


BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

1. Your Details

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2. Details of skills and knowledge exchange

The Annual Meeting of the ISSN National Centers, which will take place at the National Library of Tunis between October 21-24, is an extremely significant event organized each year by a national library from around the world in cooperation with the ISSN International Center in Paris (see attachment). The meeting brings together representatives of all national libraries in Europe, including those in Italy, Spain, Germany, France, UK, Croatia and Poland, as well as from other parts of the world, creating a unique platform for international discussions and collaborations. This year, the meeting will be held in Tunis, at the invitation of the National Library of Tunis.

In 2024, Romanian ISSN Centre was selected to join the International Working Group in charge of testing the new functionalities and specifications of the ISSN Portal. This aspect highlights the recognition of the skills and expertise of the Romanian team. This also entails a major responsibility. Additionally, it provides the opportunity to directly influence how these updates are implemented, ensuring that national interests and needs are considered in international decision-making.

The meeting will also feature a variety of training sessions, including workshops and seminars led by representatives of different national libraries, with a particular emphasis on updates to the ISSN+ database. These sessions will address recent improvements and best practices in managing ISSN+ data, equipping the participants with up-to-date knowledge and tools that can be applied to optimize their own database management processes. Additionally, the training will cover critical topics such as publishing trends in Open Access, which is becoming a major part of the academic publishing world, and the growing concern over predatory publications, which can undermine the quality and trustworthiness of academic research.

By taking part in these events, I will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the new features and applications, which will be instrumental in improving the efficiency of our national systems.

The main purpose of the Romanian National Library's participation, through its National ISSN Center, in this meeting is to ensure alignment with the latest international standards and practices, thereby contributing to the continuous improvement of identification and bibliographic description of resources at the national level. By participating, Romanian National ISSN Centre aims to achieve seamless interoperability with systems from other countries which will enable future participation in inter-library cooperation projects across Europe.

3. Estimated cost of bursary

The meeting lasts for 4 days. Participation in the meeting is free of charge for national representatives.

The estimated cost is approximately 900 EUR. This amount covers expenses such as travel (approx. 420 EUR), accommodation (approx. 370 EUR) and other travel fees.