chair of this new permanent RNIDS body.

The Statutory Committee is composed of prominent lawyers with at least five years' professional experience in company law or corporate management or not-for-profit or non-governmental organisations law.

The competencies of the Statutory Commission are to interpret the Statute and other general documents of RNIDS and to give its legal opinion on drafts and proposals of amendments to the Statute and general documents. The Committee also passes recommendations on adherence to the Ethical Codex, resolution of corporate disputes and in response to reports of possible conflicts of interest as well as recommendations in the event of a conflict of jurisdiction and for ensuring transparency.

New Director of RNIDS appointed



The Board of Governors of RNIDS, following a public application procedure, elected **Danko Jevtović** as the new director of the Register of National Internet Domain Names of Serbia on **15th July**. The Director's term of office lasts four years and his purview includes deciding on current business policy and managing the operation of the RNIDS Office.

Danko Jevtović is known in the local ICT community as a partner in the company Jugodata - one of the first local computer brands, and the company SezamPro - one of the first national Internet providers. He graduated as an engineer at the Faculty of Organisational Sciences in Belgrade and then as Executive MBA from the IEDC School of Management in Bled, Slovenia. He speaks English and has passed the ISO9001-2008 internal auditor examination.

He was one of the initiators of reform of the country code toplevel domain in 2001 and actively participated in drawing up the founding documents of RNIDS and the .RS domain registration rulebook in 2005. He was also among the 17 founders of RNIDS in 2006, and was a member of the Board of Governors of RNIDS for two terms.

As the first important tasks at the start of his term, Jevtović underscored improving the national domain names registration system, better working conditions for accredited registrars, introduction of IPv6 and DNSSEC, increasing the efficiency of the RNIDS Office, increasing transparency and developing a strategic plan in the search for answers to new challenges in the international Internet domain name system.

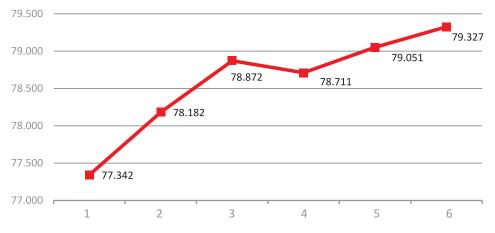
Internal auditor

Following a repeated public tender for selection of an RNIDS internal auditor, the Board of Governors on **24 June** took the decision to select the Belgrade-based auditing company **Moore Stephens - Auditing and Accounting**. Important criteria for the selection were the qualifications of the team members, performance deadlines, additional consulting services and fees.

The purpose of internal auditing is to provide the Board of Governors of RNIDS with an independent and objective opinion on the degree to which risk management, control and governance are supporting the achievement of the foundation's established goals.

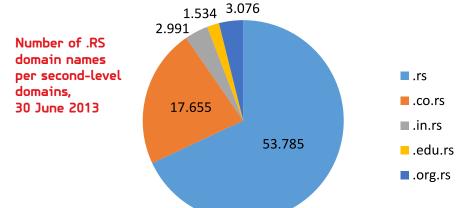
Domain statistics

Number of registered .RS domain names, Jan-Jun 2013



Number of registered .CPB domain names, Jan-Jun 2013





Seventh birthday of the youngest European register

RNIDS celebrated seven years of operation on 8th July, as the youngest European national Internet register. All other European registers, apart from Montenegro's, were founded in the 1990s.

The founding assembly of RNIDS was held on 8 July 2006 in Belgrade, with the participation of 34 representatives of companies, organisations and institutions operating in the fields of telecommunications, state administration, higher education and the non-governmental sector.

RNIDS in brief

The Register of National Internet Domain Names of Serbia (RNIDS, for short) is an professional, nongovernmental, not-for-profit foundation established to manage the .RS and .CPB country code toplevel domains in a way that serves the general interests of all Serbian citizens while adhering to the principles of quality, efficiency, independence and transparency.

RNIDS has 60 Co-founders and 38 accredited registrars, and currently there are about 80,000 .RS domain names and about 5,550 .CPB domain names registered in a total of 14 domain name spaces.



Accredited .RS and .CPB domain registrars throughout Serbia:

- Absolut OK (Belgrade) www.absolutok.rs
- AVcom (Belgrade) www.avcom.rs
- Akton (Belgrade) www.akton.rs
- Banker Internet (Niš) www.banker.rs
- BG Svetionik (Belgrade) www.bgsvetionik.rs
- Beocity (Belgrade) www.beocity.rs
- BeoNET (Belgrade) www.beonet.rs
- BeoTelNet-ISP (Belgrade) www.beotel.rs
- BeoTelNet-Carrier (Belgrade) www.beotel.rs
- Verat (Belgrade) www.verat-hosting.rs
- Gama Electronics (Belgrade) www.bits.rs
- Dream Technologies Group (Belgrade) www.dtg.rs
- EUnet (Belgrade) www.eunet.rs
- Exe Net Advertising (Niš) www.exehosting.rs
- Informatika (Belgrade) www.infosku.rs
- JP PTT Srbija (Belgrade) www.ptt.rs
- Loopia (Niš) www.loopia.rs
- Madnet (Pančevo) www.madnet.rs
- Medianis (Niš) www.medianis.rs
- Mobius (Bački Petrovac) www.webcentar.rs
- NiNet Company (Niš) www.ninet.rs
- NordNet (Subotica) www.nordnethosting.rs Orion Telekom (Belgrade) - www.oriontelekom.rs
- Panet (Pančevo) www.panet.rs
- Plus Hosting (Novi Sad) www.plushosting.rs
- SBB (Belgrade) www.sbbsolutions.rs
- Sinet (Belgrade) www.sinet.rs
- StanCo (Petrovac) www.istanco.rs
- Targo Telekom (Belgrade) www.targotelekom.rs
- Telekom Srbija (Belgrade) www.open.telekom.rs
- TippNet (Subotica) www.tippnet.rs
- HostingMania (Belgrade) www.hostingmania.rs
- Cloud Telecommunications (Bgd) www.cloudserbia.com
- Complus Visual Communication (Bgd) www.complus.rs
- Connect (Novi Pazar) www.connect.rs
- CRI Domains (Belgrade) www.cridomains.rs
- Hosting90 Systems (Belgrade) www.hosting90.rs
- Yellow Pages (Belgrade) www.yellowpages.rs



RNIDS projects among finalists for PRiZnanje 2013



RNIDS entered two of its PR projects from last year in the competition for the 16th Annual Awards of the Public Relations Society of Serbia - PRiZnanje 2013, and both made the shortlist of three finalists in their categories. The traditional, official ceremony to hand out the PriZnanje 2013 awards to the best in the PR profession in Serbia was held on 6th June

The Campaign to Popularise the .CPB Domain project was among the finalists in the PR Communications in Integrated Campaigns category. This campaign was realised by: Predrag Milićević, as the project leader, creative director Lazar Bošković (AgitPROP), Dušan Vojnov, as the art director (Orange Studio), copywriters Mladen Vujović (Orange studio) and Lazar Bošković, plus Dragana Pešić - Lević (Blink) responsible for communication with the media and Miloje Sekulić (Internet Agency) responsible for online PR.

The **Tesla's Vision of the Internet** project was a finalist in the **Communications in the Not-for-Profit Sector** category. The author and project leader of the project Tesla's Vision of the Internet is Lazar Bošković, the designer is Dušan Vojnov (Orange Studio), Dragana Pešić - Lević (Blink) was responsible for communication with the media, and complete production and creative support was given by Nebojša Babić through his agency Orange Studio and by O30NE Gallery. The Nikola Tesla Museum also supported the project.

USEFUL WEBSITE: www.pr.org.rs/?page_id=5240

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RNIDS Annual Report 2012



RNIDS continues the good practice of European national Internet domain name registers and informs the public about its activities through an annual publication. RNIDS - Annual Report 2012 is a 24-page publication containing an overview of everything the Serbian national Internet domain register did in the previous year. The publication contains articles about the Serbian top-level Internet domains, the accredited registrars, the RNIDS bodies and the activities of all the sectors within the RNIDS Office.

Particular attention is given to statistics relating to the registration of the country code top-level .RS and .CPE domains, comparisons with national registers in the region, as well as statistics on media reports covering the activities of RNIDS. The annual report also contains information and illustrations of all important events organised by RNIDS during 2012, such as Serbian Internet Domains Day (DIDS), the 4PI Competition, the project Tesla's Vision of the Internet and a great many promotional events coinciding with the launch of the .CPE domain.

DOWNLOAD: www.rnids.rs/data/publikacije/RNIDS-AnnualReport2012.pdf

Online sale of counterfeit goods

A round-table discussion titled **Problem of the Online Sale of Counterfeit Goods in the Republic of Serbia** was held on **29th April** in the Palace of Serbia in Belgrade, organised by the Anticounterfeiting Committee (ACC) of the International Trademark Association (INTA).

Dejan Đukić, representing RNIDS, held a presentation covering the difference between content placed on an Internet website and the name of the Internet domain itself, the circumstances under which domain names can be deleted and the question of the expediency of deleting domain names when website content violates someone's intellectual property rights. Internet service providers, whom domain name users are solely responsible to, are expected to actively participate in monitoring and resolving such issues.

Today most online sales of counterfeit goods happen via social networks, such as Facebook, where it is very difficult to discover the identity of offenders. Furthermore, cloud computing allows online sellers to advertise completely anonymously, and it is frequently impossible to discover the location of the offender or the server sending out the data.

USEFUL WEBSITE: www.inta.org

International activities



CENTR Jamboree 2013

This year's CENTR Jamboree, a meeting of all working groups within CENTR, was held in Amsterdam from 3rd to 5th June, organised by SIDN, the Dutch national register. The event was attended by the representatives of 24 national registers and CENTR.

28th CENTR Technical Workshop

The Japanese JPRS gave a presentation on preparations for critical situations, different types of attacks on TLD registers and the use of their resources to attack others. Norwegian **Norid** presented a concept for the development of a new system to monitor the operation of the DNS system and DNS traffic. Representing RNIDS, **Žarko Kecić** presented the results of tests of the functionality and security of about 10,000 DNS servers that serve the Serbian ccTLDs.

29th CENTR Administrative Workshop

The first set of presentations looked at planning for and communication during system maintenance and downtime, and representatives from the Dutch, Canadian and German registers presented their procedures and experiences. User support and coordination of sectors in national registers were also discussed. RNIDS was represented by **Dejan Đukić** and **Stefan Kovač**.

5th CENTR R&D Workshop

A CWI representative spoke about the latest generation of devices and applications for displaying multimedia content. The **Italian register** presented an interesting concept for analysing DNS traffic and logs and their grouping into clusters in order to further analyse results. New DNS standards and possible implementation problems were also discussed. **Žarko Kecić** represented RNIDS.

11th CENTR Marketing Workshop

Predrag Milićević represented RNIDS at the regular marketing workshop. An increasing number of national registers are paying heed to research into the level of satisfaction of their accredited registrars and closer cooperation with them, through industry conferences and co-financing of promotional activities. European national registers, besides the number of registered domain names, are also looking at the content of websites, in terms of website quality, but also the amount of malware. Almost all European registers have noted slower growth in the number of domain names and a lower percentage of renewals. The central topic was crisis communications in situations when registers' resources are under attack and methods of communication with accredited registrars, users and the media.

4th CENTR Security Workshop

Žarko Kecić talked about RNIDS' experiences of DDoS attacks in February and the method and steps taken to prevent more



serious consequences, and presented the CENTR initiative to create a database of security incidents. The representative of British Nominet spoke about persistent security threats and activities to monitor them and take prompt action. The Irish register presented the way in which attacks on their system have been carried out, and their effects, and changes to the name server records for the most visited .ie domains. It was concluded that national registers need to be able to set minimum technical and security requirements for accredited registrars.

41st CENTR Legal and Regulatory Workshop

The main topic of the workshop was protection of the personal data of non-corporate domain holders and the publishing of this data via the Whois service. **Dejan Đukić** presented the domain holder personal data protection model used by RNIDS.

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Local events

E-trgovina 2013

Over 300 delegates and guests attended the 13th international **E-Business 2013** conference, which ran from **23rd to 26th April** in Palić. As the sponsor of the conference, RNIDS had a visual presence in the promo materials, such as the visitor's brochure, and the venue was branded with three roll-up banners. The executive director for business development held a lecture titled **Brand from Google's Viewpoint**, which piqued the interest of those present, and most questions were about Cyrillic on the Internet.

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Digital Day 2013

The Digital Day 2013 forum, organised by IAB Serbia, was held on 14th May in Belgrade Youth Centre, and RNIDS was one of the sponsors of the event. The forum brought together lecturers from different organisations, media companies and digital agencies. Interesting data from web research in Serbia was presented which destroyed the perception that Serbs almost exclusively spend their time on the Internet using Facebook and showed that they place emphasis on the importance of websites, web addresses and domain names, which are the primary target of search engines such as Google.

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