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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ISO TC 46/SC 9  
for the 4 June 2015 plenary meeting  
in Beijing**

**1. Overview**

**1.1. Scope**

Standardization of information identifiers, description and associated metadata and models for use in information organizations (including libraries, museums and archives) and the content industries (including publishing and other content producers and providers).

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**2. SC9 MEMBERS AND LIAISON ORGANIZATIONS**

**2.1. Participating countries (30)**

The following ISO national bodies are voting (P) members of ISO TC46/SC9:

Australia (SA)	Finland (SFS)	Norway (SN)
Belgium (NBN)	France (AFNOR)	Portugal (IPQ)
Bulgaria (BDS)	Germany (DIN)	Russian Federation (GOST R)
Canada (SCC)	Iran, Islamic Republic (ISIRI)	South Africa (SABS)
China (SAC)	Italy (UNI)	Spain (AENOR)
Colombia (ICONTEC)	Japan (JISC)	Sweden (SIS)
Croatia (HZN)	Korea, Republic of (KATS)	Switzerland (SNV)
Czech Republic (UMNZ)	Netherlands (NEN)	Ukraine (DSSU)
Denmark (DS)	New Zealand (SNZ)	United Kingdom (BSI)
Estonia (EVS)		United States (ANSI)

Changes since last meeting: Belgium has rejoined as a P member. Kenya (KEBS) has downgraded its membership in SC9 to O member status.

## 2.2. Observer countries (14)

The following ISO national bodies have observer status in ISO TC46/SC9:

Argentina (IRAM)	Mongolia (MASM)
Austria (ASI)	Poland (PKN)
Cuba (NC)	Romania (ASRO)
Hungary (MSZT)	Serbia (ISS)
Iceland (IST)	Slovakia (SUTN)
India (BIS)	Slovenia (SIST)
Kenya (KEBS)	Thailand (TISI)
Lithuania (LST)	

## 2.3. Organizations with A-liaison status (22)

Association for the International Collective Management of Audiovisual Works (AGICOA)

European Association of Science Editors (EASE)

European Commission (EC)

Federation of European Film Directors (FERA)

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International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML)

International Committee for Social Sciences Information and Documentation (ICSSD)

International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)

International Documentation Committee, International Council of Museums (CIDOC)

International DOI Foundation (IDF)

International Federation for Science Editors (IFSE)

International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF)

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI)

International ISBN Agency (ISBN)

International ISMN Agency (ISMN)

International Publishers Association (IPA)

International Video Federation (IVF)

ISAN International Agency (ISAN-IA)

ISSN International Centre (ISSN)

Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE)

UNESCO

*Note: No representative is listed in the ISO Global Directory for the following organizations: CIDOC, EASE, EC, FIAPF*

## 2.4. Organizations with B-liaison status (0)

NONE

## 2.5. Organizations with D-liaison for specific SC 9 projects (1 pending)

Worldwide Independent Network (WIN) approved by SC9 members for liaison with WG 10 - ISRC; TMB approval pending

## 2.6. Liaisons with other ISO TC and SC (8)

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29 (Coding of audio, picture, multimedia and hypermedia information)

ISO/TC 37 (Terminology and other language and content resources)

ISO/TC 37/SC 1 (Principles and methods)

ISO/TC 37/SC 2 (Terminographical and lexicographical working methods)  
 ISO/TC 37/SC 3 (Systems to manage terminology, knowledge and content)  
 ISO TC 37/SC 4 (Language resource management)  
 ISO/TC 171 (Document management applications)  
 ISO/TC 171/SC 2 (Application issues)

### **3. CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

#### **3.1. WG 2, International standard work code (ISWC)**

Convenor: José Macarro

Following the systematic review of this standard (see N665) and a draft new work item proposal (N659), a resolution was made at the Berlin meeting (see N662, Resolution 6) to revise this standard. However, due to personnel changes at CISAC, this project was delayed in starting. A new convenor was appointed and a call for participation was issued (see N818).

#### **3.2. WG 4, International Standard Book Number (ISBN)**

Convenor: Stella Griffiths

At the request of the International ISBN Agency, a resolution was adopted at the Paris meeting (see N707, Resolution 5) to revise the standard. A call for participation on the Working Group was issued (see N716 and N723). The group began meeting in March 2014 and issued a CD for ballot from 3 February 2015 to 3 April 2015 (see N806).

#### **3.3. WG 10, International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)**

Co-Covenors: Tori Weems and Paul Jessop

A new work item proposal for the revision of ISO 3901 was approved in November 2013 (see N724 and N732). The Working Group has been holding conference calls since late January 2014. A response to the comments on the Working Draft, which was included with the new work item proposal, has been distributed (see N740). The WG is preparing a DIS of the revision.

#### **3.4. WG 11, International standard link identifier (ISLI)**

Convenor: Isabel Xiang

An FDIS ballot was issued from 25 June 2014 to 25 August 2014 (see N778) and the standard (ISO 17316) was approved for publication (see N789). Publication of the standard is on hold until the needed Registration Authority (RA) is in place.

A Call for Candidates for the RA was issued on 2 July 2014 with a deadline of 1 September 2014. One proposal was received from the International Information Content Industry Association (ICIA). Following a review of this proposal by the Working Group, some further follow-up to questions from the WG, and the WG's recommendation of ICIA for the RA, a ballot was issued to the SC9 members from 1 December 2014 to 31 December 2014 (see N796 and annexes). The members approved ICIA as the RA for ISO 17316 (see N801). The ISO TMB approved ICIA as the RA on 9 March 2015 (see N812). ISO and ICIA have agreed on the contract.

This standard is awaiting publication

#### **3.5. WG12, Indexes and indexing**

Convenor: TBD

At the Washington, DC plenary meeting a resolution was passed to establish a single working group to perform a gap analysis between ISO 999 (*Guidelines for the content, organization and presentation of indexes*) and ISO 5963 (*Methods for examining documents, determining their subjects, and selecting indexing terms*) and determine whether a single standard can address all stakeholder needs (see N765, Resolution 2014-2). Following this evaluation, the standard(s) will be revised as needed.

A call for participation was issued to the members from 12 February 2015 through 12 March 2015 (see N808). Members were also asked to identify any expert nominees who were willing to be the convenor for this Working Group. A total of 11 experts were identified from 7 countries, with one

individual willing to be convenor (see N811). The Chair and Secretary are following up to confirm a convenor, which the members will be asked to approve.

### **3.6. WG13, International library item identifier(ILII)**

Convenor: Akira Miyazawa

A new work item proposal (see N788) was issued for ballot from 20 August 2014 through 20 November 2014 to develop a new standard for an International Library Item Identifier (ILII). The proposal was approved by the members (see N795) and assigned the project number 20247. Members were asked to add their identified experts to the ISO Global Directory for this WG. The convenor has begun communications with the WG and official work will begin shortly.

### **3.7. Ad hoc Identifiers Interoperability Group**

Convenor: Norman Paskin

A closed meeting of the group was held in Washington, DC on 6 May 2014. During this meeting, a presentation about the Linked Content Coalition and the status of the organization's principles of identifiers was discussed. There was a robust conversation about standards for data and the DataCite organization. A proposal to develop identifier standards for data sets was invited.

### **3.8. Ad hoc Ad hoc Registration Authorities**

Convenor: Todd Carpenter

The ad hoc group of Registration Authorities meets regularly to discuss issues impacting Registration Authorities. A closed meeting of RAs was held in Washington, DC on 6 May 2014. The group discussed the issues of intellectual property protection, but it appears there is little that ISO can do in support of RAs, nor was there a lot that the RAs could do collectively.

## **4. NEW WORK ITEMS**

One new work item was balloted since the last meeting for a new standard for an International Library Item Identifier (ILII) (see 3.6).

## **5. NEW PUBLICATIONS [1 pending]**

- ISO 17316, *Information and documentation – International standard link identifier (ISLI)* [publication will occur after a Registration Authority is in place] (see 3.4)

## **6. SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS**

### **6.1. Results of 2014 Systematic Reviews [5]**

Five standards underwent systematic review ballots in 2014:

- ISO 4:1997, *Information and documentation – Rules for the abbreviation of title words and titles of publications* [confirmed; see N798]
- ISO 10324:1997, *Information and documentation – Holdings statements – Summary level* [confirmed; see N799]
- ISO 15706-1:2002, *International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) – Part 1: Audiovisual work identifier* [confirmed; see N779 and N765 Resolution 2014-3]
- ISO 21047:2009, *Information and documentation – International Standard Text Code (ISTC)* [[confirmed; see N785; to be discussed further at 2015 plenary due to comments received]
- ISO 10957:2009, *Information and documentation – International standard music number (ISMN)* [decision pending; no majority on any position; to be discussed at 2015 plenary; see N800]

### **6.2. Systematic Reviews Beginning in 2015 [2]**

- ISO 690:2010, *Information and documentation – Guidelines for bibliographic references and citations to information resources*

- ISO 15706-2:2007, *Information and documentation – International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) – Part 2: Version identifier*

## 7. PUBLISHED STANDARDS (23) [as of May 4, 2015]

- ISO 4:1997, *Information and documentation – Rules for the abbreviation of title words and titles of publications*
- ISO 690:2010, *Information and documentation – Guidelines for bibliographic references and citations to information resources*
- ISO 832:1994, *Information and documentation – Bibliographic description and references – Rules for the abbreviation of bibliographic terms*
- ISO 999:1996, *Information and documentation – Guidelines for the content, organization and presentation of indexes*
- ISO 2108:2005, *Information and documentation – International standard book number (ISBN)*
- ISO 3297:2007, *Information and documentation – International standard serial number (ISSN)*
- ISO 3901:2001, *Information and documentation – International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)*
- ISO 5963:1985, *Documentation – Methods for examining documents, determining their subjects, and selecting indexing terms*
- ISO 7220:1996, *Information and documentation – Presentation of catalogues of standards [plus Cor 1:2001]*
- ISO 10324:1997, *Information and documentation – Holdings statements – Summary level*
- ISO 10957:2009, *Information and documentation – International standard music number (ISMN)*
- ISO 15706-1:2002, *Information and documentation – International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) – Part 1: Audiovisual work identifier*
- ISO 15706-1:2002/Amd 1:2008, *Alternate encodings and editorial changes*
- ISO 15706-2:2007, *Information and documentation – International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) – Part 2: Version identifier*
- ISO 15707:2001, *Information and documentation – International Standard Musical Work Code (ISWC)*
- ISO 21047:2009, *Information and documentation – International Standard Text Code (ISTC)*
- ISO 25964-1:2011, *Information and documentation – Thesauri and interoperability with other vocabularies – Part 1: Thesauri for information retrieval*
- ISO 25964-2:2013, *Information and documentation – Thesauri and interoperability with other vocabularies – Part 2: Interoperability with other vocabularies*
- ISO 26324:2012, *Information and documentation – Digital object identifier system*
- ISO 27729:2012, *Information and documentation – International standard name identifier (ISNI) [plus COR 1:2013]*
- ISO 27730:2012, *Information and documentation – International standard collection identifier (ISCI)*

## 8. REGISTRATION AUTHORITIES (9) [as of 4 Apr 2014]

- International ISBN Agency [for ISO 2108] <http://www.isbn-international.org>
- International ISMN Agency [for ISO 10957] <http://ismn-international.org>
- International ISRC Agency [for ISO 3901] <http://www.ifpi.org/isrc.php>
- International ISTC Agency [for ISO 21047] <http://www.istc-international.org/html/>
- ISAN International Agency [for ISO 15706-1 and ISO 15706-2] <http://www.isan.org>

- ISSN International Centre [for ISO 4 and ISO 3297] <http://www.issn.org>
- ISNI International Agency [for ISO 27729] <http://www.isni.org>
- ISWC International Agency [for ISO 15707] <http://www.iswc.org/>
- The International DOI Foundation [for ISO 26324] <http://www.doi.org/>

Pending: International Information Content Industry Association (ICIA) for ISO 17316 (see 3.4).