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ISMN Update for IAML Congress 2019

Membership

We currently have 60 ISMN agencies, the latest members being Botswana and Morocco.

We still did not find a new agency for the Netherlands. So for the time being our former agent Donemus continues with allocation of ISMNs until a successor will have been found. As already mentioned in former years, we would be very grateful for any advice from IAML how to improve the situation and find a new agency since the country would be the only main music producing country in Europe that does not take full part in the ISMN system.

Interest in membership was lately shown from Brunei Darussalam, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Palestine and Thailand.

Annual General Meeting

The latest Annual General Assembly of the ISMN community took place in Sliema, Malta, on September 26, 2018, hosted by the National Book Council of Malta. 39 participants attended our AGM.

We were glad to once again align the meeting with that of the International ISBN Agency. Since this brought synergies on both sides we intend to continue with this arrangement.

At the Annual General Meeting a successor for our long-term vice chairman Dr. Joachim Jaenecke was elected: Wolfram Krajewski from DE-Parcon/Acamar in Hürth, Germany. Wolfram is running the daily business of the ISMN agency for Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

As guest speaker at our Panel meeting, Christopher Muscat, conductor and composer, reported about the rich music history of Malta. Carolin Unger reported on the experiences with the administration programme ISMN Manager which was distributed amongst interested agencies in early 2018.

The next ISMN meeting will take place on 2 October 2019 in Santiago de Chile, by invitation of the Cámara Chilena del Libro.

Publications

ISMN Newsletter

No. 28 of the ISMN Newsletter was published in November 2018. It is available on the [ISMN Website](#). As usual it provides information on the latest AGM.

Conferences

In 2018 the International ISMN Agency was represented at the Frankfurt Music Fair, the ISO TC 46 conference in Lisbon, Portugal, and the ISBN annual meeting in Sliema, Malta.

Website

In early January 2019 we relaunched the [website of the International ISMN Agency](#). The principle design did not change much but the inner structure, the content management, and the connection between website as such and the publisher database are now easier to manage. It also provides for more safety of the data.

Administration programme ISMN Manager

In January 2018 we distributed ISMN Manager, an administration programme for agencies. By now, 13 agencies use or are about to use this tool for error-free allocation of ISMNs to generate lists of complete 13-

digit ISMNs for registrants and to administer their contact data. The programme also offers the possibility to generate ISMN bar codes.

Current issues

Our long-time Chairman Dr. Hartmut Walravens plans to retire, this year. We hope to find a successor, soon.

Communication and cooperation with a few member countries is still difficult. As already mentioned in last year's reports, there seem to be responsibility problems at the agency in Kazakhstan; Macedonia, although a long-time member, does not seem to work with the ISMN at all. We tried to get in contact with them to solve any problems, but so far to no avail.

Board and management

Chairman: Dr. Hartmut Walravens

Vice Chairman: Wolfram Krajewski

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