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ISSN National Centres Meet in Mexico City to Strengthen Cooperation and Address Digital and AI Challenges

The 51st Meeting of Directors of ISSN National Centres took place at the Centro de Cultura Digital in Mexico City, from 6 to 9 October 2026. The event brought together more than 40 representatives of the ISSN Network to exchange experiences, review activities and discuss common challenges. The meeting began with a visit to the Biblioteca and Hemeroteca Nacional de México at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), followed by the official opening and presentation of the ISSN International Centre's 2025 Activity Report.

The programme provided an opportunity for National Centres from Algeria, Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Mexico, Panama and Peru to present their activities and share experiences. Discussions also focused on improving communication within the ISSN Network, strengthening cooperation and addressing operational challenges faced by National Centres.

Interactive workshops were dedicated to the new ISSN Portal, ISSN-H, title changes and URL updates. Delivered in English and Spanish, these sessions offered practical guidance on ISSN procedures and tools and solved many questions. A dedicated discussion on ISSN in the Digital and AI Era explored emerging challenges, evolving practices and the implications of technological developments for the Network, with the participation of the audience.

The meeting concluded with a joint session with representatives of the Latindex Network at UNAM, to strengthen professional relationships and encourage cooperation between the ISSN and Latindex communities.

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Members of Latindex and the ISSN Network at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (9 October 2026)

Latindex is strengthening its journal indexing requirements, making eISSN identification essential

In recognition of the close and long-standing relationship between Latindex and the ISSN Network, Latindex is further strengthening the role of the ISSN in identifying scholarly journals. From September 2026, Latindex — the regional online information system for scientific journals in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal — will introduce updated requirements for journal registration and indexing. A valid and verified eISSN will be a fundamental requirement for electronic journals seeking inclusion in the Latindex Catalogue 2.0, thereby reinforcing the importance of the ISSN as an internationally recognised identifier for scholarly publications. Other requirements include greater transparency regarding publication fees, verifiable institutional affiliation, a dedicated open-access website, and stronger safeguards for editorial integrity. These changes are intended to enhance the quality, reliability and visibility of scholarly journals throughout the region.

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Digital preservation

Digital Preservation Awards 2026 Honour Innovation and Digital Heritage

The Digital Preservation Awards 2026 celebrated global efforts to safeguard digital heritage at a ceremony in Warsaw. Winners included projects preserving environmental permits, integrating DNA storage, visualising Scotland's web archives, protecting complex research outputs, and keeping older videogames playable. An archive of Ukrainian civilian testimonies received recognition for safeguarding historical evidence. PRONOM Refresh won the inaugural award for resilience, maintenance and continuity. Kevin Ashley received a fellowship honouring nearly three decades of leadership. Organisers emphasised innovation, international collaboration and preserving accessible knowledge, memory and shared cultural value for future generations.

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CLOCKSS Announces Elected Officers for the Coming Year

CLOCKSS has announced its elected officers for the coming year, reaffirming shared governance by librarians and publishers. Jeremy Upton of the University of Edinburgh becomes Library Co-Chair, while Springer Nature's Erika Pastrana serves as Publisher Co-Chair. Carla Lee of the University of Virginia is Secretary, and Vida Damijonaitis of the American Medical Association is Treasurer. Denis Galvin of Rice University and James Phillpotts of Oxford University Press join the Executive Committee. The board shapes strategy, guides management and sets annual fees, supporting community accountability and preservation of the scholarly record.

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Cariniana Urges Institutions to Check Journal Preservation Status

The Cariniana Network is asking participating institutions to check the preservation status of their electronic journals through the "Institution Status" tab on its Electronic Journal Preservation webpage. Published on 15 October 2026, the announcement stresses that reviewing this information is essential for keeping records current and monitoring journals preserved within the network. Institutions are encouraged to collaborate in maintaining accurate information, helping strengthen digital preservation efforts for Brazilian scientific

journals. The notice directs participants to the relevant webpage to consult their institutions' status and support the network's ongoing preservation work.

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Open science

Four EU Projects Unite to Strengthen the EOSC Federation

Four Horizon Europe projects and the EOSC Association have signed an agreement to strengthen the EOSC Federation. EOSC4ALL, EOSC-CONNECT, EOSC-Marine and EOSC Mesh collectively receive approximately €33.5 million in EU funding. Their collaboration aims to simplify participation, connect research infrastructures, improve interoperability and integrate marine research resources, making data, tools and services easier to access across Europe. Coordinated by the EOSC Association, the partnership prioritises technical development, community engagement, governance and sustainability. A joint work plan will guide implementation from early 2027, with cooperation scheduled to continue until August 2029.

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Open access

OpenAlex Adds Trusted Journal Lists to Support Research Discovery

OpenAlex has introduced trusted journal lists, allowing users to filter research through externally maintained selections rather than exclude journals using deny lists. Its new listed_in field connects journals to 61 lists, including DOAJ, MEDLINE, SciELO and Latindex, through the website and API. The initiative highlights journals from the Global South and preserves existing rating levels, enabling more nuanced searches. OpenAlex stresses that inclusion records a list maintainer's assessment, rather than its own endorsement. It invites communities to contribute maintained, open lists to broaden coverage and support research discovery and evaluation.

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DOAJ and Ukraine Turn Open Access Partnership into Publishing Reform

DOAJ has partnered with Ukraine's State Scientific and Technical Library, appointing it a national ambassador institution to strengthen open access publishing. Building on earlier government cooperation, the agreement supports Ukraine's 2026 journal recognition reforms, which reward DOAJ inclusion and demand stronger editorial standards. DOAJ will provide expertise, educational resources, and policy updates, while the library coordinates training, Ukrainian translations, and connections with national research infrastructure. Despite wartime challenges, the collaboration aims to improve publishing ethics, transparency, and peer review, increasing Ukrainian journals' international visibility and participation in global open science.

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Libraries

Library and Archives Canada Makes Collection Data More Accessible

Library and Archives Canada has launched a Collection data export tool that allows users to download large datasets from its collections. Initially offering census datasets, the service aims to make collection data easier to access, research and analyse. Users select a dataset, accept a copyright notice and download the information in a few clicks. Additional datasets are planned. The initiative supports greater transparency, efficiency and access while responding to changing user needs. Library and Archives Canada also invites feedback to help improve existing tools and develop new features and services.

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Spain's National Library Launches Podcast Preservation Project

Spain's National Library has launched a pilot project to preserve Spanish podcasts as part of its digital collections, gathering 176 titles and more than 17,000 episodes. Operating under online legal deposit, the initiative selects content reflecting geographical, linguistic and

thematic diversity, alongside cultural significance and risk of disappearance. Collection combines automated harvesting with direct deposits, followed by cataloguing and quality checks. Detailed metadata will support research into podcast production and development. Copyrighted recordings will be accessible onsite through designated terminals at the library and regional preservation centres throughout the country.

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ICESCO and Brazil's National Library Explore Cultural Cooperation

ICESCO and Brazil's National Library are exploring cooperation to strengthen cultural ties between Latin America and the Islamic world. At an October 14 meeting in Rabat, ICESCO Director-General Salim AlMalik and library president Marco Lucchesi discussed translating and publishing books, preserving manuscripts, exchanging expertise and supporting digital collections. Proposed initiatives include reading programmes for children in underserved countries, cultural opportunities for young people, and joint seminars promoting dialogue and peace. Lucchesi also expressed interest in exchanging books with ICESCO's Sultan Qaboos Library and contributing to the organisation's digital library development.

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Publishing industry

NISO Develops Metadata Model to Track Scholarly Sources in AI Systems

NISO has announced a twelve-month pilot to develop and test a basic metadata model for tracking content provenance and attribution in AI systems. The project responds to AI search tools that provide answers without directing users to publishers, complicating usage measurement and weakening source transparency. Content creators, publishers, repositories, AI developers and users will collaborate on metadata that identifies scholarly sources accurately. Funded by participants in the TRACE initiative, the pilot complements related work on measuring AI usage and understanding how AI systems interact with scholarly content, supporting research trust.

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Taylor & Francis and CRUI Expand Open Access for Italian Universities

Taylor & Francis has announced a read and publish agreement with CRUI, Italy's association of public and private universities. Researchers at 31 participating institutions can publish eligible articles open access without paying individual publishing charges. The agreement covers more than 2,100 hybrid journals across the Taylor & Francis and Routledge portfolios. It also provides access to research literature for participating institutions, supporting teaching and scholarship. The partners present the arrangement as a practical way to advance open research, broaden access to knowledge, and align publishing services with university research priorities.

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Scholarly communications

AI in Scholarly Publishing: Measuring Progress Beyond Speed

Sarah Hands argues that scholarly publishers must evaluate AI tools more rigorously as adoption outpaces evidence of their benefits. Faster processing alone does not demonstrate better publishing: tools can introduce hidden workloads, reinforce biases, and encourage excessive trust in automated recommendations. She calls for sustained human oversight, assessment across different editorial contexts, and industry collaboration that shares failures and inconclusive results alongside successes. Publishers should measure decision accuracy, research integrity, and outcomes for authors, ensuring AI strengthens the scholarly record rather than merely increasing throughput or satisfying competitive market pressures.

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Standards

Hungarian RDA Translation Supports a Shift to Semantic Cataloguing

The Hungarian Library Institute at the National Széchényi Library has been developing a Hungarian translation of RDA since 2017. Having translated the Registry, it plans to publish the complete Toolkit translation by the end of 2026, supporting a broader transition to semantic cataloguing. The Institute collaborates with the RDA-HU Working Group, the National Committee for Library Standardization, and the Library and Information Science Library. Their work aims to preserve continuity with Hungarian library traditions, maintain consistent terminology, and encourage widespread RDA adoption across the country's fragmented network of library institutions.

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Artificial intelligence

OpenAI Offers Sponsored AI Access to US Academic Research Labs

OpenAI has introduced the Rosalind Academic Plan, offering eligible university laboratories in the United States up to 30 free Business Standard seats for up to 12 months. Approved researchers can access GPT-Rosalind, a specialised life sciences model, alongside tools supporting genomics, medicinal chemistry, and experimental research. The initiative aims to reduce financial barriers and accelerate scientific discovery while retaining human expertise and oversight. Access requires institutional and researcher verification, with safeguards for sensitive research. Research data is not used for model training by default, and API access is currently excluded.

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Events

Charleston Conference - Charleston, South Carolina, USA, 2-6 November, 2026

The 2026 Charleston Conference will bring librarians, publishers, vendors, and information professionals together in Charleston, South Carolina, from November 2–6. Its theme encourages participants to respond creatively to change, emphasising innovation and practical solutions for libraries and scholarly communication. Preconference workshops and the Vendor Showcase take place on November 3, followed by main conference sessions from November 4–6. Networking events, receptions, and a closing plenary complement the programme. Virtual participation combines live access, dedicated online programming, and recordings, while Whova enables registered attendees to organise schedules, arrange meetings, and connect.

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PIDFest 2026 - Leiden, Netherlands, 27-29 October 2026

PIDfest 2026, held in Leiden from 27–29 October, explores how persistent identifiers keep knowledge connected. Its programme combines keynotes, practical workshops, panels, lightning talks and posters around demonstrating value, addressing challenges and strengthening community. Sessions examine metadata quality, interoperability, national PID strategies, equitable adoption, sustainable infrastructure and research integrity. Practical examples cover ORCID, ROR, DOIs, ARKs, RAiD, research instruments and repositories. Library highlights include the new ISSN Portal and the new ISSN-H identifier, both of which will be introduced by Dr Gaëlle Béquet, Director of the ISSN International Centre. Discussions also consider digital sovereignty, preservation and how identifiers can support trustworthy research amid artificial intelligence and geopolitical pressures worldwide.

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