

Name of Institute/Centre	<b>International Centre for the Registration of Serial Publications (ISSN), Paris, France</b>
Year of creation	1977
UNESCO focal point	Mr Davide Storti, CI/KSD
Statutes and agreements	The ISSN International Centre was established in Paris as a result of an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the French Republic (ref. document SC-76/WS/4, Paris, January 1976) with the aim of introducing and operating an automated system for the registration of serials, covering the full range of recorded knowledge known as the International Serials Data System (ISDS). <a href="http://issn.org/2-22669-International-Centre-Statutes.php">http://issn.org/2-22669-International-Centre-Statutes.php</a>
Thematic specialization	Serial publications
Geographic coverage	Global
Is the agreement in compliance with UNESCO's integrated comprehensive strategy (35 C/22 and Corr.) adopted at the 35 <sup>th</sup> session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2009?	No
Governing Board	Yes:  (a) one representative of the host State; (b) one representative of the Director-General of the Organization; (c) ten representatives of the States which have acceded to these Statutes, who shall be elected by the General Assembly. Half of the States represented in the Governing Board are renewable every two years; (d) one representative of the Intergovernmental Council for the Central Information Programme.  Representatives of any other intergovernmental or non-governmental organization contributing to the operation of the Centre may be allowed by the Board to attend its sessions, without the right to vote.  The Governing Board shall elect its own Chairman.

UNESCO staff detached	No	
Financial contributions	2010-2011	
	Regular programme (please provide details, i.e. cost of undertaking the feasibility study, activities, implemented through contractual arrangements, costs of participating in the governing boards, other)	Regular contribution to the functioning of the Centre: - 7,500 USD per year
	Extrabudgetary (please provide details)	
	Total	15,000 USD from UNESCO's RP
	Centre or Institute's Budget and sources of financing	2010: Total assets: 3,397,863 Euros Income from Operations: 1,510,000 Euros, from: - Sales of services: 504,736 Euros - Provisions, 15,404 Euros - France: 422,000 Euros - UNESCO: 6,094 Euros - ISSN Member States: 561,765 Euros  Surplus in 2010: 248,773 Euros
	Has the Institute or Centre been audited, if yes by whom and what were the results?	No
Contribution to UNESCO's programme results at the Main Lines of Action (MLA) level in the 35 C/5	<p>Main line of action 3: Fostering universal access to information and knowledge and the development of infostructures Expected result 9: Infostructures for sustainable development and good governance in Member States promoted</p> <p>In the 1970s, the increase in the number of serial publications created a need for a standard code to uniquely identify periodical literature both current and already published. The ISSN system was created to provide a worldwide, standard code for the title of any serial publication regardless of the language used or country of publication. (ref. <a href="http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0098791303000443">http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0098791303000443</a> )</p>	

<p>Does the institute or centre contribute to the implementation of a UNESCO sector strategy, if yes, please indicate how?</p>	<p>Biennial sectoral priority 2: Building capacities for universal access to information and knowledge  This Intergovernmental body brings together national libraries to work on the identification and promotion of serial publications, in the now fast changing environment of the Internet. Standardization and interoperability of ISSN identification system plays a more and more important role in the management of information distribution. The Centre, through its network of national centres, and its services (now mostly online), provides its Member States access to quality information concerning serial publications worldwide. ISSN identification also supports UNESCO's and IFAP's efforts on digital preservation.</p>
<p>Was a review carried out by UNESCO on the Centre/Institute's contribution to the Strategic Programme Objectives of the Organization prior to the expiration of the Institute/Centre's agreement?  If yes, please provide a short synopsis of the results of this review (no more than 100 words max)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Last external evaluation</p>	<p>Unknown</p>
<p>Has this centre/institute promoted best practices in promoting South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, if yes, please provide a brief synopsis (100 words max)</p>	<p>The Centre does promote and encourage cooperation among national centres worldwide. It also participates in various standardization groups, at the international and national levels and delivers training sessions to its national centres upon request.  However, we are not aware of a document or report specific to South-South cooperation.</p>