

2017-08-04 First group Q&A (WebEx)

Date

04 Aug 2017, 12:30-1:30 EST

Attendees

- Harvard: Michelle Durocher, Amy Armitage, Mary Jane Cuneo, John Hostage, Karen Carlson Young
- Stanford: Greta De Groat, Joanna Dyla, Margaret Hughes, Nancy Lorimer, Kay Teel, Vitus Tang
- Cornell: Jason Kovari, Sarah Ross, Roswitha Clark
- Texas A&M
- UCLA
- Chicago
- Colorado-Boulder
- Institution/participants – are there others? – *please add yourself!*

Agenda

Harvard ISNI practitioners will answer questions and engage in discussion with PCC ISNI pilot participants. This is meant to supplement the [Participant questions and answers](#) page. Topics covered will include:

- Learning curve: ISNI web portal > WinIBW client: briefly discuss the Harvard model in which we implemented a Harvard Quality Team
- Logins: concurrent/individual
- Wiki navigation/are you finding what you need
- Some questions from the "Participant questions" page
- Future conversations: by topic?
- *fill in your questions!*

Notes from the meeting

Sept. 20, 2017: this description of the ISNI databases isn't entirely accurate! See "Databases" on the Getting started with ISNI and the ISNI web interface page for better information.

ISNI databases

A point about the ISNI databases (from What is an ISNI > Databases on the [Getting started with ISNI and the ISNI Web Interface](#) page): Within ISNI there are 3 primary views or databases:

1. **Public view**=(www.isni.org) no need for a user ID; includes only records with status "Assigned"
2. **Member view**=as a member, the entire database is available, but some data from some sources is considered "private" and cannot be seen. Members have maintenance capability via the [web interface](#)
3. **QT view**=access to a higher level of maintenance via [WinIBW client](#)

There is also a test database for both the member view and the QT view called **Accept**, which is used for training. What you do there does not affect real records.

PCC ISNI participants are currently using #2, the **member view/web interface**. To handle more complex tasks, such as merges, forcing provisional records to assigned status, and some editing tasks, #3, the **WinIBW client (QT view)**, can be used. For PCC ISNI pilot participants: keep this idea on the horizon!

- At Harvard, after getting our staff comfortable using the web interface, we formed a Harvard Quality Team. Our QT works in the WinIBW client (QT view) because more complex tasks can be performed in it than in the web version. The QT is comprised of our most advanced catalogers because some of the tasks can require a high level of expertise and analysis.
- The web version also has some quirks (getting booted out of a certain screen, or certain error messages), and working in the WinIBW client avoids these problems.
- Harvard's QT handles these complex tasks instead of ISNIQT. When PCC ISNI pilot participants are ready to take on this role for their institution, we should have a conversation with ISNIQT about how to scale these tasks.

Q&A

In progress: answers being added to the "Participant questions page"

What are you doing with your ISNIs?

Interesting topic! Harvard is using some of ours with LD4P and FacultyFinder. What are you doing?