From:  Todd Carpenter  
ISO/TC46/SC9 Secretary  

Title:  Report from the Registration Authority for ISO 26324 for the TC46/SC9 plenary meeting on May 4, 2011 and the TC46 plenary on May 6, 2011 in Sydney, Australia  

Source:  Norman Paskin, Managing Agent, International DOI Foundation  

Project(s):  ISO 26324  

Status:  This registration authority was approved by the ISO TMB. The final two steps—signed agreement with ISO and approval by the ISO Council—are in process. SC9 members will be notified when these final steps have been completed.  

Additional information:  

REQUESTED ACTION  
Circulated to P- and O-members, and to technical committees and organizations in liaison for:  

☐ information  
☐ discussion at  
[venue/date of meeting]  
☐ comments by  
[date]  
☐ voting (P-members only by:  
[date]  

P-members of the technical committee or subcommittee concerned have an obligation to vote.
From: Norman Paskin, Managing Agent, International DOI Foundation

To: Todd Carpenter, Secretariat ISO TC46/SC9

Date: 7 April 2011

Re: Report of the Registration Authority for ISO 26324, for TC46/SC9 Sydney meeting, May 2011

ISO 26324 Registration Authority.

Since the DOI System was an existing system prior to its adoption as an SC9 work item, SC 9 submitted the candidature of the International DOI Foundation (IDF) to the Technical Management Board and was approved as the ISO 26324 Registration Authority. A draft agreement for this was finalised informally with ISO (May 2009) on the basis of the then-current RA Agreement template, but before this could be signed we were asked to revise this to conform with a proposed new ISO RA Agreement. This remains under discussion. We are disappointed by the slow response to our issues from ISO. The issues we raised with the new agreement are essentially generic to any RA and appear to us to include:

- That ISO claim the right to terminate the RA agreement, unilaterally, at any time after a short initial period, with no reason at all being required, and with no option for any appeal process by the RA;
- That following such termination, ISO then would then claim rights in any and all aspects of both the data and systems used to implement the standard;
- That the RA agrees to indemnify ISO for unspecified “general liability” to an unlimited financial amount in all countries worldwide (which our insurance advisers say is practically impossible).

We urge other RAs to pay attention to this issue and have circulated a note to other SC9 RAs; we support the draft agreement being circulated to all RAs for comment and are awaiting news of this.

DOI System statistics

- Over 50 Million DOI Names have now been assigned (4 April 2011: 51,179,423)
- The dx.doi.org proxy resolver receives between 50 and 100 million resolution requests per month.
- The www.doi.org website receives about 100,000 hits per month.
- There are currently 210,000 DOI name prefixes (naming authorities within the DOI system)

DOI System recent developments

In parallel to the DOI System we have recently introduced the Short DOI service, a means of compressing DOI Names where field length is an issue (http://shortdoi.org)

A major new application of the DOI System is the Entertainment Identifier Registry (EIDR) application (www.eidr.org), “a universal unique identifier for movie and television assets” supported by the major studios and other parties. EIDR has produced guidelines re interoperability with other identifier schemes (notably UPC, Ad-ID, ISRC, and ISAN) in conformance with the agreed principles of interoperability with other standard identifier schemes (see http://eidr.org/new-members-info/ and http://www.doi.org/factsheets/DOIIdentifiers.html)

The DOI Handbook is to be updated to reflect the ISO standard on publication.