

ISSN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

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REPORT TO CDNL 2004

ISSN : THE NETWORK AND THE REGISTER (DECEMBER 2003) 76 MEMBER COUNTRIES

1,125,507 records

+ 53,484 records

22,916 electronic resources

ISSUES OF RELEVANCE TO CDNL

ISSN STANDARD REVISION

The ISSN standard (ISO 3297) is under revision.

A working group (ISO/TC46/SC9/WG5) was set up within ISO/TC46/SC9 in October 2003 to work towards this revision. This working group met in January and May 2004 and should meet in October 2004. The target date for having the DIS submitted to the ISO Central Secretariat is 2005.

The working group includes representatives from the publishing world (Elsevier, Wiley, Periodical Publishers Association, EDItEUR), subscription agents (ASA, Swets), other standards (ISBN, ISTC, ISWC, DOI, OpenURL), standardization organizations (AFNOR, ISO/TC46/SC9), collecting societies (CISAC), Crossref, Bowker, EAN International, and the Library and ISSN Network communities.

An informational annex will be added to the standard, regarding the "best practices" for using the ISSN in relation with Open URL and as part of a DOI.

The main topic under discussion regards the assignment policy, and the structure of the ISSN number. An update on this point will be provided.

Web site : <http://www.lac-bac.gc.ca/iso/tc46sc9/wg5.htm>.

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM

In the framework of the implementation of a completely new computer system at the ISSN International Centre, the ISSN network revised its bibliographic format. Both UNIMARC and MARC21 will be accepted by the new system, and provided to the users of the ISSN Register.

Other formats (ONIX for Serials, Dublin Core) will also be implemented.

The new system will be accessible via a Web portal and through Z 39.50. It will implement OpenURL (source and target).

ISSN National Centres will be enabled to implement, if they wish, the client part of the software, which should be seen as the successor product to OSIRIS.

The implementation plan includes three main steps, ending in July, October and December 2004 respectively.

BROADENING OF THE ISSN NETWORK

Some countries still do not have a National ISSN Centre. The National Libraries of these countries are strongly encouraged to host the ISSN National Centre, and should not hesitate to contact the ISSN International centre (tel : (33) 1 44 88 22 20, fax (33) 1 40 26 32 43, e-mail issnic@issn.org).

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