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# Italian Internet Day

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29 April 2016 – Pisa was the venue for a “party” to celebrate the **pioneers** of the Internet who, **30 years** ago, first connected Italy to what was then Arpanet. A series of events were also staged over the country (starting in schools) to inform citizens how the Web has changed our lives, and how it could change again in the future. Italian Internet Day was organised by **CNR** Pisa, with the cooperation of Riccardo Luna, Digital Champion of the Italian Government. The event was a great success, and saw the participation of Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, in videoconference from Palazzo Chigi, Education Secretary Stefania Giannini and CNR President Massimo Inguscio.

**RaiTV** broadcast most of the event in a special live programme on TG1. For the whole day, through its information and current affairs programmes, the State broadcaster covered the celebrations and respective protagonists.

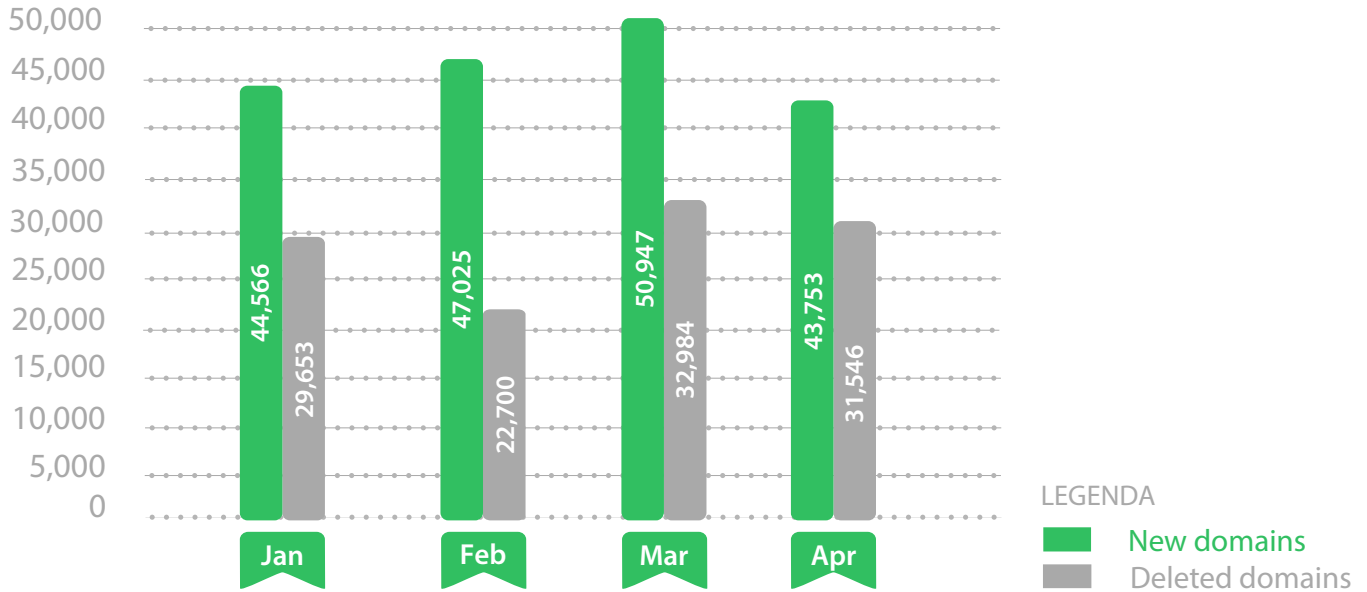
The core of the Pisa event was the story told by the **CNUCE** pioneers themselves: Luciano Lenzini, Antonio Blasco Bonito, Stefano Trumpy, Marco Sommani and Gianfranco Capriz. These researchers performed this “feat” thirty years ago, thanks to the expertise acquired in the sphere of computer networks that had been developed in those years within the CNR Institute. At that



time the connection was viewed as one of the many experiments being performed by CNR. Only a few years later was it realised that this connection represented a **revolution** not just for research but also for communications and social relations.

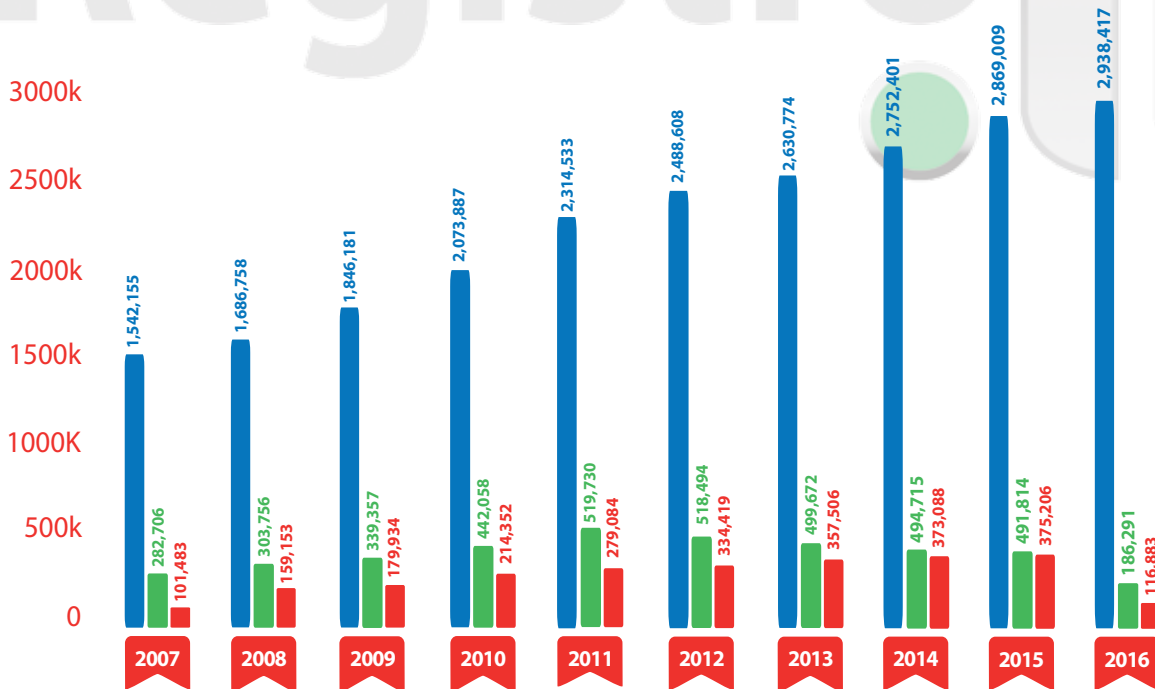
Other experiences from the same period were talked about at CNR Pisa: those of Genoa and Sardinia, the creation of GARR, the first website, the first graduates in Information Sciences at Pisa and the first Internet providers. Participants looked forward to the future too, today's **scientists** speaking about the 5G network, opportunistic networks, big data, research which over the next thirty years will revolutionise our way of using the Internet. **Technology, human relations**, social inclusion, economic development: the final addresses of Antonio Campo Dall'Orto, RAI Director General, and the Prime Minister reiterated the importance of **digital** inclusion for the Italian population, through culture, education and training (schools and television to reach both children and the elderly) and above all through infrastructures, with the ultra-wideband to be extended to the whole country.

## STATISTICS



## GROWTH OF NEW REGISTRATIONS

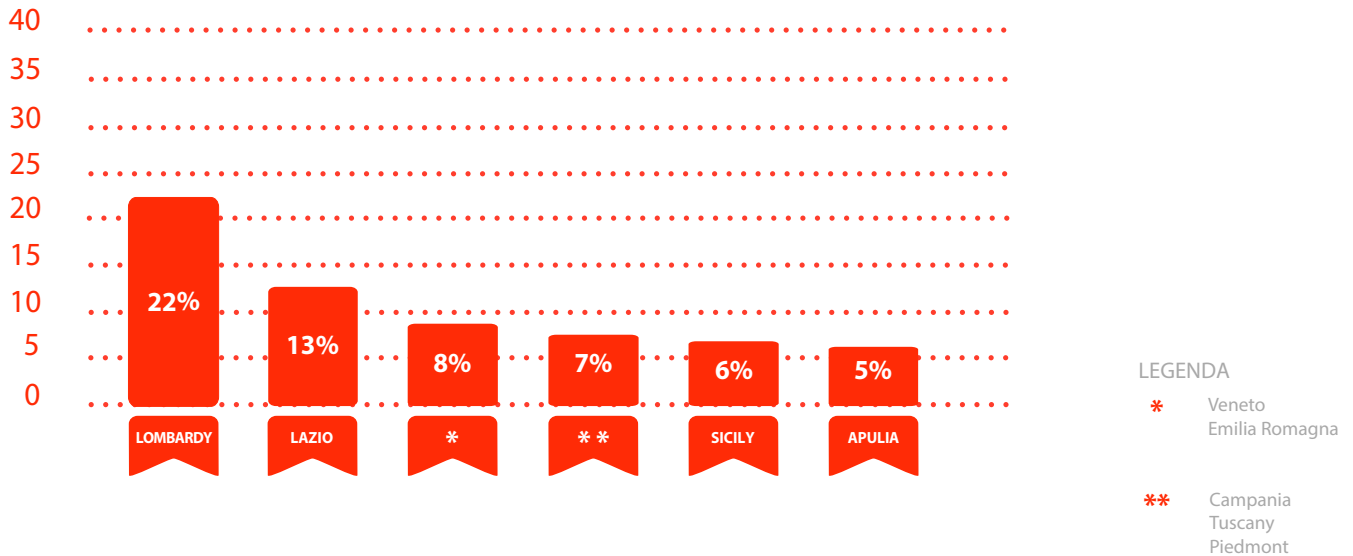
Growth was positive in the first four months of 2016, with the registration of about 70,000 new domains, net of cancellations.



## ANNUAL GROWTH

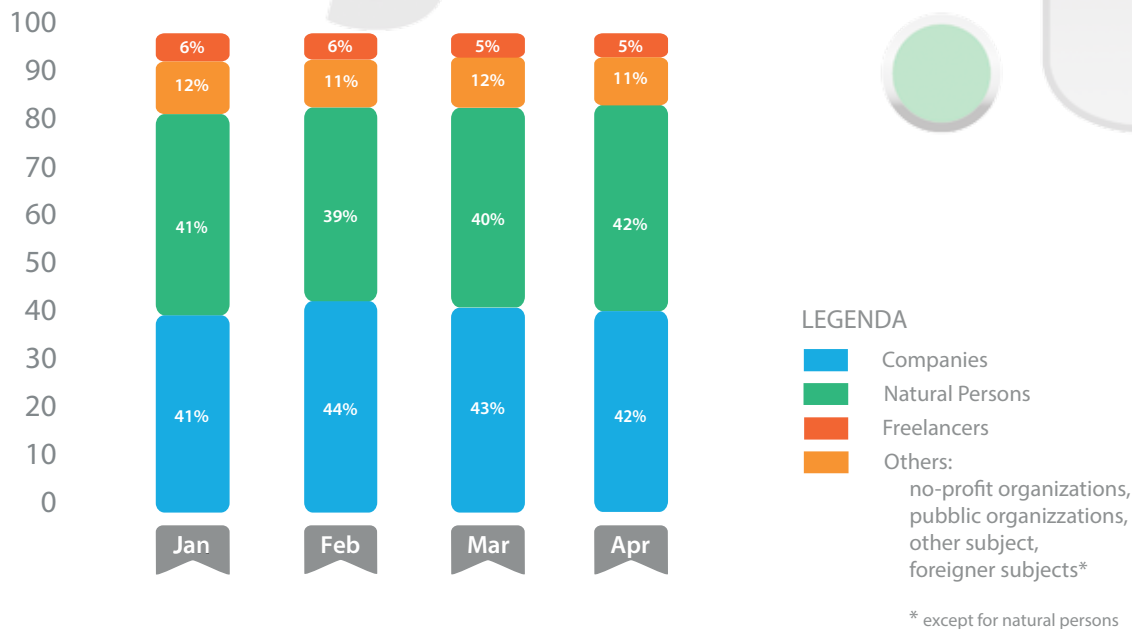
The large number of registrations early on in the year marked a big step forward in the target of reaching 3 million domains. Our goal is getting close!

## STATISTICS



## TOP REGIONS

Looking at the ranking of .it domains in terms of numbers, Northern Italy, with the Lombardy region, is again top of the ranking. The Centre and South however occupy most of the top places, with Lazio in second place and Tuscany fourth (tied with Campania and Piedmont), Sicily fifth and Puglia sixth.



## ENTITY TYPES

Companies remain the type of assignees having the largest number of registered domains. The real novelty is the fact that for the first time, in January and April, there was a tie with natural persons, in terms of the percentage of the number of registered domains. And the difference between the two types was minimal in the months of February and March too.

## A new contract for Registrars!

The new Registrar contract, having a duration of **3 years**, took effect on **1 May** of this year. The **2016-2019** contract contains some changes: a review of the Guidelines, with benefits for the Registrar, such as the elimination of the minimum credit threshold for maintaining domain names (previously fixed at four days). The number of annexes has also been reduced **from 4 to 2**, with the signing of annex B, concerning the code of good conduct, optional.

## Registro .it Academy

As announced at the 2015 annual meeting 2015, this year training **courses** for Registrars will be concentrated in a **single week. From 20 to 24 June** at the Grand Hotel Mediterraneo in Florence courses will look at legal aspects, computer and online security, web technologies and digital marketing. It is possible decide whether to take part in one or more Academy courses up **until 17 June**, the deadline for entries.

The calendar, programme and entry form are available from the RAIN-NG portal in the "Courses" section.

# Icann Functions' Stewardship Transition

On 10 March 2016 the Icann Managing Committee submitted the **transition** plan for the management of **Internet functions** to the United States Government. The plan includes both the proposal to manage the transition and the final proposal regarding **Icann responsibilities**. On 16 March the US Government announced it had authorised the Berkman Centre (Harvard College) to carry out an independent review of proposals and submit a report by 30 June.

## digital marketing course

The digital marketing course, organised for the winners of the **"domain of the month"** competition, one of the initiatives of the 2015-2016 strategic marketing campaign, was held on 19 and 20 April 2016 in the Registro .it offices in Pisa. The course, given by Gianluca Diegoli, Alessio Semoli, Annamaria Anelli and Marco Massara, examined a number of topics, such as the learning of SEO techniques, **e-commerce** mechanisms and the planning of an **online advertising** campaign.



# Ludoteca .it: second term of 2015/2016

## Primary school

**5** schools

**14** classes

**305** children

**21** hours of lessons

## Middle school

**3** schools

**11** classes

**134** students

**10** hours of lessons

# Ludoteca .it for social uses

From 11 to 17 April the Ludoteca Registro .it took part in the third edition of the "Count and Walk" **Legality Festival**, staged in Macomer (NU), with over **300** children from primary and lower secondary schools from all over Sardinia and **120** students from the second year of the "Sebastiano Satta" Technical-Commercial Institute of Macomer taking part. Workshops centred chiefly on the correct and knowing use of the Internet, with special reference to social networks.

# Ludoteca's presentations



BOLOGNA  
CHILDREN'S  
BOOK FAIR

The place for children's content

HALL

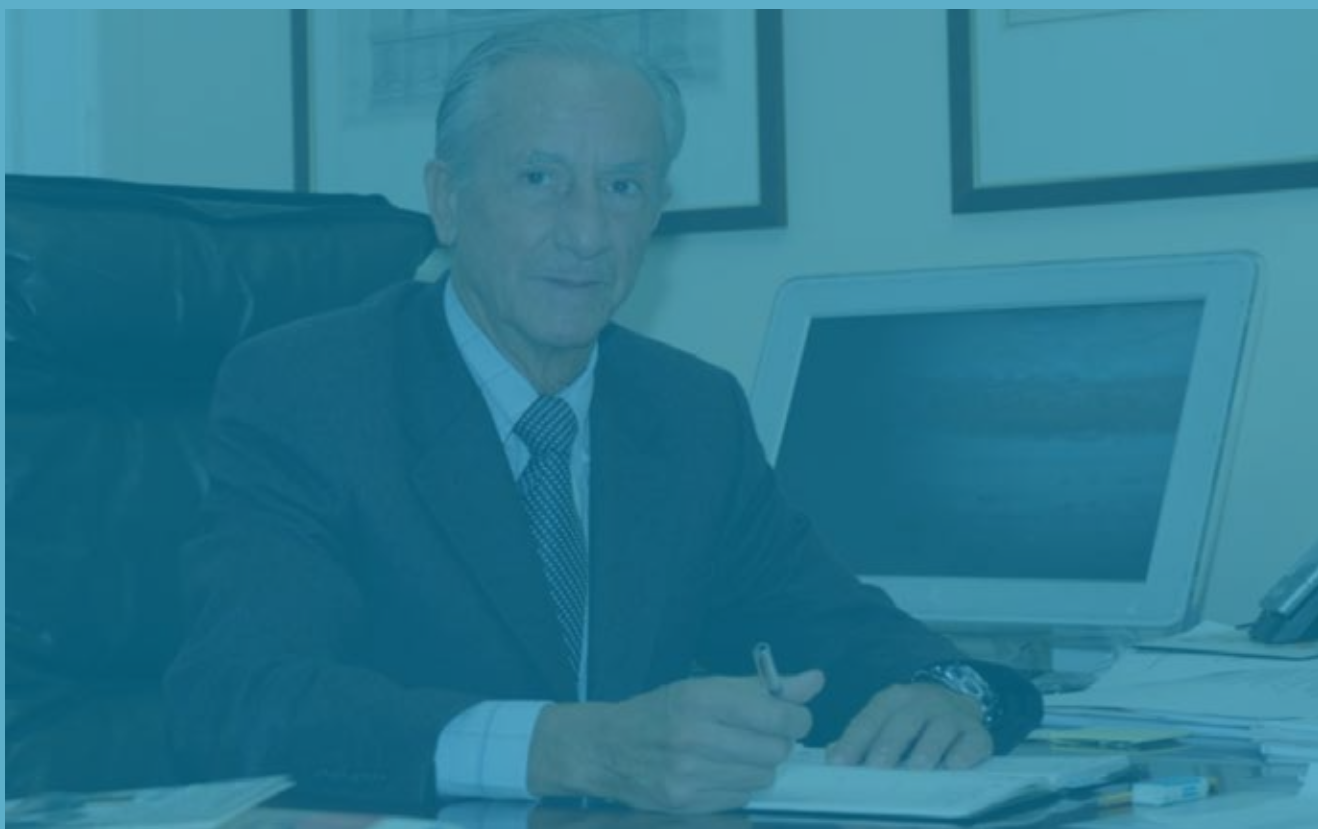
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Events participation in january-april 2016:

- **Let's Bit nelle biblioteche**  
Pontedera (PI) (marzo)
- **Bologna Children's Book Fair**  
Bologna (4-7 aprile)
- **Festival Legalità di Macomer**  
Macomer (10-16 aprile)
- **Didamatica 2016**  
Udine (20 aprile)
- **Italian Internet Day**  
Pisa (29 aprile)
- **Festival della Scienza di Cascina**  
Cascina (PI) (5-6 maggio)

# Ten years without Franco Denoth

Domenico Laforenza



Francisco Denoth passed away ten years ago, in April 2006. An important figure for the whole of CNR, and still very much in our hearts, Franco made an enormous contribution to the Institute of Informatics and Telematics, which I am now honoured to be the director of.

He graduated in physics at the age of just 22. Still today his name is associated with the creation of the self-synchronising pacemaker, which continues to be present in modern, latest-generation pacemakers.

After graduating he began to work for CNR Pisa almost immediately, firstly as researcher and later on as research supervisor. From 1979

to 1994 he was director of the Istitute for Information Processing, and after a break of 5 years, director of the Istitute for Telematic Applications, which he continued to head after its merger with Istitute of Computational Mathematics, and its transformation into Institute of Informatics and Telematics.

Here, in his last post as CNR director, he was also in charge of Registro. it which, under his guidance, joined the EURid consortium, and took part in the tender for the assignment of .eu domain name registrations. Franco had a rich and intense life and career, as I have briefly outlined above, and his influence is still felt in the organisation (which he left us) and the places (which he frequented), by virtue of his intelligence, passion for research and uprightness.

His is an important legacy, one that makes me even prouder to sit in his seat today, having taken over the reins of his institute.

Today as yesterday Franco remains an important point of reference, from a human and professional viewpoint, and his name is inevitably associated with our work, that of every day and that to be undertaken in the future: it is from his roots that the new fruits of the future will come.

Thank you Franco. Wherever you are.

## EVENTS

**Ripe** (<http://www.ripe.net>)

7-8 June, **Mosca**, Russia: ENOG 11 RIPE NCC  
Regional Meeting 11

3-4 October, **Yerevan**, Armenia: ENOG 12 / RIPE  
NCC Regional Meeting

**Icann** (<https://www.icann.org/>)

27-30 June, **Panama City**, Panama: Icann 56

**Ietf** (<https://www.ietf.org/>)

17-22 July, **Berlin**, Germany: Ietf 96

**Centr** (<https://www.centri.org/>)

for members only

15 September, **Bled**, Slovenia: 39th CENTR

Administrative workshop

28-29 September, **Danzica**, Poland: 51st CENTR

Legal & Regulatory workshop

5-7 October, **Belgrado**, Serbia: Registrar Day &  
56th CENTR General Assembly

**Eurodig** (<http://www.eurodig.org>)

9-10 June 2016. **Brussels**, Belgium

**Internet Festival** (<http://www.internetfestival.it>)

6-9 October 2016. **Pisa**, Italy