



ISNI – Overview and Prospects

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ISNI - key topics for today

- What's happened since the first Summit meeting
- Gathering pace - challenges and opportunities
- Sustainability and a range of business models
- Improving ISNI's organization and governance
- GDPR and ISNI - still a work in progress
- ISNI Futures



Since we last met!

- What's changed since the first Summit meeting?
- Quite a lot!
 - Big increase in ISNI membership
 - Continued growth in ISNI assignments
 - Progress with improving financial stability
 - Diversity of communities interested in ISNI
 - In particular, a “musical revolution”

New members since 1st summit

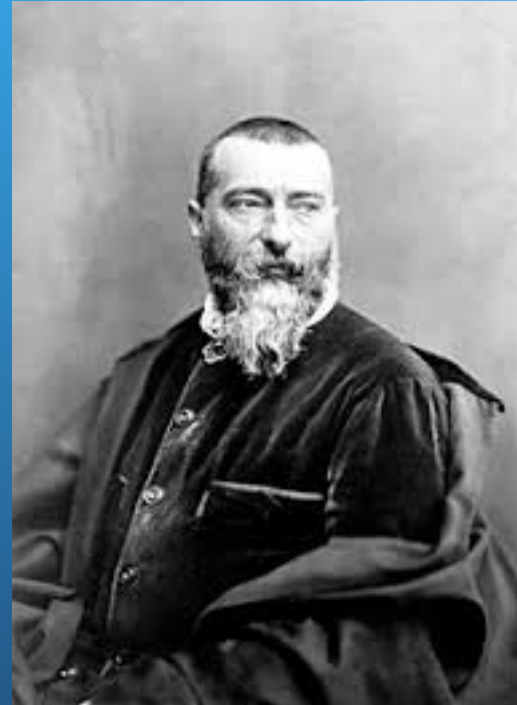
- Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)
- YouTube/Google
- China Knowledge Centre for Engineering, Science & Technology (CKCEST)
- Biblioteca Nacional de España
- Consolidated Independent (CI)
- Kunglinga Biblioteket
- Soundways
- Banque de Titres de Lingue Française (BTLF)
- SoundExchange
- Rakuten kobo
- BookNet Canada
- Bibliothèque et Archives nationales de Québec (BAnQ)

But at the same time ...

- In a very positive way, “plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose” (attributed to Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr)
 - Submission of carefully curated authority files
 - Supported by reference to creative works with which the data subjects are/were associated
 - Powerful matching algorithms and disambiguation
 - Maintenance and update of records as necessary
 - Dissemination of the ISNIs into the supply chain

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M. Karr, dans sa pompe





Challenges and opportunities

- Diverse user communities, each expecting facilities and approaches with which they are familiar
- Challenges of scale, driven by increased adoption
- Demands for new facilities or mechanisms
- Additional formats for ingest and output
- Services that are relatively new to ISNI

Making sure ISNI remains sustainable

“Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen [pounds] nineteen [shillings] and six pence, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds ought and six pence, result misery.”

said by Mr Micawber in *David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens (ISNI 0000 0004 4888 5549), London, 1849/50

Sustainability & business models

- But in contrast to Mr Micawber, who was always optimistically “... waiting for something to turn up”, ISNI tries to take a more nuanced approach
- Recognising and trying to balance ISNI’s accounts
- Income streams - membership fees, ISNI assignment charges & lately dbase extract fees, payable searches
- Expenditure lines - costs of running the service, costs for developments & enhancements, legal advice, website costs, exec management fees, ...



Improving ISNI's governance

- Vital that we continue to run ISNI effectively & transparently
- Governance review is timely, given recent evolution
- Improve representation & engagement among the membership and wider user bases for ISNI
- Gradually step down our reliance on Founder Members
- But all the time, “living within our means”



Next steps on governance, 1

Representation:

- Formation of consultation groups
- Events like this Summit!
- Elected members of ISNI-IA's Board
- Annual General Meeting
- Eventual appointment of specialist Board members?



Next steps on governance, 2

Communication:

- “Scope for improvement” on how and what we communicate
- Taking steps to address this, including these:
 - Twitter
 - *ISNI News*
 - ISNI website
 - Virtual meetings and webinars
 - Wider event attendance



Next steps on governance, 3

Engagement:

- Encourage ISNI membership to be more actively involved, in current initiatives & future directions
- Three key examples:
 - A re-launch of ISNI's Technical Advisory Committee
 - An ongoing discussion on how various RAGs can help with aspects of ISNI Quality Team work
 - Support for ISNI's linked data project



GDPR – our favourite legislation

- GDPR took effect in May 2018
- Of key interest to ISNI, given that our core mission uses personal data related to the data subjects of ISNI identification
- Much internal discussion, planning, legal advice
- The so-called “research or archival exemption”
- Disseminating only public-domain, non confidential data



GDPR – continuing commitment

- ISNI's standard contract templates have been modified
- Data processing agreement in place with OCLC
- Our transparency and privacy notices are being redrafted for publication on the ISNI website
- Procedural work with the British Library to map processes to respond to any GDPR challenges
- Still some loose ends, which must be resolved over coming months



ISNI Futures: crystal ball gazing

- More music, maestro, please!
- Extension of ISNI adoption into other domains - film/TV & A/V, rights management & collections, possibly visual arts, patents, the games industry?
- More responsive to the varied needs of users
- Roll out our proposed governance changes
- Improve ISNI's communications with the world
- At the same time supporting the pivotal role of the national libraries and the communities they serve



To find out more ...

- Check out the ISNI website: www.isni.org
- Subscribe to *ISNI News* - the e-newsletter for the ISNI user communities
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