

Building Trust in a Changing Information Landscape



ISSN news

Behind Every Trusted Publication: The Power of ISSN

Dr Gaëlle Béquet, Executive Director of the ISSN International Centre, takes readers behind the scenes of scholarly communication to reveal the infrastructure that keeps research connected, discoverable and trustworthy. She explains how ISSNs and reliable metadata unite publishers, libraries, archives, databases and researchers worldwide. From modernising historic records and expanding open metadata to confronting inequality, fraud and the rise of AI-generated scholarship, Dr Béquet highlights both progress and urgent challenges. Her message is clear: human expertise, international cooperation and interoperable identifiers are essential to protecting the integrity and future of scholarly knowledge.

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Gaëlle Béquet is Executive Director of the ISSN International Centre

Connecting Libraries Worldwide: ISSN IC @ IFLA WLIC 2026

The ISSN International Centre joined library and information professionals from around the world at the 2026 IFLA Congress in Busan. During a well-attended Tech Lab session, the team presented its services to audiences, strengthened ties across the ISSN Network, and introduced the new ISSN Portal and ISSN-H. Discussions covered topics such as artificial intelligence, information integrity, reading, diamond open access and the preservation of documentary heritage. Meetings with National Centres, Governing Board members, and prospective partners reinforced the importance of international cooperation, professional solidarity, and the sharing of expertise when it comes to addressing the rapidly evolving challenges facing libraries and scholarly communication.

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Digital preservation

Preserving Tomorrow Together: Insights from iPRES 2025

The iPRES 2025 proceedings capture the breadth of contemporary digital preservation research and practice presented in Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand. Bringing together 557 participants from 41 countries, the conference explored technological obsolescence, artificial intelligence, cloud services, metadata, persistent identifiers, sustainability and community resilience. Its themes—Journey, Encounter and Connect—framed 69 papers alongside panels, posters, workshops and practical demonstrations. Grounded in Māori culture and regional perspectives, the programme highlighted Indigenous knowledge, data sovereignty, global collaboration and inclusive approaches, showing that enduring digital heritage depends on technology, shared expertise and strong international communities.

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Tracking the Digital Preservation of Brazilian Scientific Journals

Brazil's Cariniana Network explains how editors, librarians and researchers can verify the long-term preservation of Brazilian scientific journals. Coordinated by Ibict, Cariniana uses the distributed LOCKSS system to protect open-access publications through multiple copies held across participating institutions. Preservation status can be checked through The Keepers Registry, an international service hosted by the ISSN International Centre that records which archiving agencies preserve individual serials. Users can search by journal title or ISSN, review registered holdings and identify gaps, strengthening transparency and confidence in the continuing accessibility of Brazil's scholarly record.

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Open science

The Hidden Human Cost of Open Knowledge

The article argues that open science must confront a "third cost" of knowledge: the hidden human labour behind academic writing and artificial intelligence. Brenda Adhiambo Odera highlights Kenyan ghostwriters, data labelers, and content moderators whose poorly paid work supports global research and AI systems while remaining largely invisible. She also warns that biased AI detectors disproportionately misclassify non-native English writing. Odera urges publishers, funders, universities, and integrity bodies to disclose training-data origins, reject detector outputs as misconduct evidence, and include workers' knowledge in debates about research ethics and openness worldwide.

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Open access

From Islands to Ecosystem: Scaling Diamond Open Access Across Australasia

Diamond open access publishing is gaining momentum across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, with more than 200 journals now operating across the region. Supported largely by university libraries, these community-driven journals are free for both readers and authors. A growing Australasian Diamond Journal Publishing Community of Practice is helping institutions share expertise, develop standards, build publishing capacity, and strengthen advocacy for non-commercial scholarly communication. Examples from Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand universities demonstrate that successful Diamond publishing can begin with practical support, shared infrastructure, and collaboration, rather than large-scale investment.

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Open Journals Collective: Towards Open and Sustainable Scholarly Publishing

The Open Journals Collective (OJC) is an international initiative bringing together researchers, libraries, university presses, and non-profit publishers to develop a sustainable alternative to commercial scholarly publishing models. Publicly launched in 2025, and fully operational since January 2026, the collective supports diamond open access journals, with no fees for authors or subscriptions for readers. Its model pools library contributions to provide sustainable funding for journals, strengthen their independence, and promote an equitable, transparent scholarly publishing system governed by the international academic community itself, advancing knowledge for society as a whole.

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HathiTrust Secures \$5 Million to Build Public-Interest AI Services

HathiTrust has received a \$5 million, five-year Mellon Foundation grant to launch Transparent Books, an initiative using artificial intelligence to improve access to 19 million digitized volumes. Working with Northeastern University Library and Authors Alliance, the project will

enhance metadata, text quality, summaries, languages, and interactive search. It will also provide verified book data for lawful, non-commercial text mining, computational analysis, and specialized language models. The partners will develop shared principles addressing copyright, research integrity, accountability, environmental impact, and sustainable public-interest services for scholars, students, and readers around the world.

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Libraries

Ten Principles for the Ethical Use of AI in Scientific Publishing

CAICYT-CONICET offers ten practical principles for responsibly integrating generative AI into scientific and academic publishing. The guidance keeps authorship and accountability human, limits AI to appropriate supporting tasks, and requires clear disclosure of tools, versions, purposes, and human review. Editors, authors, and reviewers should verify AI-generated material against reliable scholarship, protect confidential data and intellectual property, detect bias and fabricated information, and preserve research integrity. Rather than imposing fixed rules, the framework encourages transparent editorial policies, informed oversight, continuing education, and regular updates as technologies and ethical standards evolve globally.

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Japan's National Diet Library Adds 17,000 Items to Digital Collections

Japan's National Diet Library has expanded its Digital Collections with 17,000 additional items, significantly increasing online access to the country's documentary heritage. The update includes 10,900 newspapers, 1,800 rare books and old materials, 1,800 items from the Imperial Diet Collection, and 1,100 books. It also adds 900 items from the Gordon W. Prange Collection, 300 maps, and 100 audiovisual materials. Completed in August 2026 and announced on 3 September, the expansion strengthens digital research opportunities across historical, political, cultural, cartographic, and media collections for users in Japan and worldwide alike.

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Clarivate's Pulse of the Library 2026 survey

Clarivate's Pulse of the Library 2026 survey, drawing on responses from more than 1,800 librarians worldwide, finds uneven progress in artificial intelligence adoption. Sixteen percent of libraries report moderate or active implementation, rising to 28% in Mainland China. Libraries further advanced with AI are more likely to share governance with institutional IT teams. Improving staff productivity is the leading objective, cited by 58% of respondents. However, privacy, security, misinformation, and bias remain significant concerns alongside continuing pressures involving budgets, open science, research support, and changing user expectations across library sectors.

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Clarivate Expands Open Library Metadata with Enhanced SkyRiver

Clarivate has launched an enhanced SkyRiver platform designed to help libraries create, manage, exchange and reuse bibliographic metadata more affordably. Open metadata is the default, while institutions retain control over participation, licensing, attribution and local enhancements. New AI-assisted tools aim to accelerate the creation of high-quality catalogue records, and improved interoperability supports sharing across library systems, consortia and networks. Clarivate will also establish a Metadata Governance Advisory Group, giving the library community input into SkyRiver's policies, quality standards and governance as trusted metadata becomes increasingly important for discovery and cataloguing.

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Publishing industry

Elsevier expands AI research platform with licensed scholarly content

Elsevier has expanded its LeapSpace research AI platform, which now draws on more than 23 million full-text peer-reviewed articles and books, alongside 2.6 billion cited references from Scopus. The expansion includes new licensing agreements with publishers and scholarly societies including BMJ Group, JAMA Network, Rockefeller University Press and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Content from more than 1,500 additional publishers and societies is also included. Elsevier has established an independent Advisory Board to provide guidance on algorithms, transparency, responsible AI use and publisher-neutral content discovery.

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Springer Nature Updates AI Policies for Responsible Research Publishing

Springer Nature has updated its artificial intelligence editorial policies to guide authors, reviewers and editors in using AI responsibly in publishing. The framework prioritizes accountability, transparency, confidentiality and human oversight, assessing AI use by its purpose, impact and risk rather than whether it occurred. Lower-risk applications, such as language improvement or data cleaning, are distinguished from uses affecting interpretation or decisions. AI cannot replace accountable human judgment, generate conclusions or conduct peer review. Disclosure is required, and the policies will be periodically reviewed as technology, regulations and publishing practices evolve.

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Scholarly communications

Europe's Open Repositories Face a Persistence Crisis

A study of European open repositories reveals serious weaknesses in long-term digital preservation. Combining registry records, web-scraped data, the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, and text mining of CORE, researchers found that more than 20% of repositories and over 40% of their OAI-PMH interfaces appear dead. Around 12,000 scholarly works reference content at roughly 19,000 repository locations that are no longer accessible. The authors warn that "zombie" repositories and "dead on arrival" links may make the problem larger, and call for stronger policies ensuring repository persistence and protecting the scholarly record.

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Building a More Inclusive Digital Scholarly Record

Digital preservation is not merely a technical process: it determines which scholarship remains visible to future generations. Gali Halevi warns that conventional workflows often favour established publishers, English-language outputs, standardized metadata and well-funded regions, leaving community knowledge, multilingual works and non-traditional research vulnerable. More inclusive preservation requires broader selection criteria, flexible ingest systems, richer metadata and proactive support for smaller repositories. Collaboration, shared infrastructure and sustained international outreach are essential. Technical durability must be matched by equitable representation so the preserved scholarly record reflects the full diversity of global knowledge.

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Think. Check. Submit.: Mid-Year Progress and International Growth, 2026

Think. Check. Submit has made progress in international outreach, practical resources and engagement with library and information professionals from January to August 2026. Despite financial constraints, three priorities have been defined: expanding engagement opportunities, reaching wider international audiences and developing tools for researchers and their supporters. The Society for Scholarly Publishing joined as a Contributing Organisation, providing in-kind support throughout 2026.

Major achievements include 437 survey responses, three focus groups, three webinars, the development of an interactive checklist, updates to all existing information pages and the creation of four new resources. Survey participants made it clear that librarians need more materials that they can use directly when advising researchers. Outreach activities were

expanded through presentations in Zimbabwe and Peru, as well as engagement with a Wellcome Trust-funded Latin American working group. Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica also invited the initiative to deliver a webinar. These activities extend the initiative's reach beyond the Global North, particularly in Latin America. Voice-over scripts in French and Arabic were prepared for videos targeting North African and Middle Eastern audiences. The French video is available, while the Arabic version is forthcoming. The initiative's next focus will be on partnerships, multilingual engagement and practical resources for researchers.

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Standards

RDA Mexico Launches Free Spanish-Language Webinar Series

The RDA Mexico Group, sponsored by the National Autonomous University of Mexico, is offering a free Spanish-language webinar series to help cataloguers transition to the official RDA Toolkit. Running from June through November 2026, the programme features ten sessions, with two held each month. Topics include entities, elements, domain and range, nomen, element labels, and vocabulary encoding schemes. Coordinated by Felipe Martinez, the interactive Zoom sessions provide structured explanations and practical examples using the Spanish RDA Toolkit translation. Registration is required, and recordings will be available online after each webinar.

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Artificial intelligence

Anthropic Warns of AI Misuse in Cyberattacks and Biological Research

Anthropic says it blocked attempts to misuse its Claude AI models for cyberattacks, surveillance, political influence operations, and potentially dangerous biological research. One case involved assistance with a grant proposal concerning gain-of-function work intended to increase the chikungunya virus's transmissibility and immune evasion. The

company says older models offered limited help but acknowledges newer systems could enable more sophisticated scientific work, prompting stronger safeguards. Anthropic shared findings with authorities and industry partners, while experts warned that private companies should not make society-wide safety decisions without democratic oversight or public accountability.

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Events

ISSN Directors' Meeting (6-9 October 2026, Centro de Cultura Digital, Mexico City, Mexico)

The 51st Meeting of Directors of ISSN National Centres is set to take place in Mexico City, at the kind invitation of Indautor, from 6 to 9 October 2026. The programme includes a visit to the UNAM library, reports on the activities of the ISSN International Centre, and updates from national centres across several regions. Bilingual workshops will cover the new ISSN Portal, LTWA, ISSN-H, technical reviews and best practices. Participants will also discuss metadata quality and artificial intelligence, review updates to the ISSN Manual, adopt resolutions and decide on the venue for the 2027 meeting. The event will conclude with a joint session with Latindex and a tour of the UNAM campus.



EPICo Conference 2026 (30 September – 2 October 2026, British Library, London, UK)

The third EPICo Conference brings library professionals, partners and publishers to the British Library, London, from 30 September to 2 October 2026. Under the theme “Libraries Together: Safeguarding Our Collections for the Future”, the programme explores collaborative management and preservation of physical collections. Keynotes address shared-print networks, sustainable collecting and global collaboration, alongside sessions on security, retention metadata, preservation and access, storage architecture, and the cost of keeping books. Networking, lightning talks and breakout discussions complement the programme, with an optional Boston Spa visit on 29 September for conference delegates.

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International Open Access Week (19-25 October, 2026, Aix-Marseille Université, Marseille, France)

International Open Access Week takes place from 19 to 25 October 2026 under the theme “The Cost of Knowledge.” It invites communities to examine the financial, human, and environmental costs of creating, sharing, and sustaining knowledge amid growing commercial control. Key concerns include rising subscription and publishing fees, unpaid academic labour, unequal participation, Indigenous Data Sovereignty, AI training without consent, surveillance, and data centres’ resource demands. The campaign promotes equitable, non-commercial, community-led systems that treat knowledge as a public good and encourages locally adapted discussions and collective action worldwide.

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