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Partnership with the Internet community

RECOGNITION FOR PHILHARMONIA SITE

RNIDS sponsored the jubilee 20th PC Press Top 50 awards for the 50 best local online projects in 2016. The awards were presented in early February in the categories of news and information, services, sport and tourism, e-commerce, knowledge bases, the modern family, free time, blog, mobile apps and social networks.



A special award was presented for the **Belgrade Philharmonia website** (брф.срб) by **Vojislav Rodić**, chair of the RNIDS Board. It ticks all the right boxes for a website belonging to an important national cultural institution – it is situated on both national domains, it has appropriate content, Cyrillic text is automatically transliterated into Latin and its design is mobile-friendly. It also has proper connections to the social networks, as well as an electronic ticketing service – all in all, role model for online best practice.

> MORE: pccpress.rs/top50-2016-pobednici

Resolution of domain name registration disputes

ONE DISPUTE RESOLVED, TWO LAUNCHED

In arbitration proceedings regarding the domain name **ducati.rs**, the decision was taken 11th January to transfer the registration of the disputed domain to Ducati Motor Holding of Bologna.

Domain dispute arbitration proceedings were also launched concerning the domain names **tanjuginfo.rs** and **abbvie.rs**.

Education and promotion

WORKING BREAKFAST WITH MANAGERS



A working breakfast was organised **23rd March** by the **Serbian Association of Managers (SAM)**, attended by more than 30 representatives from member companies of the association. **Danko Jevtović**, RNIDS director and member of SAM, and **Predrag Milićević**, held a talk titled "Brands on the Net".

Attendees got an introduction to the concept of the domain name as the basis of one's Internet identity, were shown numerous case studies and were given useful advice on how to protect and promote their brands on the Internet. The talk was held as part of RNIDS' initiatives to establish better communication and collaboration with professional associations, and this will be continued in 2017.

> MORE: sam.org.rs

Internet Governance

SEEDIG AND INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

In February the RNIDS Board of Governors decided to sponsor the third **SEEDIG** (South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance), planned for the end of May in Ohrid. Delegates of the Foundation will provide support in organising sessions and take active part in the conference.

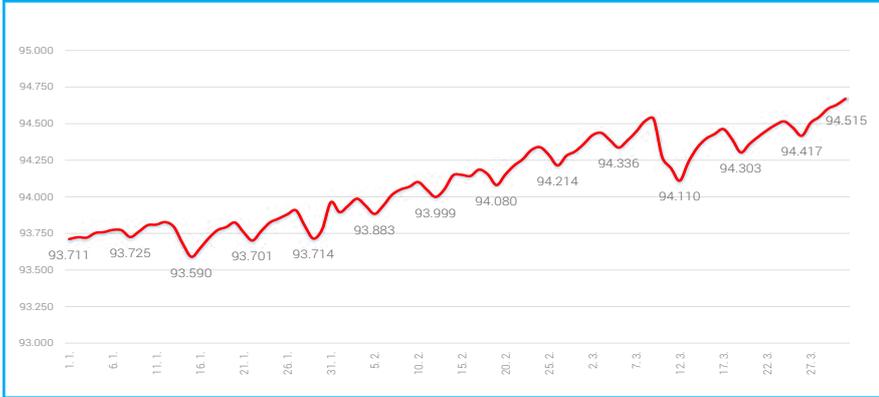
At the end of February, the office of the UN General Secretary extended the mandate of the advisor to RNIDS' director **Slobodan Marković** in the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), which advises the UN General Secretary regarding the programme and schedule of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

Development of the domain market

DOMAIN STATISTICS

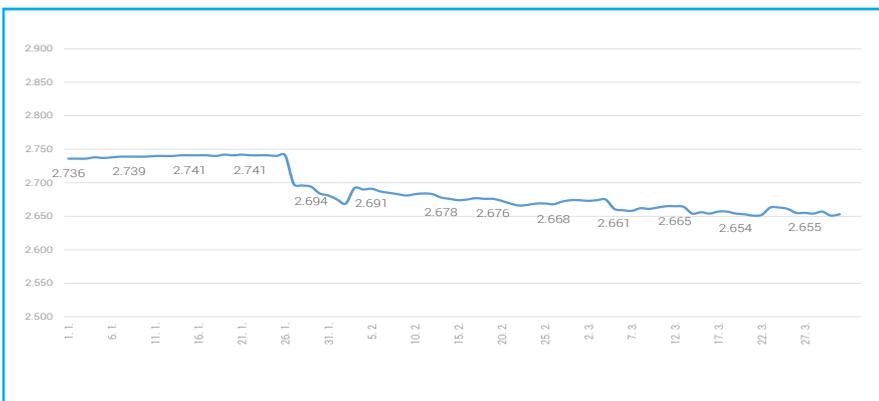
Number of registered .RS domain names

January-March 2017



Number of registered .CPB domain names

January-March 2017



Oversight of implementation of registration terms

THREE INCIDENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE RESOLVED

The **Committee for determining violations of the rules concerning domain name registrations** acted in connection with three somewhat complex cases. It was determined that an **accredited registrar (AR) had placed conditions on transfer** by a registrant to another AR in breach of the General Terms and Conditions for the registration of national Internet domain names and the Procedure for national domain name registrations. The AR was issued a caution, and a meeting held with its representatives. Agreement was reached and the AR has discontinued the practice.

The second case involved a **breach of security at an AR** which affected a number of national domain names registered with it resulting from unauthorised access to its systems. In view of the fact that this AR took effective action to prevent more serious damage, only a caution was issued on this occasion.

In response to a **registrant complaint regarding a change of data** for two domain names, the Committee conducted checks and established that the registrant of these domains had been a company that had changed its name and that the administrative contact had remained the same. When the registrant changed the company name, the administrative contact took advantage of this and registered a company with an identical name to the old one, misleading staff at the RNIDS accredited registrar and at RNIDS by applying for the details to be harmonised. These unauthorised changes were reversed.

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Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy
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Organisation and co-organisation of events

CYRIBUSTERS 2 DISPELS EXCUSES



A panel debate titled **Cyribusters 2** was held on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the .CPB domain, on **27th January** at the Startit Centre in Belgrade. Some 50 visitors and participants concluded that the use of Cyrillic script in everyday written communication, including online, was nothing to do with nationalism, merely respect for one's own language, just as all peoples around the world respect their identity.

The discussion was moderated by **Aleksandar Gajšek**, author and presenter of the Agape programme on Studio B, with guests **Thiago Ferreira**, marketing director of the Serbia4Youth organisation, **Uroš Nedeljkić**, lawyer and traveller, **Vlado Đukanović**, linguist and **Dušan Stojičević**, chair of the ICANN Cyrillic Generation Panel. They looked at the five main excuses for not using the Cyrillic alphabet.



Excuse no. 1, **"It's easier for me to type in 'shorn' Latin script"** was easily dispelled by Thiago Ferreira who, as a Brazilian who came to Serbia five years ago, speaks perfect Serbian, uses Cyrillic and fails to see why Serbs would disdain such an authentic feature. The second excuse, **"Both scripts are equal under the Constitution"** is an urban myth, since the Constitution states that the Cyrillic script is in official use in our country. Nedeljkić explained how this was often misconstrued in Serbia, and how we mostly use Latin script out of fear of being labelled nationalists. The third excuse, **"Cyrillic to me is all about nationalism"** also makes no sense since this neglects the fact that Cyrillic script came about in the early 10th century and has nothing to do with "nationalism", a concept that dates back to the 19th century. Đukanović took his turn addressing excuse 4, **"We can't access Europe and the world at large using Cyrillic"**, explaining that the EU also respected national diversity and Cyrillic was even to be found on the common currency – the Euro. As for excuse 5, **"But this Cyrillic of yours doesn't work in emails"**, Stojičević said that existing international standards were currently being implemented in order to resolve this problem.

[MORE: domen.rs/cirbusters2](https://domen.rs/cirbusters2)

Partnership with the Internet community

COLLABORATION BETWEEN RNIDS AND AMCHAM



At a **round table on intellectual property**, organised by the **American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)**, held 24th January in Belgrade at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the topics centred around improving the regulations concerning the protection of intellectual property, preventing the sale of counterfeit goods online and the proposed Intellectual Property Strategy for the period 2016 to 2020.

Taking part in the discussion were representatives of the Customs Administration, the Ministry of the Interior, the Intellectual Property Office and the Public Prosecutor for High-Tech Crime, Branko Stamenković. Representing RNIDS was **Dejan Đukić**, who spoke about the importance of differentiating Internet content and domain names. He made it clear that measures involving deleting domains when certain content needed to be removed were ineffectual and sometimes even harmful. A more effective and logical way was to take measures directly against the perpetrator.

At the end of January, **Slobodan Marković**, ICT policies and Internet community relations advisor to the director, held a meeting with colleagues from AmCham at which options were considered for collaboration in the coming period. At the end of the quarter, Danko Jevtović, RNIDS director, visited AmCham and discussed partnership at the institutional level, and reported back on this to the RNIDS Board.

[MORE: amcham.rs](https://amcham.rs)

Partnership with state institutions

ADDRESSING PROBLEMS WITH SERBIAN INTERNET

During the first quarter, **Slobodan Marković** met and worked on several occasions with state bodies. He took part in a meeting regarding the **Adminhack.rs** project launched by the Public Policy Secretariat together with the UNDP Serbia office in order to identify and categorise the problems facing IT business owners.

He worked with the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government on resolving the problem of the lack of support for Serbia on **mobile app platforms** (Apple App Store and Google Play Store). At the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, at a meeting on **fighting online piracy**, he advised on legal procedures in the event of intellectual property infringements on Serbian websites, as well as the mechanism for out-of-court settlement of domain name disputes.

International partnership

RNIDS ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD



ICANN 58

RNIDS representatives attended the 58th ICANN meeting, held from **11th to 16th March** in **Copenhagen** with the direct support of the organisers. In addition to director **Danko Jevtović**, RNIDS was represented by **Mirjana Tasić** in her capacity as chair of the Latin Generation Panel, as well as in her capacity as member of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee, by **Dejan Đukić** as a member of the Guidelines Review Committee and Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT-REVIEW) team, by **Aleksandar Popović**, member of the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group, who also took part in the Budget Working Group, **Stefan Kovač** as ambassador of the NextGen programme and **Jelena Ožegović** as part of the ICANN Fellowship programme, who also took active part in the ICANN Pilot Onboarding Community programme. The meeting was also attended by **Žarko Kecić**, as a member of the ICANN Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team that evaluates ICANN systems, processes and regulations concerning the security, stability, resilience and global functionality of the system of unique Internet identifiers.

> MORE: meetings.icann.org/en/copenhagen58

CENTR BoD

On **16th January** **Danko Jevtović** took part in a working meeting at the CENTR association's headquarters in **Brussels**. He was involved in reviewing the financial operations of the association as part of his duties as a member of the CENTR Board of Directors and its treasurer.

22nd CENTR Marketing

Leuven, Belgium, **2nd and 3rd February** was the setting for the 22nd CENTR Marketing Workshop, attended by **Predrag Milićević** representing RNIDS, together with 35 representatives of 21 national registries, VeriSign and CENTR. A key topic of the workshop was trends in the domain market. CENTR's Patrick Myles said that domain name growth rates continued to decline but that the new generic domains had not significantly affected the market share of national domains, and that increases in the prices of national domains did not negatively impact their number. Michiel Henneke from SIDN added that according to research, those more inclined towards

Facebook are less likely to register domains than those not keen on Facebook, that the number of registrations by individual users is on the decline and that smartphones are the dominant device used to access the Internet across all age groups.

> MORE: centr.org/events/past-events/22nd-centr-marketing-workshop.html

52nd CENTR Legal

On **2nd and 3rd February**, ARNES played host in **Ljubljana** to the 52nd CENTR Legal workshop, attended by **Dejan Đukić**. The main topics were general terms and conditions for registrations, contracts with registrars, implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), domain suspensions, court cases, WHOIS data accuracy and others. The topic of privacy, as well as the issue of suspension of domains on demand by authorities without jurisdiction, took up the largest portion of the time. The topic of GDPR, which is due to be implemented next year, is one currently occupying many registries.

> MORE: centr.org/events/past-events/52nd-centr-legal-regulatory-workshop.html

40th CENTR Admin

The 40th CENTR Administrative Workshop was held in **Warsaw** on **8th and 9th February**, attended by **Stefan Kovač**. Some of the most interesting talks were by representatives of the UK national domain name registry on the business intelligence system it is using for advanced analysis, a presentation by Google representatives on their new domain name registration software which they are making available to registries all over the world, and the sessions looking back over the two-year operation of the group and its future strategic goals. Elections were also held for the leadership of the Administrative Working Group and Stefan Kovač was re-elected as vice-chair.

> MORE: centr.org/events/upcoming-events/40th-centr-administrative-workshop-warsaw-poland.html

Domain Pulse 2017

Aleksandar Popović was in Vienna on **16th and 17th February**, taking part in the Domain Pulse 2017 event. Key topics were end-user security on the Internet, data protection, domain statistics, a brief retrospective of the IANA transition and news concerning registries in the German-speaking world.

> MORE: domainpulse.at

IGF MAG

Slobodan Marković attended the meeting of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), held **1st to 3rd March** in **Geneva**, the topic of which was the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The topic of the IGF was agreed at the meeting, as well as the collection of documents that would accompany the global public invitation to submit proposals for sessions, workshops and other activities at the IGF.

> MORE: intgovforum.org/cms/mag