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MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.au)

[Rubbing shoulders with the inventor of the World Wide Web](#)

(.be)

[DNS.be opening for IDN domain name registration](#)

Starting 11 June 2013, DNS.be will offer the possibility to register IDN domain names with a .be extension.

(.ca)

[The Canadian Internet Forum](#)

The Forum (CIF) will take place on Thursday, February 28 in Ottawa at the Ottawa Convention Centre with discussions on the issues that impact the safe and fair use of the Internet.

(.ee)

[Registrar contract signed with ICANN-accredited registrar](#)

The Estonian Internet Foundation has signed a registrar contract with Nameshield, a French registrar accredited by ICANN

(.eu)

[EURid signs MoU with UNESCO](#)

Following the IDNs - State of Play Insights report of 2011 and the 2012 World report on IDNs deployment, EURid and UNESCO have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

(.fr)

[Afnic International College Fund launches Call for Proposals 2013](#)

The International College Fund focuses this year on projects designed to enhance the security and resilience of the Internet.

(.it)

[Regulation of domain name assignment and management](#)

In support of the Rules, the Registry has prepared technical guidelines as well as rules for the resolution of disputes

(.jp)

[Hirofumi Hotta of JPRS appointed to APTLD board of directors](#)

(.rs)

[DDoS attack on .rs](#)

In the night between Sunday 3 Feb and Monday 4 Feb, our primary DNS servers receive strikingly more queries than normal that indicated that our DNS servers were subject to amplified DDoS attacks.

(.no)

[Norwegian domain names are robust](#)

In 2012, the Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority carried out an audit of the security and stability of the .no services. Overall, the NPT was very satisfied after the evaluation.

(.pl)

[Report for fourth quarter of 2012](#)

In 2012, more than 1 million new .pl domain names were registered, which is the second best result in the history of the Polish registry - according to the NASK's report on the .pl domain name market for the fourth quarter of 2012. report is [available here](#)

(.pt)

[PT 100% accessible by IPv6](#)

All name servers in the DNS root accessible by IPv6, making it 100% compatible with this technology.

(.rs)

[Election session of the Conference of Co-founders](#)

On 23 February 2013, an Election Session of the Conference of Co-founders was held at the Holiday Inn hotel, where a new Management of RNIDS was elected for the three-year term

(.ru)

[244 malicious domains were neutralized in January](#)

Coordination Center and Company Group-IB continue to cooperate on counteracting unauthorized use of domains .RU and .PФ.

(.se)

[The train is in motion... but where are we headed?](#)

Blog Extract: "...it is important to begin focusing on more than just .se domains. After all, we are an organization that survives on a single product. In the past year, we have thus begun focusing on expanding our operations, which has already generated results"

(.uk)

[Nominet appoints Chief Commercial Officer](#)

We are pleased to announce that Jill Finney has been appointed as our first Chief Commercial Officer (CCO).

[Update on Direct.uk](#)

Following a Board meeting, Nominet will not proceed with the original proposal on 'direct.uk' but will respond to feedback by looking at whether a revised proposal will address issues raised in the recent consultation.



Recent Publications

[WCIT Report \(Dubai\)](#)

[Domainwire Stat Report 2012/2](#)

 [A-Level Survey 2012 Report](#)

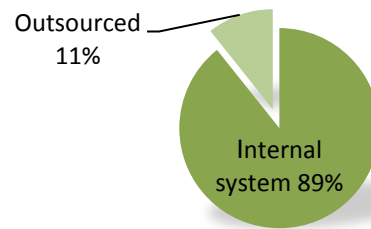
 [Survey Report - System & Maintenance Disturbances](#)

 [40th Legal and Regulatory Meeting Report](#)

The purpose of this survey was to identify industry standards for maintenance and disturbances. How frequently does a registry normally close down for maintenance and how long are systems down due to this? The results indicated that a high, if planned, frequency is less of an issue than the time a maintenance window takes. Below are selected responses from the survey. Survey respondents have access to the full report.

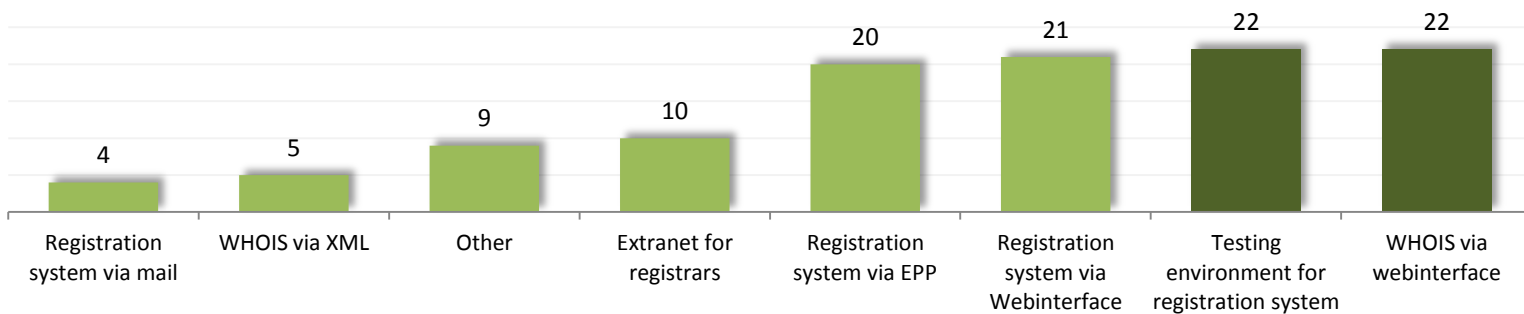
Operation of systems and interfaces

Most respondents (89%) stated they operate their system and interface internally rather than to an outsourced third party. *Sample size: 28*



Systems the Registry offer that interface with Registrars

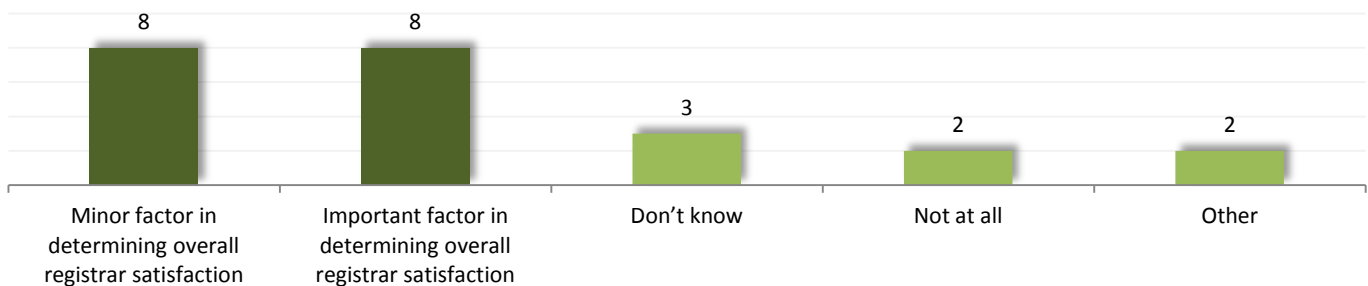
Below shows the number of respondents who use each of the Systems shown. *Sample size: 28*



Frequency of system offline

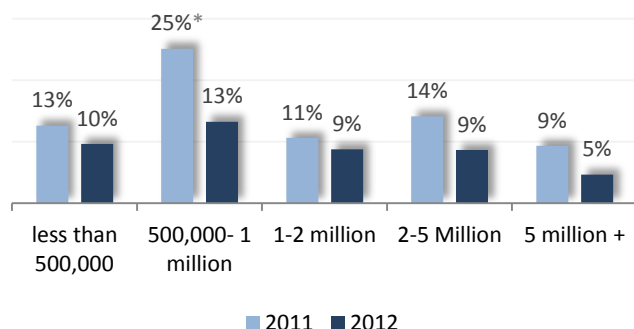
A series of questions were asked within the survey on how often and for how long the systems listed above were offline per year. In most cases each system is offline at least 4 times per year for scheduled maintenance periods of mostly up to 1 hour (except for within the WHOIS via XML system which had a high period of time offline).

How maintenance and disturbances influences registrar satisfaction

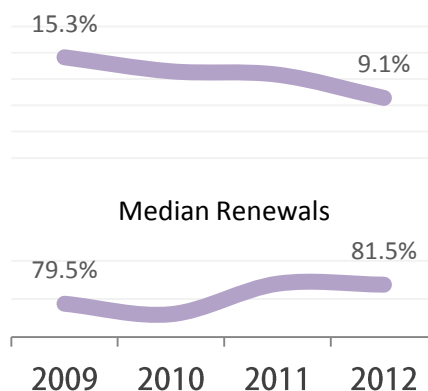


Statistics – CENTR member's growth and renewals

Median Growth per zone size



Median Growth



Domains under management

65,041,967

CENTR Full members (Jan 2013)

Sample: 30 ccTLDs, Source: CENTR stat database.

*High growth explained exceptionally high growth in .me and .PD

Many nations, particularly from the developing world, look to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for advice on telecommunications issues and, increasingly, Internet governance issues. The ITU's Fifth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-13), 14-16 May 2013, Geneva, Switzerland, will be the first WTPF to focus exclusively on Internet issues. Positions agreed to by ITU Member States on the management of Internet resources—including ccTLDs—and the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in Internet governance are of particular importance to ccTLD operators due to the close association of ccTLDs to the territorial boundaries of sovereign nations.

WTPF-13 has been convened to discuss the issues raised in ITU's three key Internet-related resolutions

- Resolution 101: "Internet Protocol (IP)-based Networks" (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)
- Resolution 102: "ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses" (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)³
- Resolution 133: "Roles of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names" (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)

The main policy outcomes of WTPF-13 will be the "Opinion" documents, which are non-binding on ITU's membership. However, the Opinions and final meeting report will be a good indicator of the Internet issues that may become the focus of ITU discussions, and in turn, more formal resolutions and recommendations, in the near future. In particular, WTPF-13 outcomes will inform the discussions at the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet), the ITU Plenipotentiary 2014 and the WSIS+10 review process.

In preparation for WTPF-13, two meetings of the Informal Experts Group (IEG)⁵ have already been held to fine-tune the Secretary-General's report.⁶ The report's summary of issues, which includes ccTLD processes, will form the basis of WTPF-13 discussions in May. Draft Opinions have been made available in the fourth, and latest, version of the Secretary-General's report. It is possible that more Draft Opinions will appear in the next and final version of the Secretary General's report, which will be published 1 March 2013.

To read more... [click here](#)

40th Legal and Regulatory Workshop

The 40th CENTR Legal and Regulatory Workshop was recently held in Zurich, Switzerland. The workshop was kindly hosted by SWITCH and was attended by legal representatives from 21 Registries – mostly from within Europe.

Main topics discussed and presented

- Liability of intermediaries (domains linked to websites infringing copyright) - a specific anti-piracy case underway was discussed
- The French ADR system "Syreli"
- The Dutch Domain Name Debate – Whois and Dropcatching issues
- Host presentation from SWITCH on fighting malware and the SWITCHplus case
- A tour de table of recent developments at all participant Registries



UPCOMING MEETINGS

10th CENTR Marketing workshop- Joint CENTR / LACTLD meeting
Mar 06-08 2013 (Barcelona, Spain)

28th CENTR Administrative Workshop
Mar 13 2013 (Lisbon, Portugal)

49th CENTR General Assembly / 2013 Annual General Meeting
Mar 14-15, 2013 (Lisbon, Portugal)



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