ISO

The ISNI International Standard (ISO 27729:2012) has been officially published on March 15th 2012. It is available in English and in French.

This publication is pursuant to the signature of the Registration Authority Agreement (RAA) between the ISO Central Secretariat and the ISNI International Agency.

These two major milestones pave the way for the ISNI-IA to fully deploy its activities and make ISNI a reality. The Board of Directors of the ISNI International Agency wishes to thank ISO Central Secretariat for its support towards achieving those important goals.

Operations

The ISNI International Agency was incorporated in the UK in late 2010 and operates as a not-for-profit organization. The ISNI-IA operates as a virtual company and as such has outsourced all its key operations to (a) ALCS for its financial and legal operations and to (b) OCLC for its technical operations and (c) to the British Library and Bibliotheque Nationale de France for the quality assurance of the database.

The ISNI International Agency operates from initial funds provided by its founding members.

ISNI Database

The publically available ISNI database (available from http://www.isni.org) is now operational with ~ 1 million ISNIs pre-assigned. This initial database has been created by merging data from the Founding members database, in particular with OCLC’s VIAF database (Virtual International Authority File) holding over 24 million Contributors’ references.

ISNI Registration Agencies

The ISNI-IA has released an ISNI Registration Agency Expression of Interest (available from mailto:agency@isni.org ) allowing potential organizations to apply to become a Registration Agency.

On February 3rd, Bowker – the US ISBN Agency – has been the first Registration Agency to be appointed by the ISNI-IA.