



## **International Standard Music Number, ISO 10957**

### **ISMN Update on the year 2016**

#### **Membership**

There are 58 ISMN agencies, the latest member being Montenegro.

Unfortunately, our supporting member, the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany, had to cancel its membership due to financial constraints. We are grateful for their help during the implementation of the International ISMN Agency more than 20 years ago and for their further input until 2015.

We have not yet found a new agency for the Netherlands. So for the time being our former agent Donemus agreed to continue with allocation of ISMNs until a successor can be found. As already mentioned last year, 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 part in the ISMN system.

Interest in membership was recently shown in Albania, Algeria, Botswana, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Palestine, Rwanda, the South Pacific region, and United Arab Emirates.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The latest Annual General Assembly of the ISMN community took place in Vienna, Austria, on September 23, 2016, hosted by the Deutscher Musikverlegerverband (DMV), with kind support of the Austrian ISBN agency. The German ISMN agency is also responsible for ISMN in Austria and Switzerland. 40 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.

As guest speaker, Hans Huck, Head of Sales of Universal Edition, reported on the Austrian music market and music education. Alan Pope, formerly Blackwell's in Oxford, spoke about the early beginnings of the ISMN. Dr. Bettina von Seyfried read a paper about the composer Ignaz von Seyfried, a contemporary of Beethoven in Vienna.

The next ISMN meeting will take place on 13 September 2017 in Ottawa, Canada, by kind invitation of Library and Archives Canada.

#### **ISMN Standard**

When the ISMN standard ISO 10957 came up for systematic review the result of the ballot did not justify a revision of the standard. ISMN was one of the first standards based on the new ISO template; therefore only minor details required an update which was done in the online version of the User's Manual in early 2016.

## **Publications**

ISMN Newsletter

No. 26 of the ISMN Newsletter was published in November 2016. It is available on the ISMN Website. As usual it provides information on the latest AGM.

## **Conferences**

In 2016 the International ISMN Agency was represented at the Frankfurt Music Fair, the ISO TC46 meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, and the ISBN annual meeting in Vienna, Austria.

## **Current issues**

Despite our hope of last year, Amazon, at least in Germany, still does not accept ISMNs and requires ISBNs to be used instead. The German branch of GS-1 is helpful and will update its German guideline this summer. We very much hope that this will finally solve the problem.

## **Board and management**

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