

The ISSN network met in Paris early October for the 50th anniversary!



ISSN news

The 50th meeting of the Directors of ISSN National Centres was held in Paris, France (6-10 October 2025)

From 6–10 October 2025, directors of ISSN National Centres gathered at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris for the Network's 50th Directors' Meeting and anniversary celebrations. The plenary sessions began with opening remarks and the activity report of the ISSN International Centre for the period 2024–2025, followed by country updates from Armenia, Moldova, Morocco, Namibia and other member states. Highlights included presentations on the new ISSN Portal and a variety of workshops tailored to the network's needs. The week also featured guided tours of the BnF and a festive evening at the Musée des Arts Forains. The proceedings concluded with the adoption of resolutions and a look ahead to the future.



50 Years of ISSN Cooperation: Highlights from the Directors' Meeting in Paris

On 9 October 2025, the ISSN International Centre organised a conference entitled 'Towards an international dialogue on the identification and preservation of cultural and scholarly publications: ISSN celebrates its 50th anniversary', held at the François Mitterrand site of the BnF. The speakers addressed current issues relating to the preservation of written heritage, scientific research integrity and digital preservation. Discover the event-dedicated ISSN website, where you can read stories shared by partners, clients, and the ISSN Network: <https://50years.issn.org>.



The United Arab Emirates set to launch its ISSN National Centre on 21 October 2025

The ISSN International Centre is pleased to announce that the United Arab Emirates will open its own ISSN National Centre on 21 October 2025. This new centre will serve as the national point of contact for serials and other continuing resources published in the UAE. It will support publishers, libraries and cultural institutions with the assignment of ISSNs and the provision of high-quality bibliographic metadata.

This addition will strengthen the global ISSN Network and enhance the visibility and discoverability of UAE periodicals — both print and digital — across library catalogues, indexing services, and supply chains.

Practical information about the Centre's services and workflows, and details on how to apply for an ISSN in the UAE, will be published on the ISSN International Centre website ahead of the launch. We warmly welcome our colleagues in the UAE to the network and look forward to close collaboration starting on 21 October 2025.

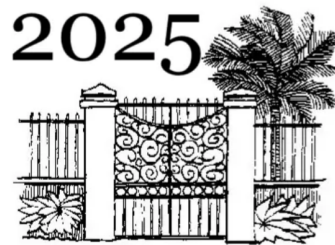
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The ISSN International Centre will be taking part in the Charleston Library Conference 2025 (Charleston, USA, 3-7 November 2025)

This conference brings together more than 2,000 information professionals and exhibitors each year. On 6 November 2025, Gaëlle Béquet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, will take part in a three-person presentation on ‘Smart Standards, Trusted Data: Leveraging AI for Quality and Integrity in Scholarly Publishing and Collections Development’.

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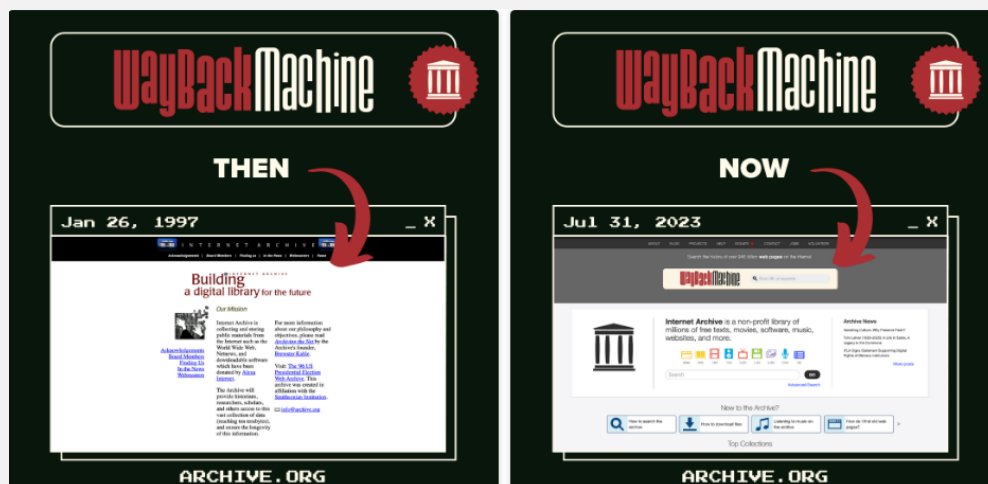


Digital preservation

Calling All Libraries: Celebrate 1 Trillion Web Pages Archived

The Internet Archive invites libraries to celebrate a once-in-a-generation milestone: one trillion web pages archived in the Wayback Machine. Written by Chris Freeland, the post launches a resource guide with background points, impact stories, event ideas, visuals, and ready-to-use social templates. It suggests programming such as “then/now” displays using Wayback captures and public talks on web preservation. The message situates libraries as essential partners in safeguarding digital memory and engaging communities, encouraging institutions everywhere to mark the milestone and link local collections to the global story of preserving the web.

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Open science

ANDOR 2025 : Assises nationales des données de la recherche

Les Assises Nationales des Données de la Recherche (ANDOR 2025) se tiendront les 1er et 2 décembre 2025 à l'initiative du MESR et de l'Université Paris-Saclay. Chercheurs et acteurs économiques y débattront des enjeux de production, gestion, traitement, diffusion et réutilisation des données, avec un focus sur la souveraineté européenne, les données sensibles, la réutilisation et l'intelligence artificielle. La journée du 1er décembre verra la remise des prix science ouverte (données de la recherche, logiciel libre de recherche, thèse). Le programme détaillé est accessible en ligne.

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Open access

IBICT's Open Access & Open Science Infrastructures in Brazil

This 2025 open-access book documents how Brazil's IBICT built national infrastructures to advance Open Access and Open Science since the late 1990s. It traces milestones from the Budapest Open Access Initiative (2001) and profiles services and platforms including BDTD, Oasisbr, the Cariniana digital preservation network, RIDI, Deposita and Deposita Dados, Aleia for research data, Diadorim, journal portals/directories (Manuelzão, Miguilim), Moara for code sharing, PGD BR, BrCris, the Brazilian Network of Digital Repositories, and Laguna. Authored by IBICT experts, it offers a historical timeline, documentary methods, details, and CC BY licensing.

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Libraries

Interoperable, Trustworthy, and Machine-Readable Copyright Data in the Digital & AI Era

This Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture report sets out practical measures to modernize copyright data for an AI-driven ecosystem. It recommends open identifiers, common metadata schemas, and interoperable registries so rights, works, parties, and licences can be exchanged machine-to-machine with confidence. The project—coordinated by the National Library of Finland with partners in Latvia and Estonia—aims to catalyze standardization and pilot implementations through dialogue across rightsholders, memory institutions, platforms, and tech firms. The work aligns with the Copyright Infrastructure Task Force’s agenda to make copyright data trustworthy and machine-readable across borders and sectors.

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Reading as a Pillar of Culture — International Conference, Moldova (9–10 Sept 2025)

On 9–10 September 2025, the National Library of the Republic of Moldova hosted the international conference “Reading as a Pillar of Culture, Knowledge, and Development.” The hybrid event (online day one; in-person day two at the “Iulian Filip” District Public Library in Drochia) gathered librarians, educators, writers, students, and policymakers from Moldova,

Romania, and Spain for 22 presentations. Discussions stressed reading's role in human capital and a knowledge-based society. Deputy Director Vera Osoianu urged a national reading strategy to align fragmented initiatives. The conference formed part of the 2025 LecturaCentral programme.

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Publishing industry

Lancement d'Al-fikr, portail tunisien des ressources scientifiques en partenariat avec Cairn.info

Publié le 7 octobre 2025 à Tunis (Beit al Hikma), le portail Al-fikr est lancé avec Cairn.info pour diffuser des travaux scientifiques en français et en arabe et accroître la visibilité internationale des chercheurs tunisiens et maghrébins. Des éditeurs comme Nirvana, Sud Éditions, Beit al Hikma et Ibla y publient revues, ouvrages et articles. Un Prix de la recherche tunisienne Cairn / Al-fikr distinguera les trois auteurs les plus consultés en 2025. L'initiative renforce l'accès aux connaissances locales et favorise un dialogue scientifique Nord-Sud.

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L'invasion des « profanateurs de revue » : quand des titres légitimes basculent

L'article décrit un phénomène croissant : le rachat de revues académiques légitimes par des sociétés opaques qui en dévient les pratiques éditoriales pour capter facteurs d'impact et revenus d'APC. Après acquisition, explosion des volumes, hausses des frais, articles hors-sujet et disparition des DOI ou d'archives sont observés (ex. Tobacco Regulatory Science, cas liés à IIETA). Des chercheurs (Martín-Martín, Delgado) cartographient ces réseaux et leurs effets systémiques ; des bases réagissent (retraits dans Web of Science, mises à jour dans Scopus). L'enjeu reste de préserver l'intégrité scientifique et l'accès pérenne aux contenus.

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Scholarly communications

AI flags 1,000+ questionable open-access journals

This Science Advances study develops an AI system that scans journal websites and metadata to predict whether a title is “questionable”—charging author fees while skimping on peer review. Trained and validated against human-curated datasets, the model screened ~15,000 open-access journals and flagged over 1,000 for follow-up, revealing tell-tale patterns in site design, policies, and bibliometrics. The tool’s threshold can be tuned for broad triage or high-precision identification, offering librarians, funders, and researchers a scalable complement to manual vetting and blacklists/whitelists. The work highlights risk to research integrity and proposes a proactive, data-driven firewall for scholarly publishing.

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Standards

Call for Applications: Enrich Our Regional Voice — Join the IFLA MENA RDC as a Co-opted Member

IFLA's Middle East and North Africa Regional Division Committee (MENA RDC) invites library and information professionals to apply as co-opted members for the 2025–2027 term. The announcement (also available in Arabic) outlines the goal of strengthening the region's voice within IFLA and advancing advocacy, outreach, and action-plan delivery across MENA. Applications are open through 23 October 2025. Selection will be made by the Committee leadership and approved within IFLA's governance processes. The call emphasizes diverse participation and regional engagement to help shape priorities and support members and non-members across the MENA library field.

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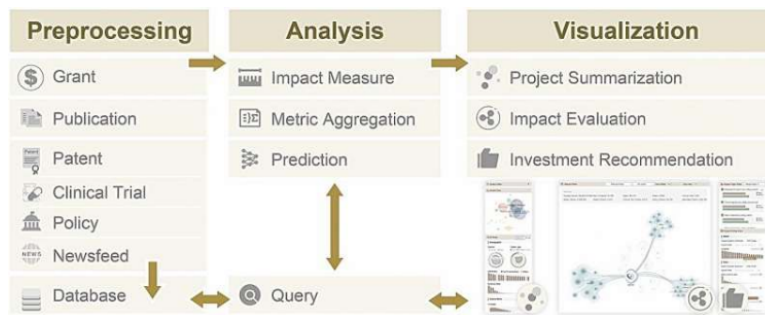


Artificial intelligence

Mapping the Ripple Effects of Research Funding with AI

Northwestern University researchers unveil Funding the Frontier (FtF), an AI-driven platform that shows how grants translate into real-world impact. Built from 22 years of data (2000–2021), FtF links 7 million grants to 140 M publications, 160 M patents, 10.9 M policy documents, 800 K clinical trials, and 5.8 M news items via 1.8 B citation links. A visualization module, ImpactGlyph, lets users compare multidimensional impacts, while machine-learning models forecast future influence of recent grants. Data sources include Dimensions, Overton, Altmetric, and SciSciNet, aiming to guide funders, institutions, and the public toward smarter investment decisions.

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Events

Métadonnées de la BnF : diffusion, services et utilisations (4 décembre, 2025, BnF, Paris, France)

La BnF organise, le jeudi 4 décembre 2025 (13h30–17h) au Petit auditorium, site François-Mitterrand, une après-midi professionnelle consacrée à la diffusion des métadonnées et aux services associés, dans le contexte de la Transition bibliographique. Au programme : choix du bon service de récupération, nouveautés d'api.bnf.fr, perspectives 2026 avec l'ouverture de Noemi, récupération via data.bnf.fr, diffusion UNIMARC, et découvrabilité des collections accessibles. Un Club des utilisateurs des données sera inauguré à cette occasion. L'événement est retransmis en ligne et l'inscription gratuite est ouverte jusqu'au 1^{er} décembre 2025.

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Call for Papers: Building a Sustainable Web Archive — WAC 2026, Brussels

Calling web-archiving practitioners, researchers, and policy-makers: the IIPC's 2026 Web Archiving Conference comes to Brussels on 21–22 April 2026, with workshops on 20 April at KBR. This year's theme—**Sustainable Web Archiving**—seeks bold proposals on resilient tools and workflows, inclusive collecting, legal/ethical questions (privacy, AI), access for research, policies and provenance, and measuring/mitigating carbon impact. Proposals are due 15 October 2025 (AoE). Help shape a greener, more equitable future for web archives—and meet the community in Belgium.

Read more.

Open Science Today and Tomorrow” (Vilnius University Library, Vilnius, Lithuania, 22 October 2025)

Vilnius University Library hosts the international conference Open Science Today and Tomorrow on 22 October 2025 at its Scholarly Communication and Information Centre (hybrid format). Bringing together researchers, librarians, NGOs, students, and policymakers, the event explores how to make research outputs accessible and reusable. The programme features talks on EU Open Science policies, Ukraine’s Open Science transformation, and diamond Open Access (SeDOA), plus discussions on practices, infrastructures, and community engagement. The day concludes with Vilnius University Open Science awards recognising outstanding contributions. Registration details and the full agenda are available online.

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