IRM Administrator's Report

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Abstract

A summary of activities by the IRM administrator.

Recommendation

No action required. For the information of the members of IFAST.

Status of IRM Resource

Approximately 56% of the IRM resource (2,000 distinct codes) is assigned or reserved. I anticipate this declining slightly as the implementation of maintenance fee is likely to result in the return of codes for which anticipated use did not materialize.

Implementation of IRM Fees

IRM application and maintenance fees have been implemented since October 1, 2000. Each IRM application must be accompanied by a non-refundable US\$175 application fee and the first annual maintenance fee, also US\$175. The maintenance fee will be returned if an application is rejected.

The process of contacting all holders is quite slow, as previously contact information was not associated with each IRM. However, already 17% of the assigned and reserved IRM codes are paid for, and payments for a significant number of other IRM codes are anticipated soon.

Database Modifications

The IRM database has been extensively modified:

- A separate database for billing contact information has been created, and was initialized by data already maintained by the IFAST secretariat. This database is integrated with the IRM database.
- Maintenance fee expiration dates are now maintained for each IRM.
- Every one of the 2,000 IRM codes has a separate record in the database, including those that are not yet assigned or reserved. This makes it easier to ensure that an IRM is really not being used.
- Emails that are generated reporting changes in the IRM database will now include not only the percentage of the resource that is utilized, but also the percentage of assigned or reserved IRM codes that are up to date with maintenance fee payments.

Website Modifications

Modifications to the IRM database have allowed several enhancements to be made to the html and PDF files containing IRM information that are posted there.

- Payment information is now included on the IFAST website versions (html and PDF) of the IRM database. A double-dollar sign (\$\$) indicates an IRM maintenance fee that is overdue, and a single dollar sign (\$) indicates an IRM maintenance fee that was not due at the time of data generation, but that will be due within 60 days.
- Every IRM code is shown on the website, even those that are not assigned or reserved.
- Ranges of IRM codes are shown as "IRM1-IRM2" (e.g. 0000-0009) rather than as "###X" (e.g. 000X) or "###[a-b]" (e.g. 000[0-9]). This format should be easier to view, and is more adaptable.