



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

CZ.NIC, z. s. p. o. and Academia Nacional de Ciencias

This is an agreement between CZ.NIC, z. s. p. o. hereinafter called “CZ.NIC” represented by Mr. Ondřej Filip, CEO, and “Academia Nacional de Ciencias” corporate identification number 3-007-154845, hereinafter called ACADEMIA represented by Dr. Gabriel Macaya Trejos, President of the ACADEMIA.

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to continue to develop and expand a framework of cooperation between CZ.NIC and ACADEMIA to develop mutually beneficial programs, projects and activities in an effort to improve the relationship between the country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and promote the growth and strategic planning for both organizations.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- Promote the technical knowledge exchange between both organizations.
- Share best practices related to management, strategy and business models among others.
- Work together in initiatives that may lead to more efficient processes and management.
- Promote projects that support the goals and objectives of both parties.

II. BACKGROUND

- CZ.NIC is an interest association of legal entities, founded in 1998 by leading providers of Internet services. The association currently has 103 members.
- The key activities of the association include operation of the domain name registry

for the .CZ domain and the 0.2.4.e164.arpa (ENUM) domain, operation of the CZ top-level domain and public education in the area of domain names.

- The association is now intensively working on development of the DNSSEC technology and mojeID service, extension and improvements of the domain administration system and support of new technologies and projects beneficial to the Internet infrastructure in the Czech Republic. CZ.NIC is a member of international organizations uniting similar organizations around the world (CENTR, ccNSO and more) and a member of the EURid association, managing the European domain .EU.
- The Association's main mission is to operate a reliable, secure, and stable infrastructure and public Internet services, particularly the .cz top domain, for the benefit of the Czech Internet community. The Association will actively support the development and sustainability of the Internet, and raise awareness of and encourage discussion about Internet technology.
- As of September 10th 1990, the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority ([IANA](#)) granted the ACADEMIA the (Top Level Domain -TLD) .cr for Costa Rica so it could coordinate and manage the .cr domain name hierarchy.
- The ACADEMIA manages and assigns domains according to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ([ICANN](#)) policies and manages IP addresses according to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority ([IANA](#)). These policies guarantee that the assignation of the .cr domains process is unbiased and equitable.
- The ACADEMIA is the entity that provides the registration of .cr domain names through its branch office NIC Costa Rica, hereinafter NIC CR.
- NIC CR is committed to the exchange of ideas and knowledge to promote the development of telecommunications technology.

III. CZ.NIC RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

CZ.NIC shall undertake the following activities:

- Exchange technical expertise with NIC CR in the operation of TLDs.
- Share best practices and experience with NIC CR to improve strategy and growth strategies.
- May organize internships or exchanges of personnel to promote the sharing of ideas and training of the NIC CR personnel.
- Collaborate in any project of training that may appear beneficial by both parties.

IV. ACADEMIA RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

ACADEMIA shall undertake the following activities:

- Exchange technical expertise with CZ.NIC in the operation of TLDs.
- Share best practices and experience with CZ.NIC to improve strategy and growth strategies.
- May organize internships or exchanges of personnel to promote the sharing of ideas and training of the CZ.NIC personnel.
- Collaborate in any project of training that may appear beneficial by both parties.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- Modifications to this agreement shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by authorized officials, prior to any changes being performed.
- This agreement may be cancelled or terminated without cause by either party by giving (30) calendar days advance written notice to the other party. Such notification shall state the effective date of termination or cancellation and include any final performance and/or payment invoicing instructions/requirements.
- Any and all amendments must be made in writing and must be agreed to and executed by the parties before becoming effective.
- This agreement starts on July 30, 2012 and extends for one year. If not explicitly terminated, it shall automatically extend on a yearly basis until June 30th 2017.

VI. FUNDING

This agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor or transfer of anything of value involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this agreement will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This agreement does not provide such authority. Each party shall be fiscally responsible for their own portion work performed under the MOU, including travel costs.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of CZ.NIC and ACADEMIA authorized

officials. It shall be in force from July 15, 2012. CZ.NIC and ACADEMIA indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

Mr. Ondřej Filip

CEO CZ.NIC

Dr. Gabriel Macaya Trejos

President

Academia Nacional de Ciencias - NIC CR