

The ISSN Network in Motion: Growth, Innovation and Transformation



ISSN news

Le Centre international de l'ISSN à l'honneur aux Journées ABES 2026

Partenaire diamant des Journées de l'Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (ABES) 2026, organisées les 28 et 29 mai à Montpellier, le Centre international de l'ISSN a participé à cet événement majeur de la communauté de l'information scientifique et technique française. À cette occasion, sa directrice, Gaëlle Béquet, a présenté les réalisations récentes du Centre et du réseau ISSN, ainsi que les performances du nouveau Portail de l'ISSN.

Son intervention a mis en lumière les orientations stratégiques du réseau à l'horizon 2030, les avancées liées au nouvel identifiant ISSN-H et les travaux menés au sein des groupes de travail et instances de normalisation auxquels contribue activement le CIEPS. La présentation est disponible en replay sur le site des Journées Abes.

En savoir plus.



The ISSN Network Strengthens Its Presence in Africa and Advances Its Digital Transformation (Bibliothèque nationale du Royaume du Maroc, Rabat, Morocco, 11-12 June 2026)

Speaking at the Forum of African National Libraries organised by the National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco, Gaëlle Bequet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, presented recent developments within the ISSN network and outlined its strategic vision for the future. The network continues to grow, uniting 96 member countries as of 2026, up from 88 in 2014. New national centres have recently been established in the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Mongolia, while additional countries, including Kenya, are preparing to join the network.

Africa plays a key role in this international network, with 18 member countries hosting ISSN National Centres. Bibliographic production across African centres continues to increase steadily, reflecting the dynamism of scholarly and publishing activities throughout the continent. The presentation also highlighted the launch of the new ISSN Portal in early 2026. The redesigned platform offers improved search and navigation functionalities and is supported by a modernised technological infrastructure, providing easier access to authoritative information on serial publications worldwide.

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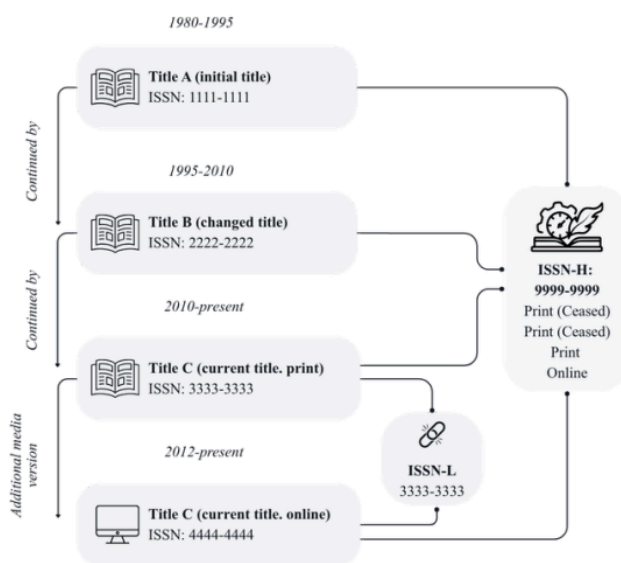
Participants to the Forum of African National Libraries, Rabat, Morocco (11-12 June 2026)

ISSN-H: A New Identifier Connecting the Full Story of Continuing Resources

The ISSN-H White Paper introduces a new generation of identifier designed to solve a longstanding challenge in scholarly communication: tracking continuing resources across title changes, format variations, and complex publication histories. Building on the ISSN standard's cluster-based identification model, ISSN-H links all successive titles and related versions of a serial into a single, persistent identifier. The result is a clearer, more comprehensive view of a publication's lifecycle, improving discovery, citation, metadata management, analytics, and long-term preservation. By connecting fragmented records,

ISSN-H reveals the complete history behind continuing resources and their evolving identities.

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Digital preservation

eArchiving Initiative: Building a Common European Framework for Long-Term Digital Preservation

The European Commission's eArchiving Initiative promotes a shared approach to preserving digital information across Europe through open standards, specifications, tools, training, and implementation support. Building on the E-ARK project and the eArchiving Building Block, the initiative helps public institutions, cultural heritage organizations, businesses, and research infrastructures ensure that digital records remain authentic, accessible, and reusable over time. By emphasizing interoperability, vendor neutrality, and compliance with international archival standards, eArchiving aims to harmonize digital preservation practices across borders and establish a sustainable foundation for long-term access to Europe's digital memory and knowledge assets.

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Germany Opens National PID Roadmap for Community Review to Strengthen Research Infrastructure

Germany's PID Network has launched a public consultation on its National PID Roadmap, inviting researchers, libraries, funders, infrastructure providers, and cultural institutions to

help shape the future use of persistent identifiers (PIDs). The roadmap outlines recommendations for building a coordinated, sustainable, and interoperable PID ecosystem across Germany's decentralized research landscape. Drawing on national and international initiatives, it addresses governance, technical interoperability, standards, and implementation challenges. The consultation aims to refine the roadmap through community feedback and establish a shared framework for more consistent and effective PID adoption across the research and cultural sectors.

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Open science

OpenAIRE Strategy 2026–2028: Scaling Openness, Trust, and Intelligence

OpenAIRE's 2026–2028 Strategy outlines a roadmap for strengthening Open Science in an era shaped by artificial intelligence, geopolitical change, and growing demands for transparency. Building on more than a decade of experience, OpenAIRE aims to scale Open Science through trusted infrastructures, responsible AI, open research intelligence, capacity building, and clear legal frameworks. The strategy aligns its work across three pillars—Infrastructure & Services, Training & Skills, and Policies—to ensure that technology, people, and governance evolve together. Emphasizing research as a public good, OpenAIRE seeks to foster a trustworthy, equitable, and sustainable global research ecosystem.

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Open access

DOAJ and Chinese Journal Leaders Join Forces to Boost Global Reach of Open Access Publishing

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the Society of China University Journals (CUJS) have formalized a partnership to increase the visibility, discoverability, and quality of Chinese open access journals. Building on previous DOAJ China Day events, the collaboration will promote open access awareness, encourage publishing best practices, and support the international integration of China's rapidly growing OA community. With more than 550 Chinese journals already indexed in DOAJ, the initiative reflects China's expanding role in global scholarly communication and aims to strengthen the impact and recognition of Chinese research worldwide.

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Libraries

Library of Congress Uses Synthetic DNA to Preserve History for the Next 250 Years

The Library of Congress has announced an innovative digital preservation initiative that will contribute a synthetic DNA data storage device to the America250 Time Capsule, scheduled for placement in Philadelphia in July 2026. The tiny vial contains digitized versions of significant cultural and historical materials, including Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence, early sound recordings, maps, manuscripts, and Indigenous audio archives. Developed in partnership with the University of Washington, the project explores the potential of molecular data storage, which offers exceptional density, durability, and long-term preservation capabilities for safeguarding cultural heritage far into the future.

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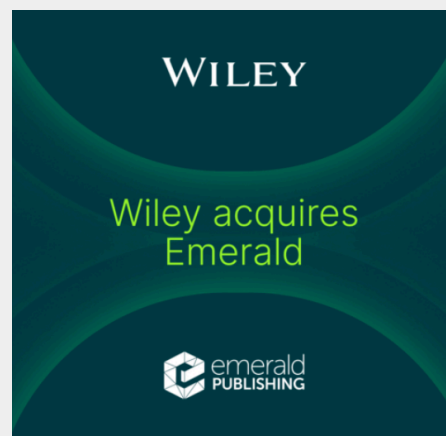
Publishing industry

Wiley's Emerald Acquisition Signals Growing Value of Scholarly Content in the AI Era

Wiley has acquired Emerald Publishing from Cambridge Information Group in a £337 million (\$452 million) all-cash deal, significantly expanding its portfolio to around 2,500 journals and strengthening its position in the social sciences. The acquisition adds nearly 500 journal brands, thousands of books, and extensive archival content, while enhancing Wiley's research intelligence and AI capabilities. Framed as a strategic response to rising demand for trusted

scholarly content in AI and data analytics, the deal underscores how publishers are increasingly leveraging proprietary research assets as valuable resources in the emerging AI-driven knowledge economy.

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Vietnam Tightens Research Integrity Rules with Stronger Sanctions for Misconduct

Vietnam has introduced a new national framework that significantly strengthens oversight of research misconduct, requiring scientific institutions to establish formal integrity policies and investigation procedures. Researchers found guilty of fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other serious breaches may face sanctions ranging from public corrections and funding repayments to suspension from projects and long-term or permanent bans from scientific activities. The policy reflects a growing international trend toward stricter accountability in research governance, emphasizing institutional responsibility and linking research integrity more directly to career progression, funding eligibility, and participation in publicly supported scientific programmes.

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Scholarly communications

From Retractions to Funding: How India Is Shifting Research Integrity Upstream

India's Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has introduced a requirement for grant applicants to disclose any paper retractions from the previous five years, signalling a significant shift in research integrity governance. Rather than relying solely on publishers and journals to police misconduct, accountability is moving upstream to the funding stage. The article argues that this aligns India with international trends in China, the US, the UK and Europe, where funders increasingly link integrity to funding decisions. If implemented effectively, retraction disclosure could become as routine as conflict-of-interest declarations in research applications.

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Why Data Reuse May Become a Powerful New Signal of Research Quality

The article argues that data reuse—and the citations it generates—may offer a valuable but underused indicator of research quality and trustworthiness. Unlike conventional article citations, reusing a dataset requires researchers to examine, validate, and rely on the underlying data before incorporating it into new work. Advances in AI and metadata analysis are making it easier to identify these often-overlooked data citations, potentially enabling new measures of research impact and credibility. Greater recognition of data reuse could also incentivize better data sharing practices and strengthen transparency, reproducibility, and trust across scholarly communication.

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Standards

NISO Releases Framework to Advance Collaborative Collection Management Across Libraries

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has published the Collaborative Collections Lifecycle Infrastructure Project (CCLIP) Recommended Practice, a new framework designed to support cooperative collection management among libraries and consortia. Developed through the IMLS-funded Collaborative Collections Lifecycle Project and involving more than 70 organizations, the guidance addresses governance, acquisitions, metadata, assessment, infrastructure, and resource-sharing practices. The Director of the ISSN International Centre co-chaired the working group on cataloguing and metadata alongside a Yale University colleague. You can find their report in section 7 of the recommended practice. By promoting interoperable, vendor-neutral approaches, CCLIP aims to help institutions coordinate decision-making, optimize limited resources, and strengthen collective stewardship of collections. The framework seeks to enhance access, sustainability, and collaboration across increasingly interconnected library ecosystems.

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Adapting China's Standardization Framework to Changes in the ISSN International Standard

This article examines recent revisions to the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) standard and their implications for China's standardization and bibliographic control systems. It analyses changes in the scope of ISSN application, assignment principles, and management of digital and continuously updated resources, reflecting evolving needs in the networked information environment. The authors review China's adoption and implementation of ISSN standards and propose measures to strengthen alignment with international practice. Key recommendations include updating national standards, optimizing ISSN allocation mechanisms, enhancing the National Library of China's coordinating role, and improving research on international bibliographic standards and data quality.

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Artificial intelligence

UK Regulator Pushes Google to Give Publishers Greater Control Over AI Search Results

A new proposal by the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) would require Google to give publishers more control over how their content is used in AI-generated search results. Under the plan, publishers could opt out of AI summaries while remaining visible in traditional search listings, addressing concerns that AI-generated answers reduce traffic to original sources. The proposal also calls for greater transparency and attribution in AI search products. Publishers have welcomed the move as a step toward fairer treatment and stronger bargaining power, while Google argues that AI features help users discover content online.

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Events

NISO Plus 2026 (Online, 16-17 September, 2026)

NISO Plus Baltimore 2026 will bring together librarians, publishers, researchers, technology providers, and information professionals to address key challenges shaping the scholarly communication ecosystem. The conference focuses on improving information flow, interoperability, and cross-sector collaboration through discussions on artificial intelligence, metadata management, research integrity, open research infrastructure, accessibility, peer review, and standards development. Alongside keynote presentations, workshops, JATS-Con, and networking opportunities, participants will explore practical solutions and emerging best practices. The event aims to foster community-driven innovation and advance trusted, sustainable, and interoperable systems for the creation, dissemination, and stewardship of scholarly information.

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Webinar on Strategies for journals to avoid adopting the APC Model (24 June, 2026, Online)

On 24 June 2026, the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI), the National Council of Rectors of Costa Rica (CONARE), and Latindex will host a free webinar examining strategies that academic journals can use to avoid adopting Article Processing Charges (APCs). The event is part of an ongoing series addressing concerns about the growing shift of no-fee open access journals toward APC-funded publishing in Latin America. Experts from Argentina, Mexico, and Brazil will discuss sustainable, equitable alternatives, while highlighting the importance of preserving community-supported scholarly communication. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Portuguese, Spanish, and English.

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IFLA WLIC 2026 Programme Unveiled for Busan Congress

IFLA has released the preliminary programme for the 90th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC 2026), which will take place in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 10–13 August 2026. The online programme, available through the iPlanner platform, outlines nearly 200 sessions covering key developments in librarianship, information management, digital transformation, knowledge access, and professional collaboration. As a working document, the programme will continue to be updated with session details, speakers, and schedules. The event is expected to bring together library and information professionals worldwide under the theme “Libraries Powering Transformation.”

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