Summary Notes for Tajikistan
.TJ

- Khalil is the technical contact for .tj domain
- Works for ITC, Information Technical Center, which is a governmental structure.
- Use multi-registrar model. ITC performs Registry function.
- Daily work only interact with registrars - no direct interaction with end-users.
- Policy is to only allow local companies to be .tj registrars.
- Done on purpose to allow them to develop their infrastructure and skills.
- Several ISPs in .tj and most of them are, also, registrars.
- This model allows ITC to greatly simplify. Does not require much staff.
- Billing is only for registrars. Currently about 11 registrars.
- The burden of contacting and billing end-users is responsibility of registrars.
- ITC has tried to make registration policy as easy as possible. Pretty much any company or individual can register directly under .tj, or under subdomains like com.tj, etc.
- Use a number of Sun servers with Solaris OS.
- Using Bind for DNS.
- Operation is semi-automatic. Accept request from registrars via email. Have home-grown software which is used internally to process the requests. From this they collect data records on the server and generate a zone file as needed.
- Would like to design and build a good registration system that could be implemented fully on-line so that registrars could connect to this - allowing for requests to ITC with minimal manual intervention.
- Most interested in using different approaches and tools that are now in use to help them design a new system.
- Would like to implement DNSSEC and IDN, but not as important as a good registration system.
- Connectivity - direct satellite connection with ISP in Lithuania and direct connections with local ISPs. No ASN number yet, but hope to get one within a year, or so.
- Around 4,500 registered domains.
- Registrations started at the start of 2004. Has grown by steps.
- Domain processing does not take much time per day.