Bulgaria has (early in Feb) joined the ccNSO

One week left to register for national event on future of the Internet
At the Canadian Internet Forum (CIF), CIRA and its partners will present the results of six face-to-face consultations across Canada and an online discussion forum.

Brandon Gray Internet Services Inc. no longer a CIRA Certified Registrar

Swiss Kids on Facebook & Co.
The SWITCH Junior Web Barometer survey is looking into the way that children and young people behave in the internet.

85% of .cz domains are not protected against fraud
CZ.NIC has launched a campaign to increase awareness of the importance of domain security.

.eu
.eu with 20% ccTLD sales in 2010
.eu is the second most commonly sold country code top-level domain (ccTLD) according to the 2010 Domain Market Study report issued by Sedo,

Israel’s data protection laws given EU approval
ISOC.il Hosts CENTR 44th General Assembly in Tel Aviv, Israel (photo across: Doron Shikmoni Opens the meeting)

The CC at the meeting of the expert ad hoc group on combating economic crime
On Friday 11 February 2011 the CC participated in the meeting of the Expert Group under the Interdepartmental working group on combating economic crime.

Registry for Ukraine joins CENTR as Full Member after support of General Assembly Vote in Tel Aviv. Welcome to Hostmaster.ua

Unregistered Rights Sunrise for short .uk domains began on 14 February
SURVEY RESULTS: Domain Name Holder Changes (trades) and Registrar Transfers

27 CENTR members answered the survey between 5 December 2010 and 25 January 2011. Initiated by .eu, the participants were .am, .at, .be, .ca, .cz, .de, .dk, .es, .eu, .fr, .it, .jp, .lt, .lu, .mx, .nl, .no, .nz, .pl, .pt, .rs, .ru, .se, .si, .sk and .uk. Note: EURid uses the following terminology: holder changes are called ‘trades’ and registrar transfers ‘transfers’. The following is a summary of selected questions.

Confirmation of transaction - In most cases the current domain name holder has to confirm the execution of the transaction (17 answers). 13 registries answered that also the future domain holder has to give his approval. 6 registries require no confirmation at all.

Registrar transfers - 63% of the registries require a confirmation from the registrant before completing a registrar transfer, the remaining 37% answered they don’t need the registrant to confirm the registrar transfer.

In general, the registry collects the registrant’s confirmation.

Collecting the confirmations - Most registries (69%) that task registrars with the collection of the confirmation of a holder change or of a registrar transfer describe how and when this should happen in the registrar contract.

Does the Registration term change after a holder change? Does the Registration term change after a transfer?

Price of the transaction - A quarter of the registries charge a fee for both a holder change and a registrar transfer. 5 registries (19%) only charge for a holder change while 4 registries only charge for registrar transfers. Around 40% of the surveyed registries provide holder changes and registrar changes for free.

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CENTR Meetings Update (February 2011)

CENTR 44th General Assembly – The Israeli Registry (ISOC-IL) hosted this meeting in Tel Aviv which saw almost 50 participants attend representing 26 TLD registries. Topics included: Law Enforcement (Registry interaction and Recommendations), Awards/Certificates, Registry Issues as well as the election of two new Board Members. Click for more

CENTR 34th Legal and Regulatory Workshop – The Austrian Registry (NIC.at) hosted this well attended meeting (29 participants) which focused on issues such as dispute resolution processes, criminal use in domains and other legal issues for Registries. Click for more

CENTR 22nd Administrative Workshop – The Austrian Registry (NIC.at) this meeting at the same hotel as the the L and R meeting. The meeting had 28 participants representing 16 Registries and focused on issues such as registrar satisfaction, transfer policies, IDN and DNSSEC updates as well as updates from all the Registries on recent developments. Click for more

DOMAINT COUNT: 55,768,220

Ex. Assoc members
This value represents a 2.07% growth in full membership.
The rate of growth is slightly higher than the average which can be attributed to the addition of new CENTR Member .ua (Ukraine) in February.

Source: CENTR domain counter (as well as manual checks on Member websites) and hosterstats.com for gTLDs
IGF Open Consultation  Report by CENTR

Geneva, 23/02/2011

The 23 Feb. consultation was the first preparatory meeting for the 6th IGF meeting, which will be held in Kenya. The exact dates for the meeting are not yet decided. Most people expect that the meeting will be held in the second half of September, however other options are still on the table, for example the end of November.

The mandate of the IGF was renewed by the UN for another 5 years. The discussion on the improvements to the IGF (including the role/strength of the secretariat) is ongoing within the CSTD working group (ECOSOC) on the IGF. The CSTD wg is having its first meeting on 25 and 26 February and should finalise its report by May 2011.

In absence of a successor for Nitin Desai (Special Advisor) and Marcus Kummer (IGF Secretariat) was the open consultation moderated by Vincenzo Aquaro (UN-DESA) and Alice Munyua (Kenyan organising committee).

Compared to previous preparatory meetings there was less discussion on the form of the IGF as a multistakeholder forum with little or no concrete output (eg official declarations, decisions, ...etc). It should be mentioned that some of the major critics of the current forum (eg China) were not attending the Open consultations this time and that, as said before, this discussion has moved to the government level.

Development – Principles – Youth were the buzzwords at the Open consultation. They came back in several interventions throughout the day. Development should for several speakers become one of the main themes of the forum, definitely now that the forum will be organised in the sub-Sahara region.

Many participants saw the IGF in the future evolving towards discussing more general principles for the Internet.

A number of people found it necessary that the youth would be better represented in the Internet governance debate. Of course also the events in the North African region were discussed. Some focussed on the role the Internet for openness, social development and human rights while others warned that blocking and filtering by one country could have negative effects on the stability and accessibility of the network outside that country.

The high number of workshop proposals is seen as problematic. Some suggested that the MAG and secretariat would set up strict criteria to evaluate and if necessary refuse proposals instead of accepting them all and afterwards force organisers to merge their workshop.

In general people were very positive about the IGF meeting in Vilnius and in particular about the ‘feeder workshops’ that provider input to the main sessions and the improved remote participation.

The input from the open consultation will be discussed by the MAG during an informal meeting on 24 February. After this, a reviewed synthesis paper will be published at  http://www.intgovforum.org .

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EU - US Cooperation against Cyber Crime

On The 24-25 of February, CENTR members took part in a meeting regarding EU-US co-operation against Cyber Crime. The discussion was a platform to discuss the issues relating to the LE recommendations made in Seoul ICANN which focused around the recommendations themselves, ‘who are the Law Enforcement Bodies’, ICANNs role as well as case studies.

The CENTR report from the meeting is available here.

CENTR Issue Papers

The CENTR secretariat has publishes Issue papers on differing topics periodically. The papers provide explanations and discussion points for their respective topics and are available to be used by CENTR members in outreach to their community stakeholders

WHOIS (available now online)
IDN Top Level Domains
IPv6
IGF

EVENTS FROM FEB

34th CENTR Legal and Regulatory Workshop
22nd CENTR Administrative Workshop
44th CENTR General Assembly

EU - US Cooperation against Cyber Crime
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COMING UP

40th ICANN meeting  (San Francisco, USA)
13-18 March

80th IETF (Prague, Czech Republic)
27 March – 01 April

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