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News Update

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Briefing Contents

- Domain Names - New Allocation Rules
- IIX - The Israeli Internet eXchange - evolution and news
- ISOC-IL Elections
- Administrator and Office
Israel Top Level Domains (*.il)

- .co.il commercial (89%)
- .org.il organization (non-profit) (8%)
- .net.il Ministry licensed ISP (.5%)
- .gov.il government (1%)
- .ac.il higher education (1%)
- .k12.il schools (1%)
- muni.il municipalities (.1%)
- .idf.il צה"ל

- 1800 domain names registered as of Nov 1996
- 9900 domain names registered as of Dec 1998
Domain Name Allocation Rules

- Old set of rules inherited from Machba (1985-May 1997)
- New set of rules represent a new Internet realm, with commercial and legal aspects
- 18 months of work
  - 3 lawyers and 2 ISOC-IL board members
  - Input and comments from other sources
- http://www.isoc.org.il/domains
Domain Allocation Rules (cont.)

- Better definition of applicant / registrar relationship and responsibilities
- Better definition of scope of 2nd level Domains
- Minimum “judgement” imposed on the registrar - more relaxed rules for co.il and org.il
- Bi-annual renewal fee ($20)
- Advisory Committee Panel
Domain Allocation Rules (cont.)

- Initial fee raised from $50 to $60
- Effective January 1, 1999 ...
- ... All 9900 existing domains unaffected by the new rules - grandfather clause
IIX Update

- IIX operating since May 1996
- 18 Peers (licensed ISPs) connected to the IIX
- 22.5Mb/sec of aggregate (full duplex) bandwidth
- IIX Peers connected with between 128kb/sec-4Mb/sec
- Speed of connection is chosen by Peer (practically not limited, technically)
- Operates at a small percentage of capacity
IIX Update (cont.)

- IIX runs on Cisco 7206 at 15-20% CPU
- IIX runs with a 24x7 Hotline and 24x7 hardware / software support
- IIX is ready for high-speed technologies, when available from Bezeq (or any other future carrier in the local loop)
- http://www.isoc.org.il/iix.html (includes network traffic graphs)
**Elections**

- ISOC-IL, the Israeli Chapter of the Internet Society, is a registered Amuta.
- Elections every year
  - 7 member Board of Directors
  - 3-4 board members elected every year
- Board serves on a volunteer basis
- Approximately 20 meetings each year
  - meetings last 2-4 hours each
- Approximately 30 emails per week, plus extra work
Administrator and Office

- ISOC-IL Board members are volunteering tens of hours per month
- Many activities abandoned for lack of time
- ISOC-IL is in process of hiring a part-time administrator as well as acquiring office space
- This will allow us to expand our realm of activities during 1999
What you can do to help ISOC-IL

- Become a member of the ISOC-IL
- Participate in the members online mailing list
- Consider establishing a new Working Group under ISOC-IL auspices
  - Interdin, Intranet
- Volunteer your time to ISOC-IL
Thank You!