ISMN Update for the Year 2012

Membership
There are now 57 ISMN agencies, the latest members being Argentina and Iceland.
Interest was recently shown from Benin, Bolivia, Chile, and Ethiopia.
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.
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
Chisinau. The next board elections are scheduled for 2015.

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