

## **International Standard Music Number Report for the Year 2012**

ISMN is ISO Standard 10957 and covers musical notation (in any media); it complements ISBN for monographs and ISSN for serials and thus contributes to complete coverage and identification of items listed in national bibliographies. The International ISMN Agency is based in Berlin, Germany; many national libraries are in charge of ISMN on a national level.

### *Membership*

There are now 57 ISMN agencies, the latest members being Argentina and Iceland. Interest was recently shown from Benin, Bolivia, Chile, Ethiopia and Montenegro. There was progress in the preparations for a Chinese agency. They now translated the ISMN standard into the Chinese language.

The United States agency at the Library of Congress is making good progress in implementing all necessary components for successful operations.

The Music Center of The Netherlands with the only recently established ISMN agency was unfortunately no longer funded by the government and had to close down by December 2012. We are very glad that Donemus Publishing took over the agency responsibility.

### *AGM*

The latest Annual General Assembly of the ISMN community took place in Chisinau, Moldova, on September 12, 2012, hosted by the Book Chamber of Moldova. We were especially grateful for the invitation since the Book Chamber only stepped in on short notice after Malta had failed to organize the meeting. For the third time we aligned our meeting with that of the International ISBN Agency. Since this brought synergies on both sides we intend to continue with this arrangement whenever possible.

As guest speaker Stella Griffiths from the International ISBN Agency gave an update on recent developments of the ISBN. Davo van Peursen from the Dutch ISMN agency presented an Internet portal for a title database connected to ISMN administration.

The next ISMN meeting will take place in Washington DC by invitation of the Library of Congress, the US ISMN agency.

### *Publications*

The latest *ISMN Newsletter* (no. 22) – also available on the ISMN Website – provides information on the 2012 AGM.

As was reported last year, we also published a new ISMN brochure. It informs about the ISMN, its benefits and application. It is more general than the *ISMN Users' Manual* and targeted at a wider audience within the music and trade sectors:

### *Conferences*

In 2012 the International ISMN Agency was represented at the Frankfurt Music Fair, the annual ISO TC46 meeting in Berlin, the IAML Conference in Montréal and the Frankfurt Book Fair.

### *Board*

Dr. Hartmut Walravens (Chairman), Dr. Joachim Jaenecke (Vice Chairman), Dr. Bettina von Seyfried (Treasurer) were re-elected at the Board elections at the AGM in Chişinau. The next board elections are scheduled for 2015.

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