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ISSN news

ISSN IC Director's presentation at the 2025 AJOL webinar series

Follow the [link](#) to view the presentation delivered by the Director of the ISSN International Centre as part of the African Journals Online 2025 webinar series. This in-depth lecture offers a comprehensive overview of the significance of the ISSN, the organizational structure and operations of the ISSN network, and the range of services provided by the ISSN International Centre, offering valuable insights for researchers, publishers, and information professionals alike.



ISSN Network Marks 50th Anniversary with Global Initiatives

2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the ISSN Network, recognising five decades of work by almost 100 national centres coordinated by the International Centre in Paris. To mark this milestone, a dedicated anniversary website has been launched, showcasing the history of the network and its national centres. A free international conference themed "An International Dialogue on the Identification and Preservation of Cultural and Scientific Publications" is scheduled to take place at

the Bibliothèque nationale de France on 9 October 2025. Registration is now open, but places are limited. Do not miss this significant moment for the global publishing and library communities. [Read here.](#)



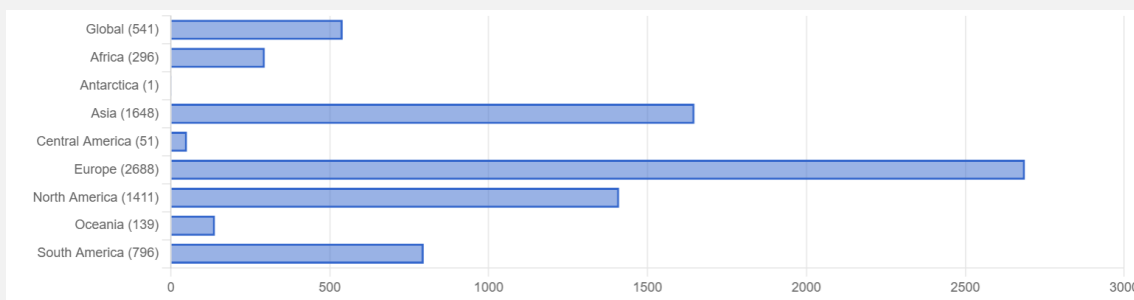
ISSN International Centre @ 89th IFLA World Library and Information Congress (Astana, Kazakhstan, 18-21 August 2025)

The ISSN International Centre will be exhibiting at stand A11 during the 89th IFLA World Library and Information Congress. On 20 August 2025, Gaëlle Bequet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, will give a presentation entitled '*A decade of innovation and influence for the ISSN International Centre*' at the Expo Pavilion (12:00–12:45). Join us for a drinks reception at our stand on Tuesday 19 August at 11:30. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our services! We look forward to seeing you there! The full IFLA WLIC programme is [available here](#).

Digital preservation

COAR Launches First-Ever International Repository Directory (IRD)

On 8 July 2025, COAR introduced the International Repository Directory (IRD), a global, community-governed resource offering structured, up-to-date information about repositories worldwide. Unlike static or outdated registries, the IRD aggregates data such as platforms, content types, affiliations, and geographic information, drawn directly from repositories and continuously updated. A unique feature is the role of Responsible Organisations—typically national or regional authorities—who manage and verify local entries. After a soft launch and initial demo to COAR members, next steps include expanding curator participation, interface improvements, automated updates, and establishing an advisory board by year's end. [Read more.](#)



Open science

Introducing the Principles of Open Science Monitoring: A Global Framework Emerges

On 7 July 2025, the Open Science Monitoring Initiative (OSMI) unveiled the finalized Principles of Open Science Monitoring—developed through extensive global input from over 150 experts across 41 countries. Rooted in the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science, the principles centre on three pillars: relevance and significance, transparency and reproducibility, and self-assessment and responsible use. They emphasize both quantitative and qualitative measures, avoid evaluating individual researchers, and serve as aspirational guidelines rather than prescriptive rules. Designed for diverse contexts and capacities, these principles provide an international benchmark for developing robust and ethical monitoring systems. [Read more.](#)



Open access

ResearchGate Partners with Royal Society of Chemistry to Expand Open Access Impact

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) has partnered with ResearchGate to boost the visibility and engagement of its open-access (OA) journals. Under the deal, OA content from RSC's newly launched journals will be syndicated on ResearchGate's "Journal Home" platform, complete with dedicated journal

profiles and article-level promotion. This collaboration aims to connect RSC's research with over 1.5 million chemists on ResearchGate, expanding readership, submissions, and author insights through usage metrics. It aligns with RSC's five-year strategy to transition fully to OA, reinforcing its mission to make chemical science research freely accessible worldwide. [Read more.](#)

ResearchGate



Libraries

Nurturing Knowledge: The Evolution of Libraries in Kazakhstan

The article charts the development of libraries in Kazakhstan—from the medieval Otrar collections, through Soviet-era centralized systems, to today's modern academic and national libraries equipped with new technologies. It highlights libraries' crucial role in preserving Kazakh cultural identity and societal values. The profession has matured with expanded infrastructure and library associations. Additionally, the 89th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) will take place in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 18–22 August 2025—the first time the flagship global librarians' event is held in Central Asia—underscoring Kazakhstan's growing significance in the international library landscape. [Read more.](#)



Vers une nouvelle organisation du signalement des publications en série : l'évolution du réseau SudocPS

L'article décrit la réorganisation du réseau SudocPS, actif depuis 1983 avec 32 centres régionaux, qui sera remplacé à partir de 2026 par des Plans de Conservation Partagée de Périodiques (PCPP), structurés à l'échelle régionale et disciplinaire. En 2025, une convention inter-ministérielle entre les

ministères de la Culture et de l'Enseignement supérieur, l'Agence bibliographique de l'enseignement supérieur (Abes), la Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) et le Centre technique du livre de l'enseignement supérieur (CTLes) sera signée. Deux appels à candidatures sont lancés par le CTLes pour désigner les pilotes des plans disciplinaires, avec sélection et contractualisation avant fin 2025. Le réseau Sudoc PS prendra fin le 31 décembre 2025. [En savoir plus.](#)



Le CTLes lance deux appels à manifestation d'intérêt pour les plans de gestion des périodiques de l'Enseignement Supérieur et la Recherche

Du 17 juin au 15 septembre 2025, le CTLes ouvre deux appels à manifestation d'intérêt (AMI) visant à encourager les établissements de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche à piloter des plans de gestion des périodiques (PGP), qu'ils soient renouvellements de Plans de Conservation Partagée (AMI1) ou nouveaux projets (AMI 2). Cette initiative s'inscrit dans la refonte du réseau Sudoc PS et la mise en œuvre du projet d'établissement Abes 2024–2028. Les candidatures seront évaluées par un jury interinstitutionnel, avec sélection en octobre et financement prévu fin 2025. Une journée professionnelle dédiée sera organisée à la BULAC le 18 novembre 2025. [En savoir plus.](#)



Publishing industry

Trump Administration Terminates Federal Contracts with Scientific Publisher Springer Nature

The Trump administration has terminated millions of dollars in federal contracts with Springer Nature, a major scientific publisher providing subscriptions to agencies like the NIH. This move aligns with MAGA efforts to defund institutions perceived as promoting “woke” ideologies such as DEI and gender-affirming care. Earlier DOJ scrutiny questioned Springer’s editorial impartiality and alleged bias. Springer Nature has also retracted hundreds of flawed studies amid peer-review failures. Critics warn these cuts threaten editorial independence and could prompt self-censorship in scientific publishing, raising concerns about the politicization of science. [Read more.](#)

The logo for Springer Nature, featuring the word "SPRINGER" in blue and "NATURE" in red, both in a bold, sans-serif font.

Empowering Librarians: Teaching AI Literacy for a Responsible Future

A recent blog post by EBSCO highlights the growing importance of **AI literacy** and librarians’ unique role in leading its adoption. As AI becomes integral to daily life and research, librarians—with strong foundations in information literacy—are well-positioned to teach people how to critically assess AI outputs. To support this mission, EBSCO launched a free **AI Literacy Short Course** in December 2024, offering practical strategies to evaluate and integrate AI tools. The initiative encourages librarians to expand their influence not only in libraries but also in corporations, academia, and policymaking, shaping a more **ethical, trusted, and informed** AI landscape. [Read more.](#)

The EBSCO logo, consisting of the word "EBSCO" in white, serif capital letters, centered within a dark blue rectangular background.

Scalarly communications

Rethinking Publishing: Embracing Alternative Outputs in Scholarly Communication

The article advocates reimagining academic publishing through alternative formats and platforms. It critiques traditional models for their high costs, paywalls, publication bias, and slow peer review. Emerging solutions include

open repositories (e.g., Zenodo, Figshare), modular publishing (e.g., ResearchEquals), post-publication peer review, registered reports, and Diamond OA journals that eliminate author/reader fees. These approaches aim to enhance credit for diverse scholarly contributions—like data, code, and protocols—and foster a more inclusive, transparent, and equitable research culture. The article encourages researchers to explore and integrate these models into daily practice. [Read more.](#)

Making MENA Research Count: Toward Inclusive and Equitable Scholarly Indexing

Maryam Sayab's guest post addresses how scholarly databases like Scopus and Web of Science systematically underrepresent journals from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Although many of these journals publish rigorous, regionally relevant research, they often fail technical indexing requirements—such as DOI registration, XML metadata, and English-language abstracts—due to limited infrastructure and funding. Regional peer-review systems and local editorial practices are frequently overlooked. Sayab advocates for "inclusion-as-design": flexible metadata standards, localized impact metrics, co-designed onboarding with regional bodies, infrastructure investment, and two-way dialogue to build equitable, globally visible indexing. [Read more.](#)



Standards

IFLA Standards Newsletter Vol. 3, Issue 1 – July 2025: Building Future Ready Cataloguing & Metadata

The July 2025 issue of the IFLA Standards Newsletter highlights global standards developments in libraries. Feature pieces include an interview with Maja Žumer, insights on entity-based cataloguing using RDA/RDF from the National Library of Greece, and reflections on the 2025 revisions to the Universal Bibliographic Control statement. Joseph Hafner examines IFLA Namespaces and online-ready standards. Reports from the March symposium in Athens underscore the importance of metadata coordination and sustainability. The newsletter also reviews RDA, UNIMARC, and new

accessibility guidelines, and previews IFLA WLIC 2025 sessions on standards.

[Read more.](#)

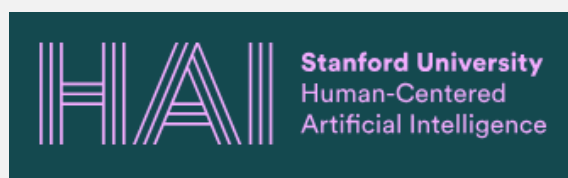
Artificial Intelligence

Calames : l'IA au service des chantiers qualité

Cet article détaille la relance des chantiers qualité dans Calames, initiée début 2025 pour préparer la migration vers un nouvel outil, remplaçant l'actuel système. Depuis les années 2010, plusieurs campagnes automatiques de correction de masse ont été menées. En 2024, l'Abes a identifié une trentaine de priorités, ciblant des éléments EAD stratégiques (ID composants, dates, indexation, etc.). Pour faciliter les modifications, un agent LLM génère maintenant des scripts Java à partir de commandes en langage naturel, automatisant ainsi les corrections. [En savoir plus.](#)

How Language Bias Endures in Scientific Publishing Despite AI Writing Tools

A Stanford study reveals that, despite the use of AI tools like ChatGPT to correct grammar, bias against non-native English speakers persists in peer review. Examining nearly 80,000 reviews from a top computer science conference, researchers found that reviewers infer an author's origin from writing style or LLM-generated phrasing, unconsciously associating 'good English' with scientific quality. ChatGPT reduced overt errors but did little to erase subtle prejudices. Reviewers now identify "GPT-style" writing and use it to judge credibility. The study calls for cultural change in review practices, not just better language tools. [Read more.](#)



Harnessing AI for Smarter De-duplication in WorldCat Without Sacrificing Cataloging Integrity

OCLC is enhancing WorldCat's de-duplication process by integrating AI-powered tools to manage ever-growing bibliographic data. Traditionally, duplicates were manually identified with paper slips and human review. Now, a hybrid system uses machine learning to rapidly flag and merge records across languages, scripts, and formats—except for rare collections, which

remain untouched. AI handles bulk processing while human catalogers retain oversight, guiding models with expert judgments. This approach increases accuracy and efficiency, allowing catalogers to focus on high-value tasks. OCLC emphasizes responsible AI—human-guided, transparent, sustainable—to uphold metadata quality and steward global library collaboration. [Read more.](#)



Events

PIDfest 2026: The Premier Summit on Persistent Identifiers in Leiden (Leiden, Netherlands, 27-29 October 2026)

PIDfest 2026 is scheduled from 27 to 29 October 2026 in Leiden, the Netherlands, hosted by SURF. As the flagship international conference on persistent identifiers (PIDs), it brings together PID advocates, users, and leaders globally. The three-day event includes talks, workshops, panel discussions, and participant-driven sessions addressing real-world challenges in building high-quality research infrastructure through PIDs. Launched in Prague in June 2024 with over 175 in-person attendees and 100 online, PIDfest continues its mission to foster collaboration and innovation in open research. Those interested in hosting future editions can submit an expression of interest by 7 October 2024. [Read more.](#)



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