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REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ISO TC 46/SC 9
to the May 14, 2009 meeting in
Nairobi, Kenya

The May 2009 meeting of ISO TC46/SC9 is being held at the kind invitation of the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS).

1. SC9 MEMBERS AND LIAISON ORGANIZATIONS

All participants in TC46/SC9's work are reminded of the importance of being registered in ISO's Global Directory system. ISO member bodies are responsible for registering national participants in the Global Directory and for designating their respective role(s). The ISO Central Secretariat handles the registration of liaison organizations and their representatives. Registration will be critical, as the ISO TC Portal “LiveLink” system will be used for posting all relevant SC9 documents in the future.

1.1 Participating countries (28):

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

SA (Australia)          MSZT (Hungary)          SABS (South Africa)
BDS (Bulgaria)          UNI (Italy)            AENOR (Spain)
SCC (Canada)            JISC (Japan)           SIS (Sweden)
SAC (China)             KEBS (Kenya)           SNV (Switzerland)
ICONTEC (Colombia)      KATS (Korea, Republic of)  DSSU (Ukraine)
HZN (Croatia)           SNZ (New Zealand)       BSI (United Kingdom)
UMNZ (Czech Republic)   SN (Norway)            ANSI (U.S.A.)
DS (Denmark)            PKN (Poland)           
SFS (Finland)           IPQ (Portugal)         
AFNOR (France)          GOST R (Russian Federation)  
DIN (Germany)
1.2 Observer countries (18):

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

IRAM (Argentina)          NSAI (Ireland)
ON (Austria)               LST (Lithuania)
NBN (Belgium)              DGN (Mexico)
ABNT (Brazil)              MASM (Mongolia)
NC (Cuba)                  ASRO (Romania)
EVS (Estonia)              ISS (Serbia)
IST (Iceland)              SUTN (Slovakia)
BIS (India)                SIST (Slovenia)
ISIRI (Islamic Republic of Iran)  TISI (Thailand)

1.3 Organizations with A-liaison status (20):

Association for the International Collective Management of Audiovisual Works (AGICOA)
International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)
European Association of Science Editors (EASE)
European Commission
Federation of European Film Directors (FERA)
GS1
International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML)
International Committee for Social Sciences Information and Documentation (ICSSD)
International Committee for Documentation (CIDOC) of the International Council of Museums
International DOI Foundation (IDF)
International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF)
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI)
International Federation for Science Editors (IFSE)
International Publishers Association (IPA)
International Video Federation (IVF)
ISSN International Centre (ISSN)
ISAN International Agency (IASN-IA)
Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE)
UNESCO
1.4 Organizations with B-liaison status (0):
NONE

1.5 Organizations with D-liaison for specific SC 9 projects:
International Federation of the Periodical Press (for ISO 3297, ISSN)
TV-Anytime Forum (for ISO 15706, ISAN)
International Booksellers Federation (for ISO 2108, ISBN)

1.5 Liaisons with other ISO TC and SC:
ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29
ISO/TC 37
ISO/TC 37/SC 1
ISO/TC 37/SC 2
ISO/TC 37/SC 3
ISO/TC 171
ISO/TC 171/SC 2

2. CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORK

2.1 Project 690, Guidelines for bibliographic references and citations to information resources

The DIS 690 was distributed in January 2008 as SC9 document N473 and voting closed on April 23, 2008. There were 25 P-Members voting: 23 in favour out of 25 = 92 % (requirement >= 66.66%) and there were 2 negative votes out of 27 = 7 % (requirement <= 25%). Although the ballot passed, since there were two No votes; an FDIS will need to be issued.

Comment/responses from the Committee in response to the DIS ballot are due back to ISO CS by 2009-06-13 to give time for a translation of the standard prior to balloting.

The Project Leader for ISO 690 is George Richardson (U.K.).

Project 690 must reach the FDIS stage no later than 31 August 2009.

2.2 Project 10957, International Standard Music Number (ISMN)

(From Convener Hartmut Walravens): “A new contract between the ISMN Agency and ISO Central Secretariat will be ready to be signed soon. All details were discussed, and there are no disagreements.

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.”

2.3 Project 21047, International Standard Text Code (ISTC)
(From the Convener, Julian Sowa): “The contract appointing the IIA as the Registration Authority was signed with ISO on 2009-01-30 and a website providing an overview of ISO 21047 and publicising the IIA’s activities was launched in the same month at http://www.iste-international.org/. ISO 21047 (ISTC) was formally published as an International Standard on 2009-03-09. A first edition of the ISTC User Manual is, at 2009-04-27, being finalized in time for the first ISTC-RAs to go “live” during May 2009.”

2.4 Project 26324, Digital Object Identifier (DOI) system
(From the Convener, Norman Paskin): “The International DOI Foundation (IDF) has now reached agreement with ISO on wording of a proposed Registration Authority Agreement for ISO 26324 DOI System. If you would like any further information on the Agreement please contact me. I understand that the next step is to have ISO TC46/SC 9 approve IDF as the RA by a resolution at the SC 9 Plenary in Kenya later this month.

I have not received any further comments or changes from ISO (as yet) on our responses to ISO Secretariat comments - per my e mail to the list 2 April 2009 (comments there were sent to ISO 7 April).”

The DIS Ballot for Project 26324 is already behind schedule by nearly 9 months, delayed by the ISO CS pending legal review. The deadline for distribution of the DIS ballot was August 7, 2008. ISO CS has informed the SC 9 Secretariat that delays caused by ISO CS are not counted against the committee in terms of its development deadlines, which will be extended once the DIS ballot is issued.

2.8 Project 27729, International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI)
(From the Convener, FX NUTALL): “We have finally received a revised version of the DIS from the ISO Secretariat, in compliance with the new Registration Authority guidelines. There are lots of editorial changes [in the document] and the structure of the document has been completely revised…

The Working Group preparing the ground for the ISNI International Agency is making good progress. We now have a first database of Public Identities acting as a proof of concept. We are also busy working on a business model. The group expects to make a formal proposal to ISO by December 2009.

Finally, you will find some info on www.isni.org”.

The DIS Ballot for Project 27729 is already behind schedule by nearly 9 months, delayed by the ISO CS pending legal review. The deadline for distribution of the DIS ballot was August 7, 2008. ISO CS has informed the SC 9 Secretariat that delays caused by ISO CS are not counted against the committee in terms of its development deadlines, which will be extended once the DIS ballot is issued.
2.9 Project 25964, Thesauri and interoperability with other vocabularies

The New Work Item 25964 ballot to merge and revise the two published thesauri standards (ISO 2888 and ISO 5964) was approved on October 29, 2007. The ballot was accepted by 12 P-members out of the 28 in SC 9; there were zero No votes and 6 abstentions. During the SC 9 plenary meeting in Stockholm in 2008, the SC resolved to split the 25964 project into two parts: Part I: Thesauri for information retrieval and Part II: Interoperability with other vocabularies. TC46/SC9/WG8 (Structured Vocabularies) produced a Committee Draft of Part I that was sent to the membership for a ballot on 2008-12-29 and closed on 2009-03-29. The draft received 100% approval from the P-Members voting (13 Yes, 7 Yes with Comments, and 4 Abstain) and was approved for advancement to the DIS stage. The Committee is reviewing the comments and incorporating the changes to Part I. The DIS must be submitted to ISO/CS by 2010-06-29. The committee is making good progress and it will likely submit the DIS ballot by the end of 2009. The committee is making plans to undertake Part II and this is part of the discussion for their next meeting.

The project leader for Project 25964 is Stella Dextre Clarke (U.K.)

2.10 Project 27730, International Standard Collection Identifier (ISCI)

The CD ballot was distributed on 2008-10-17 and the balloting results were distributed on 2009-02-06. These documents were distributed as SC9 N500 (Ballot) & N506 (Voting Results). The CD ballot results were: 16 Yes, 8 Yes with comments, and 4 Abstain, which is sufficient to move the project to the DIS stage upon incorporation and response to the member comments. The working group held a meeting on 2009-03-23 in London reviewing comments and next steps.

DIS must be submitted to ISO/CS by 2009-6-30

2.11 Project 3901, International Standard Recording Code (ISRC) [revision of ISO 3901:2001]

N497 – Terms of Reference and Call for Participation was distributed on 2008-09-19.

The working group has met several times and is making progress on the development of a CD, having agreed on much of the content. There are business environment changes that call into question the underlying assumptions of the work, in particular whether a central registry is appropriate. The group is reviewing this situation and may request an extension of the deadline for CD registration.

Submission deadline for CD for ballot: 2009-09-03

Project leader: Paul Jessop (Registration Authority for ISO 3901)

3. NEW WORK ITEMS

There are presently no New Work Items under consideration.
4. SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

4.1 2009 Systematic Reviews

Two standards developed within TC46/SC9 are scheduled to undergo their scheduled systematic reviews in 2009. P-members of TC46/SC9 are required to vote on these reviews. Liaison organizations are invited to submit comments.

Systematic review votes are now issued on a quarterly basis by ISO CS in the electronic balloting system and all votes and comments are to be submitted electronically.

The two standards beginning their review in 2009 are:

ISO 3297-2007 – ISSN (Reaffirmation due by 2010-07-15)
ISO 15706-2-2007 – ISAN (Reaffirmation due by 2010-04-15)

4.2 Results of 2008 Systematic Reviews

ISO 2108:2005 – Ballot closed 2008-09-17; results issued in N504; 19 confirm; 1 confirm and correct; 2 abstain. The confirm and correct vote was discussed and it was agreed that no correction to the standard was needed. The standard was confirmed by ISO on 2009-12-15.

ISO 4: 1997 – ballot closed 2009-03-16; results issued in N510; 18 confirm, 1 withdraw (sufficient to reaffirm)

ISO 10324:1997 – Ballot closed 2009-03-16; results issued in N511; 13 confirm; 1 revise, 1 withdraw

Secretariat Recommendation: Confirm both

5. Additional Item

The SC 9 has not produced a business or strategic plan describing its activities and future plans. The Secretariat has been requested by TC 46 to produce such a plan. This is a valuable exercise, which would make sense to undertake. There is a model business plan available from ISO CS. In the coming months, the SC 9 Secretariat will be distributing this template to each of the WG conveners and registration authorities, with a request that each complete and return a document with their plans for the coming 1-3 years. This will be compiled and distributed to SC 9 prior to the next plenary meeting in Seoul. Members of SC 9 are encouraged to contribute their ideas to this process.