

ISNI Summit for Libraries, Final Statement

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Libraries recognize the decisive role played by ISNI in strengthening on the Web and semantic Web public identities associated to a unique, international, cross-domain identifier based on an ISO standard. ISNI facilitates data exchanges with other communities and is a major tool in the global evolution of the international data ecosystem with regard to creating better structured and shareable data.

Libraries play a key-role in ISNI. They constitute half of the ISNI membership (Members and RAGs) and are key data providers for assigning new ISNIs and keeping them updated. They also play a decisive role within the ISNI Quality Team. Moreover, many of them are developing new services using ISNIs for building services and data flows with the book supply chain and cultural industry (e. g. music industry, film industry).

Aware of the necessity to strengthen the different communities within ISNI, libraries and library networks involved as Members and Registration Agencies decide to constitute an ISNI Consultation Group. This group aims at, regardless of the representation of the library sector on the Board : communicating to ISNI-IA specific needs for libraries, making available to ISNI-IA feedback on the utility and quality of ISNI-IA's services, analyzing cross-sectors issues and making recommendations to ISNI-IA and taking part in the ISNI governance according to the ISNI general governance rules.

The first steps will be the following: a Steering Group is set up composed of BnF (National Library of France), British Library, PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging), BNE (National Library of Spain), KB (National Library of the Netherlands) and National Library of Finland. It is in charge of drafting the ISNI Consultation Group Terms of Reference and Action plan. A consultation of every library and library network ISNI member and RAG and of observers which attended the summit will be completed in September 2019 so as to report to the ISNI-IA board in October 2019.