ISSN
is for reliable identification:
why, and how to benefit from it?

ACNP e NILDE, Bari, May 2012
ISSN: what is it?

• ISSN: International Standard Serial Number
• ISO 3297 standard
• International unique identifier for serials & all continuing resources…
  – Whatever the medium of publication or production (paper, electronic,…)

ACNP e NILDE - Bari, May 2012
ISSN: what is it?

- The ISSN...
  - identifies newspapers, journals, magazines, periodicals, newsletters, annual reports, electronic journals, web sites, blogs...
  - Is a unique identifier
    - 1 ISSN = 1 title
    - 1 title = 1 ISSN
  - Is persistent
    - Once assigned, an ISSN is never re-assigned

ACNP e NILDE - Bari, May 2012
The ISSN: what is it?

• An eight-digit number
  – Arabic numerals 0-9 and X (last digit)
  – Last digit is a check digit

  ISSN 0251-1479
  ISSN 1050-124X

• No meaning embedded in the number
ISSN are assigned by a network

- 88 member countries
- The ISSN International Centre (CIEPS)
- Neutral 3rd parties
- Applying a common set of professional rules
World map of the ISSN Centres

To obtain an ISSN and to contact the National Centre, please click on the appropriate country. If there is no National Centre in such country, please refer to the instructions or contact the ISSN International Centre in Paris – France.
What is the ISSN used for?

• To make sure that we are dealing with the right « object »:
  – To buy it
  – To sell it, to distribute it
  – To access it (and to manage the access rights)
  – To describe it
  – etc….
What is the ISSN used for?

Each time there is a need for identifying a continuing (serial) resource uniquely and in a reliable way
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ISSN</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1131-0715</td>
<td>La clínica (Barcelona)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0366-6778</td>
<td>Clínica (Bologna)</td>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>Biweekly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1220-5267</td>
<td>Clínica (București, 1898)</td>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Semiannually</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1013-4131</td>
<td>Clínica (București, 1920)</td>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Annual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1806-5016</td>
<td>Clínica (Florianópolis)</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1131-0723</td>
<td>La Clínica (Granada)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Three times a month</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1131-1789</td>
<td>La Clínica (Madrid, 1862)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1131-1797</td>
<td>Clínica (Madrid, 1918)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Biweekly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0303-3121</td>
<td>Clínica (Milano)</td>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>Semiannual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0301-0392</td>
<td>Clínica (Valladolid)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1131-3994</td>
<td>La clínica (Zaragoza)</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The ISSN is used…

• To manage the distribution of serial publications
  – Included into EAN13 bar-codes
The ISSN is used…

• To manage subscriptions
  – Secures transactions libraries/agents, agents/publishers
the ISSN used…

• To manage knowledge bases
  – OpenURL implementations

“The accurate use of the ISSN is critical in ensuring successful resolution of OpenURL-based links.”

KBART report
the ISSN is used …

- As a de-duplication tool in union lists
- As an authority list by cataloguing communities
- As a key data element by all inter-library loan systems
the ISSN is used …

• As an indicator of the editorial quality of a journal
  – impact factor
  – and more…
the ISSN is used …

• As a key element for the management of electronic archives tools
e.g. The KEEPERs
Discover who is looking after what e-journals.

Search

Input a search term (e.g. free text, or a title or ISSN(s))

[Search]

- Display example searches
- Glossary and definitions

Learn more about the archiving agencies in The Keepers' Registry who have stepped forward to take responsibility for ensuring long-term continuity of access to global scholarship.

- British Library - view list of titles (01 Aug 2011)
- CLOCKSS Archive - view list of titles (12 Apr 2011)
- e-Depot - view list of titles (11 Apr 2011)
- Global LOCKSS Network - view list of titles (11 Apr 2011)
- Portico - view list of titles (02 Aug 2011)

Disclaimer: The most up-to-date information is available on the agency website. The date represents when the Registry was updated.

News

31 August 2011: Additional functionality planned for inclusion is recorded in our Roadmap. [View]
20 April 2011: The PEPRS Beta service is launched to the public. [View]
18 March 2011: The Roadmap has been updated to cover the period May 2010 - December 2011. [View]
24 November 2010: Requirements for the PEPRS Beta Service has been made available. [View]

See FAQ for news on additional functionality that is planned at thekeepers.org

This is a Beta release from the PEPRS project. We are also exploring governance and seeking sponsorship for this global facility. Your feedback is welcome.

Terms & Conditions | Contact | Feedback

Supported by

JISC

ISSN International Centre

EDINA
the ISSN is used …

• And many other uses….
  – Rights management organizations
  – Database producers
  – VAT rate
  – URLs
  – DOI suffix
  – Etc…
ISSN: organization

• Identification responsibility
  – Distributed among the network
  – National responsibility (often linked with the legal deposit)
  – Common rules

• All ISSN numbers assigned…
  – Are gathered in the «ISSN Register»
The ISSN Register

- Database of all assigned ISSN
- Managed by the ISSN International Centre
- Accessible on the Internet: http://portal.issn.org
ISSN: challenges and projects

• Increasing number of continuing resources
• No increase in the National Centres resources..
• The SAIISA project (Italy)
  – Italian ISSN Centre
  – ACNP
  – ISSN IC
Questions ?

For any information :
http://www.issn.org
issnic@issn.org

Thank you !