

**The ISSN International  
Centre celebrates 50  
years!**



## **ISSN news**

**The ISSN International Centre celebrates 50 years: Discover our new website!**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the website dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the ISSN International Centre and its network. We are delighted to be able to share this celebration with you, which bears witness to our common journey and to your valuable role in this great adventure.

Through this site, you can discover the fascinating stories of the National Centers, the creators of the data you use on a regular basis.

Thanks to the collaborative work of our network, you have access to a high-quality global database that allows you to navigate with ease through a multitude of publications.

We invite you to explore this site and join us in celebrating this important milestone in the history of the ISSN network! [Discover the website here.](#)

**ISSN IC @ 14th International Congress on Scientific Journals – CRECS (Granada, Spain, 7-9 May 2025)**

The Director of the ISSN International Centre has been invited to give a plenary presentation on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ISSN International Centre and its network at the 14th International

Conference on Scientific Publishing, organised by Scimago and hosted by the University of Granada, Spain. The programme will bring together experts from Europe and Latin America on critical issues such as science assessment, ethics in publishing, open access, research data management, applications of AI.

With 180 registered participants, primarily comprising journal editors and researchers, and 17 countries represented, the annual CRECS 2025 conference, organised by the University of Granada, was a resounding success. A variety of initiatives were discussed, including those of the Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología (FECYT), which conducts a biannual evaluation of the quality of academic journals in Spain, the results of which can be found on the website <https://calidadrevistas.fecyt.es/>. The Fundación Dialnet was also mentioned, as they have created their own quality indicator for journal evaluation called IDR

(<https://soporte.dialnet.unirioja.es/portal/es/kb/articles/idr-indice-dialnet-de-revistas>). Finally, the new DIRECIP portal for Peruvian journals was presented (<https://autores.infoedutec.com/>).

Colombian PhD student Heiner Mercado Percia presented a study analysing the commercial value of journals based on statistics from the Transfer Service, managed by the ISSN International Centre, which reports on journal titles that have changed publishers.

Paloma Marín-Arraiza (ORCID) discussed trust markers (<https://info.orcid.org/building-integrity-centric-feedback-loops-between-orcid-research-exchange/>), which are used to validate researchers' identities by confirming the metadata provided by their employers. Finally, José Luis Ortega of the Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados (IESA-CSIC) gave a presentation on the SÍLICE database (Sistema de Información sobre Literatura Científica Española), which can be found at <https://silice.csic.es/>. This database identifies publications, articles and book chapters, classifying them by impact factor.

The full programme can be found

here: <https://www.scimagoepi.com/14o-crecs-2025/programa-crecs-2025/>.



## **ISSN IC @NASIG 2025 Annual Conference (Online, 19-21 May 2025)**

The North American Serials Interest Group's (NASIG) annual conference will take place online from 19 to 21 May 2025. The programme will include a musical celebration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ISSN network and its ISO standard. There will also be workshops on the bibliographic description of electronic serials, strategic plans for developing open access collections and collection evaluation. Join us on 20 May to sing along! You can find all the information you need here: <https://nasig2025.sched.com/grid>.

## **The ISSN IC @ UKSG 2025**

The 48th UKSG Annual Conference, held from 31 March to 2 April in Brighton, UK, brought together professionals from academic libraries, publishing and scholarly communication. Key themes in the sessions included the evolving role of artificial intelligence in research environments and the urgent need to make academic spaces more inclusive and equitable. Many sessions also highlighted ongoing initiatives, projects and tools that promote open research, digital transformation and improvements in research culture. Speakers explored practical strategies while advocating for broader cultural change, providing a valuable opportunity to keep abreast of the latest developments and ongoing discussions shaping academic research and library services.

Representatives from the ISSN International Centre participated in the conference as both participants and exhibitors, providing a

space for the exchange of ideas, raising awareness of the Centre's role within the scholarly communication ecosystem, and answering questions from other participants. The conference fostered a welcoming and collaborative atmosphere, creating opportunities for meaningful interactions and new perspectives. A selection of session slides are already available online via [UKSG's SlideShare](#). Further information about the conference can be found at <https://www.uksg.org/events/conference25/>

### **The ISSN IC @ IFLACOS Symposium (Athens, Greece, 17-20 March 2025)**

The IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards Symposium: 'Metadata Standards Matter: Building a Sustainable Future for Information', which took place in Athens from 17th to 20th March, brought together professionals, practitioners, researchers and scholars to contribute to the discourse on metadata standards and their impact on the future sustainability of the information world. The symposium was divided into three main topics: accessibility, technology and competence. Presentations and round tables at the symposium highlighted current issues, including the inclusion of minorities, accessibility, the use of AI, and the implementation of new standards such as BIBFRAME or RDA in libraries and organizations. Members of the ISSN International Centre participated in business meetings, including those of the standards review groups, as well as the symposium. There was a particular focus on standards directly related to ISSN records, such as ISBD and MARC, and topics related to serials. We had the opportunity to announce the latest updates to the ISSN Network, answer questions, exchange ideas, and establish connections with many participants from various organizations in a constructive manner. Abstracts about the symposium can be found at <https://iflacos.eu/index.php/abstracts/>. Further information about the event is available at <https://iflacos.eu/>.



## Digital preservation

### **Chinese University of Hong Kong Library Joins the Digital Preservation Coalition**

In May 2025, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Library became the latest Associate Member of the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC). This membership signifies CUHK Library's commitment to enhancing its digital preservation practices through collaboration with the international DPC community. University Librarian Benjamin Meunier expressed enthusiasm about joining the DPC, highlighting the opportunity to strengthen the library's digital preservation efforts. As a leading research institution, CUHK Library plays a pivotal role in the creation, access, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge, supporting the university's research, learning, and teaching missions. [Read more.](#)

### **Penn Libraries Joins the Digital Preservation Coalition**

In May 2025, the University of Pennsylvania Libraries became the newest Associate Member of the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC). With a collection exceeding 9 million volumes in both print and electronic formats, Penn Libraries is committed to ensuring the long-term preservation and accessibility of its digitized and born-



digital collections. By joining the DPC, Penn Libraries aims to enhance its digital preservation practices through collaboration with an international community dedicated to safeguarding digital heritage. This membership underscores the library's dedication to combining traditional scholarship with modern digital preservation strategies. [Read more.](#)

### **Renforcer la transparence des essais cliniques en France : un rapport interministériel pour une meilleure communication des résultats**

Le 12 mai 2025, un rapport interministériel a été publié par les ministères de la Santé et de la Recherche, dans le cadre du Plan national pour la science ouverte. Ce rapport souligne l'importance de la transparence des résultats des essais cliniques pour renforcer la confiance dans la recherche biomédicale, améliorer la qualité des soins aux patients et guider les décisions de santé publique. Il s'inscrit dans le contexte du règlement européen (UE) n° 536/2014, en vigueur depuis 2022, qui vise à harmoniser et renforcer la transparence des essais cliniques de médicaments à usage humain au sein de l'Union européenne. Le rapport propose des recommandations pour améliorer la communication des résultats de l'ensemble des essais cliniques menés en France.

## **Open access**

### **Rendre visibles les politiques de publications des revues scientifiques françaises (Mir@bel – COSO)**

L'article présente un nouveau service développé par le Comité pour la science ouverte et son groupe de travail sur les politiques de publication. Ce service vise à rendre les politiques des revues scientifiques françaises plus visibles, en fournissant aux chercheurs des informations claires lorsqu'ils déposent leurs articles dans des archives ouvertes. Il décrit les pratiques de diffusion des revues. Ce projet s'inscrit dans la continuité de 25 ans d'échanges entre éditeurs, chercheurs, bibliothèques et institutions, et s'aligne sur des initiatives internationales comme Sherpa Romeo. [Read more.](#)

### **Indonesia in DOAJ**

As of March 2025, Indonesia leads the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) with 2,473 indexed journals, accounting for 11.5% of the total. This impressive growth is driven by strong institutional support—especially from universities—and national policies like the

2017 Sinta index. A notable 1,346 journals charge no article processing fees, and 1,924 use DOIs, enhancing discoverability and access. The subject areas are broad, covering education, technology, and health, reflecting Indonesia's active commitment to open access and the diversification of scholarly communication. [Read more.](#)

### **DOAJ and DFG join forces to boost diamond open access journals in Germany**

In May 2025, the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the German Research Foundation (DFG) announced a three-year partnership to enhance the visibility and quality of German diamond open access journals—those that are free for both authors and readers. The collaboration aims to support more German journals in meeting DOAJ's indexing standards, thereby increasing their discoverability and reputation. This initiative coincides with DFG's launch of the Service Centre for Diamond Open Access (SeDOA), which will provide training and support to these journals, ensuring they become attractive publication venues. [Read more.](#)

### **Journals in Taylor & Francis collective funding pilot reach target for full open access publishing**

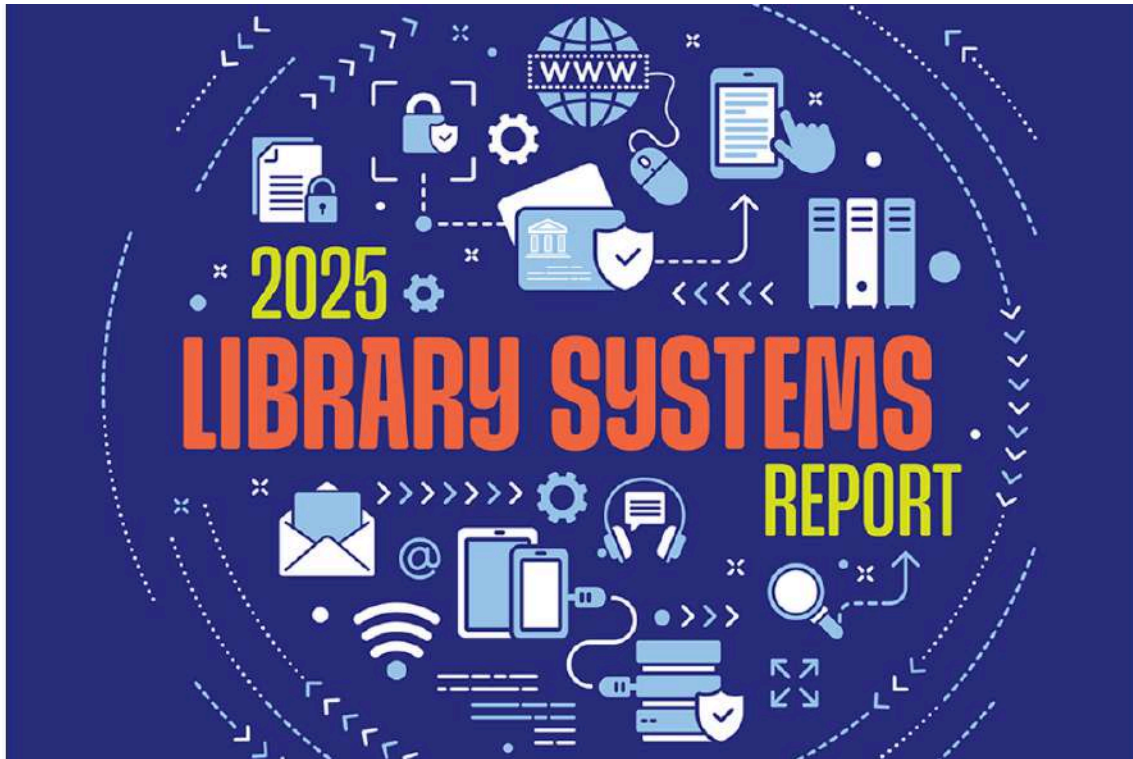
In April 2025, Taylor & Francis announced that both journals participating in its Collective Pathway to Open Publishing (CPOP) pilot will transition to full open access in 2025. CPOP utilizes a collective funding model, combining existing open access agreements and subscription revenues, to eliminate article processing charges for authors. This initiative particularly benefits humanities and social sciences journals, which often face challenges in adopting open access models. The success of this pilot underscores the viability of collaborative funding approaches in expanding equitable access to scholarly research. [Read more.](#)

## **Libraries**

### **2025 Library Systems Report**

The 2025 Library Systems Report by Marshall Breeding highlights the library technology industry's evolution in 2024, marked by consolidation and innovation. Major vendors like Clarivate, EBSCO, and OCLC dominate, offering robust platforms tailored to various library types. Clarivate's Ex Libris Alma and Innovative's Polaris expanded their reach, while EBSCO's FOLIO gained traction

among academic institutions. Artificial intelligence integration advanced, with tools like Alma Specto and Primo Research Assistant enhancing metadata management and discovery. Despite fewer competitors, libraries are migrating from legacy systems, seeking modern solutions amid growing cybersecurity concerns. [Read more.](#)



### **New IFLA Report Accelerates Library Climate Advocacy**

In May 2025, IFLA published the report *State of Library Engagement in Climate Communication and Education*, based on a global survey of nearly 600 libraries and associations. The study explores how libraries support climate action through public education, access to reliable information, and community engagement. It includes case studies, examples of best practices, and strategic guidance to strengthen the role of libraries in environmental advocacy. The report aims to empower libraries to act as key agents in achieving global climate goals, particularly in the lead-up to COP30. [Read more.](#)

## **Publishing industry**

### **NSpringer Nature Achieves 50% Open Access Milestone**



In April 2025, Springer Nature announced that it had achieved its goal of publishing 50% of its primary research articles as open access (OA) by the end of 2024. This milestone was reached through a combination of strategies, including the expansion of transformative agreements (TAs) with over 3,700 institutions worldwide, the launch of 68 new fully OA journals in 2024, and the introduction of innovative publishing models like the Cureus portfolio, which offers free OA publishing for well-drafted submissions. These efforts reflect Springer Nature's commitment to making research more accessible and fostering a more equitable publishing environment. [Read more.](#)

## Scalarly communications

### **Ten Challenges Undermining Scholarly Publishing Integrity**

A recent article by Graham Kendall highlights ten pressing threats to the integrity of scholarly publishing. Key issues include paper mills producing fraudulent research, predatory journals and conferences prioritizing profit over peer review, and unethical authorship practices like ghostwriting. Manipulated peer reviews, citation gaming, and plagiarism further erode trust in academic literature. Additional concerns involve data fabrication, the misuse of open access models, and inadequate editorial oversight. Collectively, these challenges compromise the credibility of scientific research and necessitate urgent, coordinated responses from the academic community. [Read more.](#)

## Standards

### **IFLA Launches Global Review of Universal Bibliographic Control Statement**

In April 2025, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) initiated a worldwide review of its Professional Statement on Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC), originally published in 2012. The revised draft, developed by the UBC Working Group with input from various IFLA sections, aims to modernize the principles of UBC in light of technological advancements and evolving bibliographic standards. Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on aspects such as clarity, structure, and applicability until May 23, 2025. The finalized statement is

slated for release at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in August 2025. [Read more.](#)

## Artificial Intelligence

### Stanford University 2025 AI index report

The 2025 AI Index Report from Stanford University provides a comprehensive overview of the rapid advancements and challenges in artificial intelligence. Key highlights include a significant increase in AI adoption, with 78% of organizations using AI in 2024, up from 55% the previous year. Generative AI attracted \$33.9 billion in private investment, marking an 18.7% rise from 2023. Notably, smaller models like Microsoft's Phi-3-mini achieved performance benchmarks comparable to much larger models, indicating efficiency gains. The U.S. continues to lead in AI development, though China is rapidly closing the gap. The report also emphasizes the need for responsible AI practices and highlights the narrowing performance gap between open-source and proprietary models. [Read more.](#)

### CENL's 2025 AI survey

The 2024 CENL AI survey, conducted by the "AI in Libraries" network group, gathered responses from 26 national libraries across Europe, aiming to assess AI adoption and maturity within these institutions. Findings reveal that 88.5% have initiated AI-related activities, a notable increase from 2021. Approximately 29% have integrated AI into production processes. However, 52% lack dedicated AI units, though collaborations with research institutions are common. Generative AI is gaining traction, with libraries exploring applications like automated indexing and digitization. The report underscores the growing importance of AI in enhancing library services and operations. [Read more.](#)

## Events

### DIAMAS Final Conference, March 27, 2025

The DIAMAS Final Conference, titled *"The Future of Diamond OA Publishing in Europe and Beyond"*, will be held on 3 June 2025 in Brussels, hosted by the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR). Organised by the DIAMAS project, the event will explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in Diamond Open Access (OA)

publishing. It aims to foster dialogue among researchers, policymakers, and publishers to promote sustainable, community-driven scholarly communication. In-person registration is open until 26 May, limited to 85 attendees; online participation details will be announced soon. [Read more.](#)



### **Celebrating African Science Communicators: Transforming Research Narratives**

On May 26, 2025, the Training Centre in Communication (TCC Africa) will host a webinar titled "Celebrating African Science Communicators: Changing How Research Stories Are Told" in honor of Africa Day. This event brings together leading African science communicators who are reshaping the narrative of African research through podcasts and digital storytelling. Speakers include Joy Owango (Mazungumzo), Anne Chisa (The Root of Science), Wealth Okete (The Immunology in Africa), Ruth Mbichi (Farm to Table KE), Anita Makori (My Science Journey), and Ogechi Ekeanyanwu (SciDev.Net). The webinar aims to highlight how these communicators are amplifying African research voices and fostering a more inclusive scientific discourse. [Read more.](#)



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