IRNIC ccTLD Registry of Iran

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Presently part of a research institution (IPM), but with considerable autonomy. Will be registered as a not-for-profit organization with a loose connection to IPM before October this year.
History of .ir

- Started April 1994
- Change of contacts, new policies: Sept. 4, 2001 (Total # domains: ~ 700)
- Policy liberalization: Dec. 22, 2003 (Total # domains: ~ 3500)
- Licensing resellers: July 22, 2004 (Total # domains: ~ 8500)
Domains and Regulations

- **Second-level domains**, directly under `.ir`
  Almost no restriction, certain names of geographic, national and historical significance reserved for relevant agencies.

- **Third-level domains**: ac, co, gov, id, net, org, sch.
  Applicants must present qualification documents.
WHOIS Policy

- Complete legal address of **Holder** and **Admin Contact**, email of **Tech Contact**, and **Reseller** name are shown.
- No mention of **Billing Contact** or **Expiration Date**.
- Registrants under **id.ir** (individuals) can opt out and have only an email address shown.
- Changes may occur as a result of impending national legislation on privacy.
Dispute Resolution

- **Policy** and **Rules** worked out in consultation with WIPO; similar but not identical with UDRP. National courts can overrule.

- **WIPO** is presently the only dispute resolution provider.

- A dispute resolution organization for IT-related matters is being set up at the national level which will also act as dispute resolution provider.
Reseller Scheme

- These are agents not registrars: Registration contract is between the **Holder** and **IRNIC**.

- Six-month contracts between **IRNIC** and **reseller**, reseller is entitled to a discount of 25-67% depending on sale volume, discount is dynamically updated as a result of reseller deposits and transactions.

- Reseller can register second-level domains directly into the database; third-level domains checked by **IRNIC** for qualification.
Plans and Prospects

- Institutionalization of relations with LIC in the framework of new organization.
- Growth of the number of domains.
- IDN
- Replacement of Resellers by Registries.
Projection and Hope: 30000-35000 .ir domains by end of 2005 (not counting IDN).

Aim: Achieve parity of gTLD-ccTLD numbers by the end of 2006.

Present ratio is 38000/8500 ~ 4.47.

Means: Resellers + Liberalized rules + Persian-language facilities.
Examples of gTLD/ccTLD

- Chile 0.09
- Poland 0.20
- Germany 0.33
- Malaysia 0.76
- Turkey 2.89
- Spain 7.07
- India 39.49

France went from 5.30 to 3.83 in one month.
IDN

- Dates of expected utilization:
  - November 2004 – April 2005: test-bed
  - May 2005: full utilization
- Applicant uses Persian keyboard; IRNIC returns jpg image of domain + bundle of domains which will be co-assigned. Reason: Possibility of confusion if Arabic or other Arabic-alphabet based keyboards are used.
Registrars

- Expected start: September 2005
  Awaiting national dispute resolution provider.
- EPP support available in the new registration software being implemented at IRNIC shortly.
THANK YOU

More information:

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