

With an ISSN National Centre, take your local publishers global

Being a part of a global network has its benefits. Over 90 ISSN National Centres receive support from the ISSN International Centre to put into practice the ISO 3297 standard. The ISSN Network coordinates the collection of bibliographic data for serials and continuing resources which is in turn published in a centralized registry. Member countries have recognized the value of hosting their own ISSN National Centre at a research centre, national library, book chamber or publisher association.

Benefits:

- Offering publishers a recognized global label (ISO 3297) and service in their native language
- Support for establishing data workflows and a network of experts to consult
- A way to promote your country's cultural and academic publications on a global platform

In 2021, Austria, Ukraine and Peru joined the ISSN Network to assign ISSNs to local publishers, maintain local ISSN databases, and promote the overall system.

Isabel HUBER, Head of the Austrian ISSN Centre, says "Since 1st of April 2021, we, the Austrian Publishers and Booksellers Association, have been operating as the National ISSN Centre of Austria. It's only been five months, but we can already tell how advantageous a National ISSN Centre is for the publication landscape of Austria. On multiple occasions we have already had feedback from Austrian publishers how much easier and more convenient it is to have a direct contact person in one's country of residence. As we have already been the National ISBN Agency of Austria for years, we were able to profit from our experience with international identification numbers and are now together with the help of the ISSN International Centre in Paris supporting the Austrian publishers directly where we can."

Iryna POGORELOVSKA, Head of the ISBN/ISSN Ukrainian Centre, adds "In 2021, Ukraine became the 92th member of the ISSN Network. Our State Scientific Institution, the Ivan Fedorov Book Chamber of Ukraine, is responsible for implementing the ISSN. Opening this registration agency is an important step for maintaining a positive image of Ukraine on the international stage and for advancing European cooperation. It is also a great opportunity for all the print and electronic media, science community, publishers, libraries, and archives of Ukraine to integrate the global information network and have effective communication worldwide. On August 24, 2021, Ukraine celebrated the 30th anniversary of its independence, and we are happy to celebrate it as a part of the ISSN family!"

Catalina ZAVALA BARRIOS, Director of Collections Management, National Library of Peru says "The ISSN National Centre of Peru will facilitate the assignment of ISSNs to serials and continuing resources published in the country, thus enabling their unique and unequivocal identification worldwide. In addition, the ISSN will sup to national publishers so that their publications have an internationally standardized identification; ISSNs are used by libraries for the acquisition of serials and their registration in catalogues, effectively allowing the search, identification and retrieval of these publications, as well as the correct bibliographic citation by researchers. The ISSN as an ISO standard is a secure international standard that offers various benefits and its interaction with other identifiers, e.g. ISNI, DOI, ISBN, ensures the interoperability of information and enriches records across catalogues or databases."

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