

## **.ORG Implements New Service to Protect Registrants**

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### **.ORG name holders now have an additional 30 days to recover name if inadvertently deleted**

Reston, VA – June 9, 2003 – The Public Interest Registry (PIR) today announced the successful implementation of a new service called Redemption Grace Period (RGP). RGP will give .ORG domain holders an additional 30 days to recover their domain name if it is deleted inadvertently. This additional safeguard will help prevent .ORG name holders, primarily noncommercial organizations, from accidentally losing their domain names. Without RGP, there is no reliable recourse if a domain name is not renewed by the due date. The domain name automatically becomes available on the open market and the Internet identity of the noncommercial organization is often lost.

The RGP service was introduced to provide additional time to catch erroneous deletions before the name is made available for re-registration. Now, with RGP implemented, when a domain name is deleted, e-mail will not function and the Web page will not resolve, signaling to the domain name holder there is a problem. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has recommended that registries implement this service to allow the original registrants (domain name holders) to redeem a deleted name through their original registrar. Domain name holders who lose a domain name via a deletion should contact their registrar immediately.

#### **ABOUT .ORG**

The .ORG domain, which has come to be associated with noncommercial activities, is the Internet's third largest "generic" or non-country specific top-level domain (behind .COM and .NET), housing over 2.7 million domain names worldwide. Late last year, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board of Directors selected ISOC's proposal from among 11 organizations bidding to operate the .ORG top-level domain. VeriSign Global Registry Services' contract as registry operator for .ORG expired on December 31, 2002. PIR assumed control of the registry on January 1, 2003.

#### **ABOUT PIR**

Public Interest Registry ([www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org)) is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Internet Society to manage the .ORG domain. PIR's mission is to manage the .ORG domain in a way that supports the continuing evolution of the Internet as a research, education and communications infrastructure, and educates and empowers the noncommercial community to most effectively utilize the Internet. PIR is based in Reston, Virginia.

PIR was created by the Internet Society ([www.ISOC.org](http://www.ISOC.org)). ISOC is a not-for-profit, open membership organization founded in 1991 and is dedicated to ensuring the open evolution, development and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people. It provides leadership in addressing issues that confront the future of the Internet, and is the organizational home for many of the groups responsible for Internet standards.

For additional information on PIR and the .ORG registry please visit [www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org).