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## ISMN Update for the Year 2014

### *Membership*

There are now 56 ISMN agencies.

Interest in membership was recently shown from Austria, Bolivia, Botswana, Cambodia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palestine, South Pacific region, Vietnam.

### *AGM*

The latest Annual General Assembly of the ISMN community took place in Istanbul, Turkey, on September 15, 2014, hosted by the Turkish ISMN agency (Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Directorate General for Libraries and Publications). The event attracted a high number of participants (50). For the fifth 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. The Directors Conference of ISSN Agencies took place immediately afterwards so there was a full week for ISO standards of the manifestation level.

As guest speaker Stella Griffiths from the International ISBN Agency gave an update on recent developments of the ISBN. Paul Jessop gave a report on the state of affairs with the ISRC standard revision. Wolfram Krajewski reported on the new version of the IDNV, the database of printed music. Bettina von Seyfried spoke about copyright problems with the TTIP free trade agreement.

The next ISMN meeting will take place in Kuta, Bali, Indonesia, by invitation of the Indonesian National Library.

### *Standard*

ISO 10957 came up for systematic review. The result of the ballot will be discussed at the Beijing TC46 meeting.

### *Publications*

The latest *ISMN Newsletter* (no. 24) – also available on the ISMN Website – provides information on the 2014 AGM.

### *Conferences*

In 2014 the International ISMN Agency was represented at the Frankfurt Music Fair, the ISO TC46 meeting in Washington DC, the IAML Conference in Antwerp, the CDNL meeting in Lyon, the ISBN annual meeting in Istanbul, and the Frankfurt Book Fair.

### *Problem solution?*

Last year we reported that Amazon refused the ISMN and insisted on ISBN for musical works, which was against ISO standards and the interest of the music community.

Meanwhile and with the help of GS1 this problem seems to be solved as GS1 updated their GTIN guide and included a section on ISMN there. Nevertheless, we occasionally still notice that not all Amazon staff is aware of the situation and sometimes refuse to distribute scores with ISMN only.

### *Commitments*

The IA joined the Linked Contents Coalition as of 2015 to help to enhance the interoperability of the SC9 identifiers.

The IA cooperates with the working group on the revision of the ISBN standard.

### *Board*

The Board still consists of Dr. Hartmut Walravens (Chairman), Dr. Joachim Jaenecke (Vice Chairman), Dr. Bettina von Seyfried (Treasurer). The next board elections are scheduled for September 2015. The daily business is run by Carolin Unger.

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