

## Public Interest Registry To Recap Events Of January 25th .ORG Registry Cutover

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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- WHEN:** Monday, January 27, 2003 12:00 p.m. EST/9:00 a.m. PST/ 17:00 GMT
- WHAT:** During this press conference the Public Interest Registry and its back-end provider, Afilias Limited, will recap the events of the technical cutover of the .ORG registry from VeriSign Global Registry Service to Afilias' system, which will occur on January 25, 2003.
- WHO:** David Maher, Chairman of the Board - Public Interest Registry  
Bruce Beckwith, Vice President of Operations - Public Interest Registry  
Ram Mohan, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer - Afilias
- DURATION:** Approximately 30 minutes (including Q and A)
- WHY:** Attending this workshop will provide members of the press with the following benefits:
- ?? Detailed synopsis of the events and results of the technical cutover of the .ORG registry to a new provider
  - ?? Access to key executives at PIR and Afilias involved in the transition
  - ?? The opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the cutover to PIR and the completion of the transition to a thick, EPP registry

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### **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.

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