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New Developments in Persistent Identifiers and Scholarly Standards



ISSN news

Discover the New ISSN Portal and ISSN-H at PIDfest 2026

At PIDfest 2026, Gaëlle Béquet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, presented the new ISSN Portal and introduced ISSN-H, a persistent identifier defined in ISO 3297:2022. The enhanced portal offers improved search capabilities, navigation, and access to authoritative ISSN metadata. ISSN-H (History ISSN) groups successive titles of serial publications under a single identifier, facilitating the tracking of title changes over time. Complementing ISSN-L, which links different media versions, ISSN-H strengthens bibliographic relationships and simplifies serials management for libraries, publishers, and metadata providers within the broader persistent identifier ecosystem.

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Digital preservation

Digital Preservation Coalition Publishes Five New French Translations

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) has published five new French translations of key digital preservation resources, produced by volunteers from the Cellule Nationale de Veille sur les Formats (CNVF), coordinated by the French association Aristote and its PIN working group. The translated materials cover requirements for preservation systems, moving images, raster images, environmental sustainability, and audiovisual preservation. These resources provide practical guidance for institutions managing digital collections and planning long-term preservation strategies. The initiative aims to improve access to professional knowledge, encourage international collaboration, and strengthen digital preservation practices across French-speaking communities.

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Open science

HAL and Wikipedia: Strengthening Open Access to Scientific Knowledge

The French Centre for Direct Scientific Communication (CCSD) highlights how publications deposited in HAL contribute to Wikipedia's reliability and accessibility. In February 2025, over 9,000 references to HAL appeared on French Wikipedia, supporting articles with scientific sources. The "Wikifier la science" initiative, launched through a partnership between Wikimedia France and the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, encourages researchers to contribute reliable references. Wikimedia residencies and the #1Lib1Ref campaign further promote collaboration between researchers, librarians, and Wikipedia contributors, strengthening scientific visibility and public access to trustworthy knowledge.

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Open access

New Global Guidelines Strengthen Transparency and Integrity in Scholarly Publishing

COPE, DOAJ, OASPA and WAME have released the fifth edition of the Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing. The updated guidelines introduce stronger requirements for artificial intelligence governance, editorial independence, peer review and research integrity. They also address journal impersonation and the misuse of ISSNs, requiring clearer identification of official journal websites. Additional provisions cover conflicts of interest, plagiarism, complaints and appeals, alongside greater transparency in publishing practices. These revisions aim to strengthen trust, accountability and ethical standards across the global scholarly publishing community and its stakeholders.

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DOAJ and Open Access Australasia Join Forces to Advance Sustainable Open Access Publishing

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and Open Access Australasia (OAA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote trusted, equitable and sustainable open access publishing across Australia and New Zealand. The partnership will enhance the quality, visibility and recognition of open access journals, particularly Diamond open access and institutionally supported publications. Through joint advocacy, capacity building and knowledge sharing, both organisations aim to strengthen publishing standards, research integrity and community-governed infrastructure. The collaboration also seeks to develop sustainable regional publishing ecosystems and advance equitable access to scholarly research worldwide.

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Libraries

British Library Restores Access to the UK Web Archive

The British Library has restored access to the UK Web Archive, which became unavailable following the 2023 cyberattack. Researchers can once again search millions of archived UK websites, preserving over two decades of digital heritage. The service is accessible online,

although most archived content can only be viewed in Legal Deposit Library reading rooms. Currently, searches are limited to websites captured before December 2022. Developed collaboratively by six legal deposit libraries across the UK and Ireland, the archive will undergo further improvements, including enhanced search functionality and additional content.

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Library of Congress Explores AI-Powered Cataloguing and Discovery

The Library of Congress has experimented with artificial intelligence to analyse approximately 20 million bibliographic records using vector embeddings. By converting descriptive metadata into numerical representations, researchers explored applications for subject indexing, semantic searching and collection visualisation. The approach identifies similarities between records across languages and terminology, potentially improving cataloguing efficiency and information discovery. Experiments include integrating subject heading recommendations into a BIBFRAME cataloguing editor and comparing catalogue records with Wikipedia articles. The project highlights opportunities for AI to enhance bibliographic metadata management, interoperability and access to library collections worldwide.

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Publishing industry

Elsevier Acquires Clear Skies to Strengthen Research Integrity Screening

Elsevier has acquired Clear Skies, a specialist in research misconduct detection, to strengthen its research integrity capabilities. Clear Skies' Oversight tool will be integrated into Elsevier's Check Integrity screening system, enabling earlier identification of potentially problematic manuscripts. The expanded system examines manuscript text, citation patterns, author

publication histories, and collaboration networks to detect risks before publication. Already available to selected journals, the enhanced capabilities will be progressively introduced across Elsevier's portfolio. Clear Skies will continue serving existing customers, supporting broader efforts to safeguard the credibility and reliability of scholarly publishing.

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Scholarly communications

Inserm Issues Recommendations to Combat Predatory Journals in Medical Research

In October 2026, Inserm published recommendations addressing the growing threat of predatory journals to scientific integrity and biomedical research. The report advocates maintaining a regularly updated list of trustworthy journals, strengthening publication ethics, and reforming research assessment practices. It identifies ISSN verification through the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources (ROAD) as one indicator for detecting potentially predatory publications. The recommendations also encourage responsible open access publishing, particularly Diamond Open Access, and emphasize research quality over publication quantity in scientific evaluation.

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CASRAI Highlights the Role of ISSNs in Identifying Scholarly Journals

CASRAI has published a guide to identifying Kidney International, the flagship journal of the International Society of Nephrology, using authoritative bibliographic identifiers and indexing information. The guide highlights the importance of distinguishing print and electronic ISSNs when matching journal records across databases. It also explains how ISSNs help differentiate related publications, including Kidney International Reports and Kidney International Supplements, which have separate identifiers and indexing statuses. Drawing

on data from the National Library of Medicine and Crossref, the guide emphasizes accurate journal identification for researchers, librarians, and research information professionals.

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Standards

NISO Highlights New and Emerging Standards for November 2026

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) highlights recent developments in international standards relevant to information management, publishing and technology. These include ISO 20271-1:2026, addressing the long-term preservation of textual documents, and ISO/IEC 27090:2026, providing guidance on cybersecurity threats affecting artificial intelligence systems. The update also presents Thema version 1.7, introducing new subject categories and qualifiers for book classification, and the forthcoming EPUB 3.4 standard. Additional developments address IT governance and gender-responsive standardization. Together, these initiatives support interoperability, digital preservation, information security and evolving practices across the information community.

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Amazon Begins Accepting ISNI Identifiers for Book Contributors Worldwide

Amazon has begun accepting International Standard Name Identifiers (ISNIs) for book contributors worldwide, marking a significant step towards improving publishing metadata. Publishers can now submit ISNIs for authors, illustrators, translators and other contributors through ONIX metadata, spreadsheets or Amazon's title editor. Although optional, this integration aims to improve contributor identification, link books accurately to author pages and enhance discoverability across formats and editions. The initiative supports broader adoption of persistent identifiers in publishing, helping reduce name ambiguity, strengthen metadata quality and improve connections between creators, publishers, retailers and readers worldwide.

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Artificial intelligence

OVHcloud Unveils Olala Mini, Its First Open-Source AI Language Model

OVHcloud has announced Olala mini 7A1B, its first large language model (LLM), developed entirely in Europe. Featuring seven billion parameters, the compact model combines innovative architecture with efficient computing, enabling operation on modest hardware. Trained using European public supercomputers, Olala mini will be released under an Apache 2.0 open-source licence. French search engine Qwant has already integrated the model, achieving faster responses and reduced operating costs. OVHcloud plans further developments in enterprise AI agents, cloud operations, and cybersecurity, reinforcing European technological sovereignty and innovation in artificial intelligence.

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Events

OASPA Webinar (30 November 2026, online)

The Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA) is organising a webinar on 30 November 2026 to explore the importance of open metadata in scholarly communication. Bringing together experts from libraries, publishing and open infrastructure, the discussion will examine how sharing metadata enhances research discoverability, transparency, trust and efficiency. Speakers will address barriers such as restrictive licences, inadequate workflows and limited resources, while highlighting the benefits of collaborative standards and open infrastructure. The webinar aims to demonstrate how transforming proprietary metadata into a shared resource can benefit the entire scholarly community.

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LIBER Winter Event 2026 (26-27 November 2026, National and University Library, Zagreb, Croatia)

The LIBER Winter Event 2026 will take place on 26–27 November at the National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia. This annual gathering brings together members of the European research library community, including representatives of LIBER working groups, taskforces and steering committees. Through interactive workshops and discussions, participants will exchange experiences, present ongoing initiatives and explore challenges facing research libraries. The event provides opportunities to seek feedback on projects, share expertise and develop collaborative approaches. It aims to strengthen professional connections and inspire future developments across Europe's research library network.

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NISO Plus 2027 (15-17 February 2027, Baltimore, Maryland, USA)

The NISO Plus 2027 conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, from 15 to 17 February 2027. Bringing together librarians, publishers, vendors and information professionals worldwide, the event will encourage dialogue and collaboration on challenges facing scholarly communication. Two days of sessions will feature expert keynote speakers, networking opportunities and discussions aimed at identifying practical solutions. The programme also includes pre-conference events and JATS-Con 2027, dedicated to Journal Article Tag Suite users. The conference will feature the Miles Conrad Award and Lecture, alongside other NISO recognition and scholarship programmes.

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