

# **IRNIC ccTLD Registry of Iran**

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# ORGANIZATION



- 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 over-rule.
- ☐ **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.



# Growth



- ❑ 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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chile                                       | 0.09  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poland                                      | 0.20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Germany                                     | 0.33  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysia                                    | 0.76  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                                      | 2.89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spain                                       | 7.07  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India                                       | 39.49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> France went from 5.30 to 3.83 in one month. |       |

- ❑ 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:

[www.nic.ir](http://www.nic.ir)

