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The ISNI International Agency governs the policies of assignment and registration of ISNIs globally. ISNI-IA is comprised of the organizations IFRRO, CISAC, CENL (represented by the British Library and the Bibliothèque nationale de France), OCLC, ProQuest, and SCAPR.

The International Standard Name Identifier is assigned to contributors to intellectual property for the purposes of collocation and disambiguation in databases and on the web. The Assignment Agency is OCLC, working from their Leiden, Netherlands office. There are to date three registration agencies for ISNI: ProQuest, Ringgold (which focuses on institutions), and the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Organizations using ISNI in their systems to identify contributors include: Wikipedia, Bibliothèque nationale de France, ProQuest, Ringgold, ORCID (for institutions), LaTrobe University, Harvard Library, HachetteLivre, Macmillan Digital Science, and Musicbrainz, among others.

2015 Statistics:

- 8.6 million ISNIs assigned
- 10 million provisional ISNIs assigned (awaiting corroboration from another data source, upon which they will be designated “assigned”)
- 8.24 million are individuals
- 446,000 are organizations
- 26 member organizations

2015 New Members

- ISSN
- Iconoclaste
- Harvard Library
- Semantico
- Data Salon
- ABES France
- University of New South Wales
- French National Archives

2015 Prospective New Members

(Have declared their intention to sign agreement, and we fully expect will join soon)

- Routledge
- Stanford
- Library of Congress