



SPF Plenary Summary

Stockholm, 25-26 June 2024

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- SPF
 - Presentation of the Terms of Reference of the SPF
 - Main communication tool: SPF web site <http://www.societypublisherforum.net>
- Update on CISAC and ICMP activities
 - ISWC Allocation Service (IAS) - New API has been developed to allow societies offer IAS services to publisher affiliates via a local portal
 - ISWC Resolution Service (IRS) - A new search by Society Workcode has been added
 - SPF members and steerco asked to promote widely the use of these services by publishers.
 - ISWC Services to 3rd Parties - A paid subscription lookup service for DSPs was launched. 7m+ requests already 2024
 - ISWC with provisional status – Update on the project status. Currently in the build phase
 - Access to IPI by publishers – New Publishers Context Search API can be tested when T&C are ready and Allocation of IPI numbers for non-society writers is piloted
 - Next steps CIS-Net 2.0. Market engagement and Request for Proposal was sent out. A selection is currently being made. Design, build and roll out planned for 2025-27. MRG to work with MEG and SPF on publisher consultation

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- Future Requirements for Works Data:
 - Key requirements with use cases for communicating works' data presented. This included a modular communication concept for work identity, manuscript shares, rights, context, termination and recipient status.
 - The initial comparison of requirements against MWN 1.3 within the DDEX MWDR group found that the fundamental requirements are already included. Societies and publishers participating in the MWDR WG feel that with relatively straightforward additions we can have a DDEX standard.
 - It was agreed that the SPF has the role to discuss and agree on the requirements and consistent business rules for any kind of new format. This will take place in the new Works Data Exchange Working Group (formerly CWR WG).
 - CWR will continue to be supported in relation to the current use case and WDE WG will maintain requirements, business rules and specification.
 - Next steps “small group” will refine requirements and choreographies in July in London.
- DDEX:
 - Mark Isherwood and Steffen Lindek gave a presentation on DDEX in general and specifically on their musical work data and rights standards.

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Working Groups

- AV WG
 - The AV working groups cue harmonization, AV Index and Music in Commercials will be merged into a new AV Data Exchange Working Group.
 - The Global Cue Sheet Standard 2.0 was presented and will be available on the CISAC and SPF website. A press release from ICMP and CISAC and other promotion activities will follow in September and the autumn. Next goal is to adapt the Global Cue Sheet Standard 2.0 into an electronic format.
- CWR WG
 - The WG's mandate was extended from format based to include work data exchange subjects including composite and derivative works
 - The name was changed from CWR WG to Works Data Exchange Working Group
 - Volunteers sought for society co-lead(s).
 - Next steps: Future requirements for works data, business rules, survey on the use of the current CWR formats and v3.1, requirements for the current use case (publisher to society-offline). Rather than “sticking at v2.2 or v3.1” the WG will look to features and bug fixes which fulfil the requirements of the use case.
 - Coordinate with the Royalty Data WG to ensure consistency.

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Working Groups

- CAF
 - The name of the WG was changed from CAF WG to Agreements Data Exchange Working Group with the mandate extended from format to subjects regarding agreements including catalogue management and matrix/hub agreements
 - It was reported that Functional Specification (V3.0), Excel CAF, CAF User Guide, CAF Look-up tables JSON and JSON Schema (3.1.59) have been approved
 - The process of reviewing and adopting of new business requirements will be done with the assistance of the technicians in charge of maintaining the CAF JSON schema
 - Next steps: review and updates to documentation based on society feedbacks and workshops, update the CAF compliance table with information from societies and publishers, examine the business case for Agreement Number Resolution Service, promote the value of CAF, eliminate barriers of adoption, create “CAF: Getting Started Documentation”, create space for users to request testing partners/exchange test files

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Working Groups

- CRD
 - The mandate was extended from format based to include royalty data exchange subjects.
 - The name was changed from CDR WG to Royalty Data Exchange WG
 - Volunteers sought for society co-lead(s)
 - Next tasks relating to CRD include territory information exchange, the fees in error record and debit/credit adjustments, phasing out old formats like E/F/M, CRD adoption, CRD compliance table (live society and publisher compliance survey)
 - Looking at the format requirements taking a more modular approach rather than the current “one size fits all”
 - Volunteers sought for society co-lead(s)
- Counterclaims
 - The Common Counterclaims Policy was adopted as “Best Practice” and has been incorporated into Revision 7 of the ‘Principles for Binding Resolutions and Best Practices’ document [BTC16-0174R6]
 - WG to promote adoption and to look at anomalous works/activity reporting and data exchange