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International ISMN Agency

Report for 2008/2009

Membership development

The IA has now 50 members (ISMN agencies). In 2008 three countries joined the system – Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan and Luxembourg. Negotiations are still under way with the Netherlands, South Africa, the United States and Uzbekistan.

AGM

The annual meeting took place in Yogyakarta, June 16-18, organised by the National Library of Indonesia. Major discussion points of the AGM were again the revision of the ISMN standard and the Users' Manual. The National Library also organised a one-day ISMN seminar for more than 110 representatives of SE Asian countries. This included papers on the ISMN and its benefits, an overlook on Indonesian music, a report on the work of an Indonesian recording company and a vivid discussion about the problem of product piracy.

In 2009 the AGM will take place in Bonn, Germany, by kind invitation of the Deutsche Musikverleger-Verband (June 29-30).

ISO contract

A new contract between the IA and ISO will be ready to be signed, soon. All details were discussed, and there are no disagreements.

Revision of the Standard

The revision process is finished, the new Standard will be published after the now mutually agreed editorial changes are implemented. As there was complete approval of DIS 10957, the revised ISMN standard became effective as of Jan. 1, 2008.

ISMN agencies were asked to inform the clients and the distribution chain. A transition period made this process smooth.

A revised ISMN Manual was published and is available online. The ISMN information CD was also revised.

Register of Music Publishers

A new database was being prepared for the listing of music publishers and their ISMN prefixes, as a follow-up to the IA's former International ISMN Publishers Directory. It is planned to publish this on the IA's website.

A programme for printing lists of complete 13-digit identifiers for individual publishers as well as a programme for generating the correct check digit for ISMN are part of the IA's website.

ISMN was represented at the IAML conference in Naples, the Frankfurt music fair, the ISO TC46 meeting in Stockholm, the GDM meeting in Ludwigsburg and the IFLA annual general conference (WLIC) in Québec.

The IA is an association registered according to German law, the agencies being its members. It is a tax-exempted non-profit organisation.

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