Memo: ISAN System Upgrade

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Dear ISAN Canada clients,

A new version of the ISAN System was released by the ISAN International Agency on November 25ᵗʰ 2012. This new release is a major update of all Oracle components on new hardware. The ISAN Web Template has also been updated to integrate improved functionalities and new features.

The major features updated in this release include:

- Improved series registration:
  - The registration process for single works and episodic works (series) have been split into two distinct menu entries—now you will have the option of selecting either "Create single ISAN" OR "Create serial ISAN"
    - If you are registering a series and select "Create serial ISAN" you will be taken directly to the "Search a Serial Header" screen instead of having to click the "Is Episode" button
    - If you click on a Serial Header, a list of all the episodes registered under that Serial Header will be displayed including ISAN number, episode and season numbers, and director

- Improved "Search from work info" function:
  - The number of displayed results is no longer limited to 500 results
  - The search index has been improved to better handle accents and special characters in various languages
  - Search result lists contain more information and durations have all been standardized
  - Improved ability to search on Serial Headers under "Search from work info"
    - Just click off the "Serial title" box and search by phrase or keyword, then click the on the relevant Serial Header ID (SH ID) and a form with new summarized information about your series such as the number of registered episodes, seasons, year range, etc. will be displayed

- Improved ISAN Version schema and new registration form:
  - Improved schema with new fields (relationship, image format definition, version composite, distribution region/country, etc.) and updated vocabularies (distribution platform, distribution channel, media of fixation)
  - The three tabs "1-Title & Description", "2-Intention & Language", "3-Additional Information" have been merged in one single Tab "1-Version Descriptive Information"
  - Relationships between works are displayed when appropriate
    - Every ISAN version clearly displays all hierarchical relations from the top down to the current version
- The EPS barcode (adapted for film credits) can now be downloaded directly from the web template

- Various database bug corrections

For more information or if you have any questions, please refer to the attached help document or contact ISAN Canada at info@isan.ca/bonjour@isan.ca.   Let us know if you have any suggestions or comments on the updated web template or if your contact information has changed recently.

Regards,

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