Activities of the Office
VLADIMIR MANIĆ IS NEW FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

ỵFollowing a public application procedure, the Board of Governors of RNIDS appointed **Vladimir Manić** as the new director of RNIDS on **21st June**. He takes up the position on **2nd July**. The Director's term of office lasts for four years and his job includes deciding on current business policy and managing the operation of the RNIDS Office.

Vladimir Manić has more than 20 years' experience in IT and telecommunications, and more than 15 years' experience in the project management of IT teams in complex business systems. He is a member of prominent international organisations in the fields of project management and business analytics. He graduated from the University of Niš Faculty of Electronics in Electrical and Computer Engineering and then gained a Masters in Business Management from the Belgrade University Faculty of Economics. He holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate, gained in 2007.

Registration terms updated
NEW PRIVACY POLICY

After changes to the **General Terms and Conditions for the Registration of National Internet Domain Names**, RNIDS also passed a new **Privacy policy**.

In future no personal information will be publicly exposed through the WHOIS service. The new privacy policy sets out the rights of registrants and administrative and technical contacts, as well as those of users of other RNIDS services.

Activities of the Foundation
MAY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF CO-FOUNDERS

The regular spring session of the Serbian National Internet Domain Name Registry Foundation (RNIDS) Conference of Co-founders was held on **19th May** at the Moskva Hotel in Belgrade. Of the 141 RNIDS co-founders, 131 sent authorised representatives to the Conference meeting.

At the meeting, a **Decision on amendments and supplements to the General Terms and Conditions for the Registration of National Internet Domain Names** was passed, bringing a number of changes of importance to registrants. With GDPR now being implemented for domain name WHOIS data, the names of individuals will no longer be shown – these were previously the only item of personal data available via WHOIS. The set of permitted characters for .RS and .СРБ domain names was expanded to include the letters of the Latin and Cyrillic scripts used in Serbia. This new feature will be rolled out in the near future, once the necessary administrative and technical preparations have been made.

Amendments and supplementations to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Co-founders were also approved, as were decisions to apply for RNIDS' membership in the organisations APTLD and DNS-OARC. The Conference of Co-founders also approved the **Annual Report of the Board of Governors for 2017**, and the **Report on the work of the RNIDS Statutory Committee for 2017** was also received.

After the meeting, a **public meeting of the RNIDS Board of Governors** was held, at which members of the Board took questions from authorised representatives of the co-founders.

> SEE: **rnids.rs/terms**
> **rnids.rs/en/credits/privacy-policy**

Development of the domain market
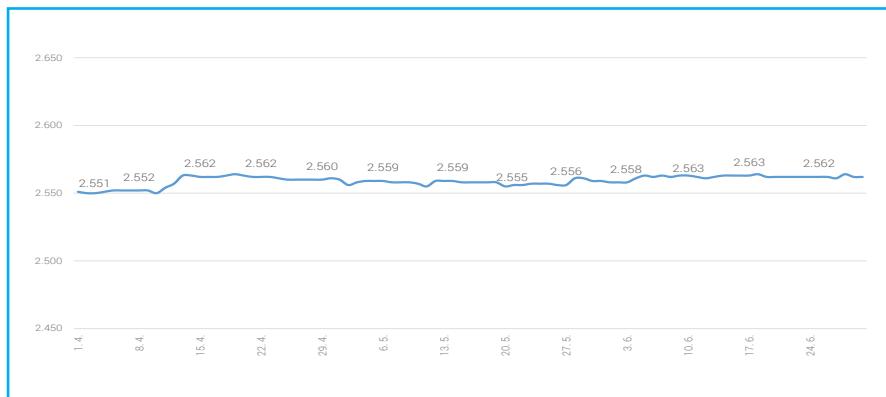
DOMAIN STATISTICS

Number of registered .RS domain names
April-June 2018

Number of registered .СРБ domain names
April-June 2018

Partnership with accredited registrars

TECHNICAL & PROMO HELP

The implementation has begun of stricter rules for **testing the technical capabilities** of accredited registrars and their security measures prior to their being allowed access to the EPP service. Testing consists of two parts – analysis of the architecture and security of the part of the accredited registrar's system that is used for communication with RNIDS' EPP service, and testing the success of the implementation of the EPP client by the newly-accredited registrar. In future all accredited registrars will need to go through the same procedure when connecting to the EPP server.

During Q2 work was also done on **improving statistical parameters** that will make it easier for accredited registrars to conduct domain registrations and give them better insight into the business side of registrations. Also, **preparations were made for the introduction of IDN domains** in the domain spaces managed by RNIDS. Procedures were worked out and implemented for the IDN domain registration sunrise period.

The **Advertising Co-financing Programme** continued to be actively used by RNIDS accredited registrars during Q2. The campaign conducted by Unlimited last year was co-financed in this quarter. BeotelNet was very active and conducted three campaigns, which were co-financed this quarter. Complus also conducted a campaign in this quarter.

INTERNET PRESENCE

Serbian National Internet Domain Registry Foundation
rnids.rs | рнидс.срб

The Home of Domestic Domains
domen.rs | домен.срб

Serbian Internet Domain Day (DIDS)
dids.rs | дидс.срб

RSNOG
rsnog.rs | рсног.срб

SOCIAL MEDIA:
linkedin.com/company/rnids
facebook.com/rnids.rs
twitter.com/rnids
slideshare.net/rnids
youtube.com/rnidsonline
pinterest.com/rnidsRS
instagram.com/rnids

REGISTRAR

Accredited registrars
domen.rs/registri

Whois lookup
domen.rs/whois

Joining RNIDS
rnids.rs/pristupanje

Publications
rnids.rs/publications

Domain Name Registration Terms
rnids.rs/terms

Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy
rnids.rs/udrp

Domain registration system and DNS uptime
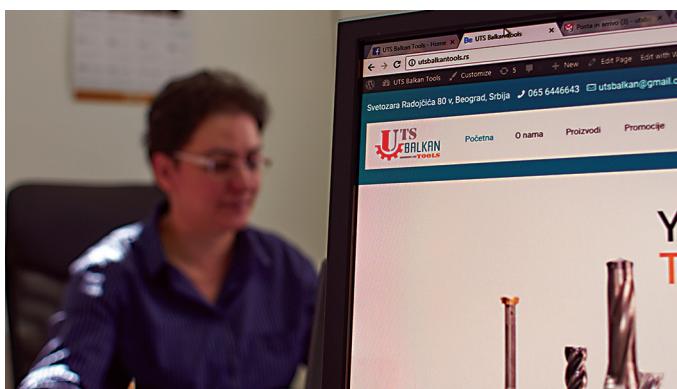
100,000 .RS DOMAINS REGISTERED

In the year that RNIDS marks the 10th anniversary of its first registered national Internet domain, Friday **13th April** saw the registration of the one hundred thousandth .RS domain name.

Registrations of .RS domains officially began on **10th March 2008** at midday, simultaneously via 27 companies that were accredited to provide registration services. That first day, 7,000 domains were registered. For the following six months, up to **10th September 2008**, owners of the old .YU domains had right of first refusal for registration of equivalent names with the .RS suffix, an opportunity taken up by 19,372 domain owners.

In the meantime the .RS domain grew both numerically and in terms of quality. The infrastructure was upgraded and new registration software was created. It is the only TLD with three-level protection and has enjoyed 100% uptime since its launch until the present day, making it one of only seven world domains to have zero downtime in the last eight-and-a-half years.

Today, .RS domains can be registered by any legal entity or individual, foreign or domestic, quickly, easily and in unlimited numbers, via any one of the 44 RNIDS accredited registrars, which has brought us to the round figure of 100,000 domains.

The 100,000th domain was **utsbalkantools.rs**, registered by **UTS Balkan Tools**, a young, Serbian-Italian company in Belgrade which started business in February 2018.

Asked why they specifically chose a .RS domain, **Silvano Vitiello** responded: "Our efforts are directed towards the Serbian market and towards building positive business relationships with other companies in Serbia. That's why we chose a .RS domain and created a Serbian-language website. A local market demands a local domain, it's the option that makes most sense if we are to develop our business in Serbia."

Organisation and co-organisation of events

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND THE INTERNET

The Belgrade University Faculty of Law and RNIDS organised the **Intellectual Property and the Internet** conference for the fourth time on **11th June** at the Faculty of Law. The conference was devoted to topics concerning copyright, Internet domain names, online content and new technologies. The event was opened by acting Dean of the Faculty of Law, **Prof. Dr Vladan Petrov** and the chair of the RNIDS BoG **Vojislav Rodić**.

Chair of the Committee for the resolution of disputes relating to the registration of national internet domain names **Prof. Dr Dušan Popović**, talked about the new Uniform Rapid Suspension system – URS, which was established by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) in order to quickly resolve domain registration disputes.

"The procedure to resolve these disputes would be significantly faster and cheaper with the use of artificial intelligence and other specialised software," explained vice-chair of the Committee for the resolution of disputes relating to the registration of national internet domain names, **Dr Marko Jovanović**.

Novak Vujičić took a look at the increasingly common practice adopted by courts in EU member countries of ordering Internet operators to block specific websites on the grounds of copyright violations. He expressed the opinion that this could be an excessive burden to Internet operators, both financial and administrative.

"Blockchain could be used to record every instance of the use of a copyrighted work and after that to simplify payment of royalties from users to authors," said lawyer **Dragan Milić**, adding that this would reduce the number of copyright infringements. The increasing use of this technology was also illustrated by the news that the first auction via blockchain would soon be conducted, of a painting by Andy Warhol.

Attorney **Dr Andrea Radonjanin** talked about the increasing online trade in counterfeit goods. "Illegal traders advertise and offer goods online, and since they have no import costs or any other of the expenses normally associated with doing business, they sell the goods below market price. It is very difficult to monitor and combat this kind of illicit trade".

At the event there was also discussion of the digitisation of cultural heritage, and especially of the copyright problems surrounding the digitisation of so-called orphan works, i.e. works for which the author is unknown or cannot be contacted. The need was emphasised for the Serbian Copyright Law to be harmonised in this regard with the EU Directive on orphan works. The papers presented at the conference have been published in a **Journal** by the Faculty of Law.

International partnership

RNIDS ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD

76th RIPE Meeting

From 14th to 18th May, Marseille, France was the setting for the 76th RIPE meeting, in which Žarko Kecić took part on behalf of RNIDS. The meeting looked at global growth and user behaviour trends, discussing the Internet of Things, BGP hijacking and traffic re-routing, as well as addressing policies and the problems of distributing the remaining stocks of IPv4 addresses. The DNS Working Group particularly focused on DNS privacy, and how prepared the highest-traffic DNS servers are in terms of meeting the need to conceal private data. There is still a lack of public agreement on this issue, and very few DNS operators have implemented DNS request truncation.

> MORE: **ripe.net**

CENTR Jamboree 2018

The joint meeting of CENTR workshops, with a special day for panel debates on numerous current topics, was held from 30th May to 1st June in Moscow. Attending on behalf of RNIDS were Office staff Žarko Kecić, Dejan Đukić, Predrag Milićević and Bojana Živković, along with BoG deputy chair Goran Milanković.

Joint 44th CENTR Administrative / 26th Marketing workshop
The morning was taken up with a low-key marketing workshop and then in the afternoon joint sessions were held together with the members of the Administrative Working Group on a number of topics, of which the key one was that of cooperation between ccTLD registries and their ac-credited registrars.

15th CENTR Security workshop
The topic of this workshop was security issues facing ccTLD registries, including misuse of domains and the security of DNS systems. Some methods were presented for recognising malicious use of domains, as well as trends in behaviour on the part of malicious Internet users. The CENTR Security Maturity Model was also presented which, when it is finished, will be used to quickly and accurately evaluate the security situation in ccTLD registries.

Joint 38th CENTR Technical / 12th CENTR R&D workshop
At the joint technical and development meeting there was discussion about the SIDN (the Dutch ccTLD registry) local anycast system, open-source HSM devices and operational upgrades to the DNS system. A new electronic ID system was also presented, called ID4me, which is aimed at reducing Internet fraud.

> MORE: **centr.org**

62nd ICANN Meeting

Panama City, Panama, was the setting, from 25th to 28th June, for the 62nd ICANN meeting. Attending on behalf of RNIDS, with the direct support of the organiser, were RNIDS Office staff Žarko Kecić, Jelena Ožegović and Dejan Đukić. It was an opportunity for them to take part in meetings within individual working groups and programmes.

On ICANN Tech Day, organised as part of the ccNSO meeting, Žarko Kecić held a presentation on the security features implemented in the new registration software used for domain names managed by RNIDS.

Jelena Ožegović attended as a member of the **Community Onboarding Pilot Program** (COP) programme, which provides support to new volunteers who are just getting familiar with the structure of the ICANN community. Jelena is participating in this programme as a representative of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization − ccNSO − and acts as a mentor, supporting new members of the community.

> MORE: **meetings.icann.org/en/panamacity62**

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