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LIVING THE INTERNET... DIDS 2016 AND RIF 2016

The seventh annual Internet conference, **DIDS 2016**, has been held **15th and 16th March**, at the **Hyatt Regency Belgrade hotel**. More than 370 visitors and 1300 online viewers watched 50 home-grown and foreign speakers during the regular, public Conference programme and on the second day, which was set aside for the **Regional Internet Forum – RIF 2016** – and its invitees.



The creative concept behind this year's DIDS briefly describes our daily lives and the three themed blocks of the Conference, through the slogan **Living the Internet... Globally – Securely – Locally**. DIDS is held with the support of **ICANN** (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers), the lead organisation for the administration of the Internet and its global structure. This DIDS was held in the year that RNIDS celebrates **10 years of its founding**, and to mark the occasion a special video overview had been made of significant events from 2006 to the present day. As previously, the conference was **free of charge to all participants** who registered via email from an address on a regional domain. **Media sponsorship came from 29** different companies, with the event being streamed online at 10 different web locations.

Organising Committee for DIDS 2016 and RIF 2016: Predrag Miličević, Lazar Bošković, Dragana Pešić-Lević and Jelena Ožegović, together with members of the technical team.

Programme Committee for DIDS 2016: Dušan Stojičević (Chair), Vojislav Rodić, Vladimir Radunović, Slobodan Marković, Radomir Lale Marković and Miloje Sekulić.

Programme Committee for RIF 2016: Nataša Glavor (Chair), Dušan Stojičević, Barbara Povše Golob, Aida Mahmutović and Aleksandar Ichokaev.

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GLOBALLY

BLOCK 1 / Moderator: Vladimir Radunović

After the video presentation of 10 years of RNIDS was shown, **Danko Jevtović**, RNIDS Director, welcomed attendees and then **Vojislav Rodić**, Chair of the RNIDS Board, by way of introduction, gave an overview of what was to come in the DIDS programme.

The topic of the first block was the news that after two years of negotiations with representatives of the Internet community and regulatory bodies, the US Government had reached an agreement regarding transfer of the IANA functions to the global Internet community, specifically to ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers).

Gabriella Schitteck, GSE Manager, Central & Eastern Europe at ICANN, referring to the news of the agreement, said that before the celebrations could start we needed to wait 90 days for the US to consider all aspects of the agreement and officially ratify it, upon which "the Internet would become truly independent". She also invited all interested parties to get involved in the work of ICANN, as this organisation supported the democratisation of Internet governance and was open to fresh ideas and expertise, both from civil society and the business world.

Mike Silber, member of the ICANN Board, followed on from this, noting that the transfer of supervisory functions to ICANN had been agreed to even by those countries that had felt excluded from the process of the governance of cyberspace, and that probably the best solution for this problem was the transfer of these functions to a global multistakeholder Internet community and to a model that had proven itself successful through the work of ICANN.

Wolf Ludwig, Chair of EURALO, emphasised the need for everyone who wanted to get involved in the governance of the Internet, and that it would be good for more people from the CEE region to become active in this too. One should not rely too heavily on those in legislative or judicial power since they, with a few rare exceptions, did not have extensive knowledge in this area, he said. "Governance of the Internet should be from the bottom up, from the people to those in power, not the reverse. We all need to contribute to the dialogue on the key aspects of the functioning of the Internet, we need to advise but also to criticise the decision-makers."

Marília Maciel, coordinator of the Center for Technology and Society at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, spoke to the DIDS audience via a Skype call from Brazil. She said that the topic of Internet neutrality was a very important one in her country and that her impression was that governments around the world were finally beginning to understand the importance of working with the civil sector in the area of Internet governance.

VISITOR COMMENTS

BLOCK 1 - average rating 4.43 (on a scale of 1 to 5)

- > An interesting overview of worldwide trends given by very competent professionals Moderator was exceptional, takes much of the credit for the quality of discussion
- > It wouldn't be bad if during discussion we could sometimes get brief information in Serbian, too
- > Generally interesting but not understandable enough
- > Good topic of discussion, good choice of participants
- > Topic too professionally-orientated – a large portion of the audience was not familiar with the issues under discussion
- > Excellent balance achieved between topics and sessions

BLOCK 2 - average rating 4,13

- > Discussion well-moderated, focused on further steps
- > Too much debate about some issues that currently aren't clearly defined with regard to security
- > All aspects of security covered in a single session, with a lot of useful information
- > An interesting topic reduced to talk of laws and regulations, which made it less dynamic. This could have been much better
- > Really interesting – for the next DIDS I would like to see someone from the military intelligence services taking part

BLOCK 3 - average rating 4,36

- > Excellent examples that can motivate others to take things further
- > Interesting, but I think there were other even more interesting participants you could have got in touch with
- > The best block of all, where we could see specific examples of finished projects
- > We heard a lot of useful information, and these participants were perhaps the best of all
- > It is always interesting to talk about good practical examples
- > The examples were OK, although we thought that there were other more interesting/useful ones around
- > The moderator really took this block to another level; the participants were well-chosen

ORGANISATION - average rating 4,90

- > Well-organised, good timing and topics
- > The organisation was excellent; the whole organising team did a great job
- > Try to organise things better during visitor registration
- > Excellent and comprehensive; RNIDS thinks about all the details
- > DIDS should be held at least twice a year!
- > Our high expectations were met in every way, the only gripe was the lack of space, particularly the crush in the lobby where the drinks were
- > The organisation was perfect, others could really learn from it. I would say they got every detail right.

81 attendees took part in the survey.



SECURELY

BLOCK 2 / Moderator: Slobodan Marković

The second panel debate focused on trends in Internet security, a discussion occasioned by the new Law on Information Security which came into force in Serbia this year, providing a legal framework for the future functioning of CERTs – bodies which are set up to prevent security incidents, as well as help minimise their occurrence through education and raising awareness in the general population, in the business world and in public departments, regarding the importance of ICT security.

Nebojša Jokić, Chief of the MUP-CERT set up by the Serbian Interior Ministry, said that this CERT had been in existence for a much shorter time than those in the surrounding countries but that in the 20 or so months it had been operating an organisation had been put in place which would be able to face future challenges, and that work was also being done on the education of all employees in the police force.

Gorazd Božič, Director of the SI-CERT in ARNES, shared from the twenty years of experience of this body. He explained that in this time cybercrime had become a great deal more sophisticated and that professionals working in CERTs needed to keep in step with technological advances at the same pace as lawbreakers did. One significant development was the emergence of malicious software created to be leased to others (CaaS – Crime as a Service) for use in attacks on particular locations on the Internet, which had effectively become a new Internet business model. Filip Vlašić, Computer Security Specialist at HR-CERT, CARnet, said that the CERT had officially existed in Croatia since 2008, but had effectively been in full operation since 2010, when a great many changes began to come about in the business of security. Five years ago there was not such a variety of devices capable of accessing the Internet, nor was there such widespread use of smartphones running different types and versions of operating systems.

Dušan Stojičević, member of the SEEDIG Executive Committee and former Chair of the RNIDS Board added that RNIDS planned to establish its own CERT which would cover the local domain space, i.e. the .RS and .CPB domains. He criticised the above-mentioned law for failing to define critical infrastructure, and stressed that there had to be constant cooperation between the private sector, which owned most of the infrastructure, and the supervisory bodies.

Sava Savić, Deputy to the Serbian Minister for the Information Society in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, answered a question from the audience regarding whether the right to privacy should be subordinated to security concerns. "Where data that could save someone's life are concerned – for example in the event of the kidnapping of a child, whose mobile phone signal can be tracked – then of course saving the person is paramount and nothing can take priority over that," he said, adding that this did not mean that anybody from the security services could abuse access to data on citizens with impunity.

LOCALLY

BLOCK 3 / Moderator: Radomir Lale Marković



The third block comprised a presentation of high-profile sites on the national .RS and .CPB domains. Representatives of **12 home-grown websites**, portals and online projects talked about their experiences and their road to growth.

The block was divided into three themed sections, the first of which comprised a retrospective of some of the key sites from previous DIDS conferences.

Video clips and conversations with the authors and editors of the sites accompanied presentations of **ptc.cpb**, **greendesign.rs**, **detozin.deto.rs**, **mamaitata.rs**, **hronokuhinja.rs**, **vinsketure.rs**, **ukusbeograda.rs**, **mojafirma.rs**, **putujsigurno.rs**, **fandrejzing.rs**, **umrezen.in.rs** and **политика.cpb**.



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REGIONAL INTERNET FORUM

This second **Regional Internet forum – RIF 2016** – held **16th March** as an ancillary event to DIDS 2016, was attended by some fifty representatives of national Internet registries from south-eastern Europe, representatives of state bodies, local Internet communities and global Internet organisations and legal experts from the region. The topics of discussion at RIF 2016 included opinions and examples from the practice of professionals in the region in regard to the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, the development of e-government in Serbia and the region, net neutrality and legal regulation in this area, as well as online security.

In the first block titled **“What’s cooking in the region?”**, discussion centred around the practical administration of the Internet, as well as successful business models in the domain business in the region. **Gabriella Schittek**, GSE Manager at ICANN, explained that the multistakeholder model was a way for all interested parties, organisations and companies to get involved in the process of Internet governance, and she invited interested students to apply for the NextGen@ICANN programme. **Iliya Bazlyankov**, Chair of the Executive committee at Swiss CORE, underlined the need to broaden knowledge in this area, especially in our region. He said that partnership would be stepped up with organisations involved in Internet governance. **Marija Kujačić**, Head of the Department for Implementation and Support in the Directorate for e-Government and **Tomislav Vračić**, Head of Sector for ICT Infrastructure at the Croatian Ministry of Public Administration, talked about the development of e-government in Serbia and Croatia. Marija presented the benefits of Open Data in government. These are public, digital data that are freely available on the Internet and which can be processed and analysed in this form. Tomislav presented the Croatian e-Građani (e-Citizens) service, which in the two years or less in which it had been up and running had reached 13,000 daily logins. **Davor Šoštarić**, Director of the Institute of Information Science in Maribor, was the author of the first shared cataloguing programmes and head of the team for systems analysis and programming of the bibliographic applications from which COBISS – Co-operative Online Bibliographic System and Services – came about, which today can also be accessed using Android and iOS.

Domen Savič, Director of the Citizen D Institute, opened the second panel debate in this block with an account of how the battle for net neutrality played out in Slovenia. It began with raising public awareness of the

importance of this topic and continuing on to discussions with politicians on the influence on the Internet of telecommunications companies and of the business sector in general. The process culminated in clear and purposeful calls to action. **Nataša Đukanović**, Director of Marketing at the .ME registry, told of the new ways they had devised to sell domains, through public auctions and their Premium Program. The Macedonian experience in establishing the .MKD domain was shared by **Sanja Simonova** from MARnet, who told the story of how this country succeeded in registering its Cyrillic TLD after a public debate and voting. **Daniel Kalchev** from Digital Systems explained how Bulgaria had gone through a much longer process in registering its domain and how only two years ago the country had finally acquired the right to the .BG domain.

In block two, titled **“Law talk”** there was discussion of regulations, academic opinion, best practices and regional legal challenges relating to the Internet. **David Taylor**, a partner in the company Hogan Lovells, explained how a dilemma from the real world spilt over into the virtual world in the case of the wine industry and the .WINE and .VIN gTLDs. **Georgi Dimitrov**, manager and partner at the Dimitrov, Petrov & Co. law firm, shared examples from the practice of Bulgarian courts, notable amongst which was the decision to recognise electronic documents as having equal validity as paper documents. **Maja Bogataj Jančič** from the slovenian intellectual property institute shared her thoughts on the EU reforms of this legal area, especially in the context of the development of the internet, which was its greatest challenge. **Dušan Popović**, assistant professor at the Belgrade Faculty of Law, also weighed in on the discussion on reforms of copyright law in the EU. Regarding the question of whether the EU should introduce the right of publishers to royalties for the use of excerpts from news articles, he suggested that it should not – such use did not involve use of the entire work, nor was it “stealing” readers. **Neda Zdraveva** from the Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Macedonia, said that national governments needed to work together in improving consumer protection, while Croatian attorney **Albina Dlačić** explained in what cases Internet providers were liable when they were the sole access provider.

The last block concerned issues of security, with examples of how children and adults could be protected from online fraud and abuse, as well as ways of raising awareness of cyber-security, shared by **Gorazd Božič**, Director of the Slovene SI-CERT. **Domen Savič** presented the Cryptoparty in Slovenia, which was dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of privacy in communications, especially in a time when we could expect the rapid development of technologies (such as the Internet of Things) that would bring new dangers.