

Dear colleagues,

The annual general meetings of the international ISMN and ISBN agencies took place over a month ago now. We very much hope that you all arrived back safely in your home countries after four intensive and informative days of conferences at São Paulo. We also hope that your busy professional schedules and commitments will not prevent you from pausing every now and then to reflect on the results of our meeting.



It was a great pleasure to see you again or to meet you for the first time in Brazil.

Before the minutes of the AGM are sent to all ISMN member agencies, we would like to remind you, who have been together at both AGMs in São Paulo of the moments we shared.

Let us begin with Wednesday, 17 September, when Wolfram Krajewski, Nick Pfefferkorn and Sylvia Schmidt spoke at the ISBN agencies' general meeting. Wolfram Krajewski spoke with Nick Woods about updates to the ISBN website, Nick Pfefferkorn reported on the latest developments in the work of the International ISMN Agency, and Sylvia Schmidt reported on the regional meeting of the ISMN and ISBN agencies in Zagreb.



During the panels and discussions at the conference the ISMN team was approached by interested agencies from Bolivia, Tanzania, Namibia and Brazil, countries that have an ISBN agency but do not yet an ISMN agency, to learn more about the work of the national ISMN agencies.

It was a great pleasure and honour for us to invite all these interested colleagues to our ISMN dinner and to our ISMN AGM.

Colleagues from 21 countries gathered at a large table in Restaurante Andrade for dinner on Wednesday night, for discussing and dancing with each other to the music of the Brazilian band Forró Trio, who performed for us throughout the dinner.

Here are impressions from Unibes Cultural - the meeting place of the ISBN AGM.



Followed by impressions from the ISMN dinner at Restaurante Andrade.





The 18th Annual General Meeting of the International ISMN Agency took place on Thursday, **18. September 2025**, at the premises of the **Câmara Brasileira do Livro (CBL)** with 23 participants and 11 authorised votes in the room.

It was followed by the **ISMN Panel Meeting**.



- Progress reports of the national ISMN agencies of Latvia, Japan and Colombia were presented.
- The ISMN website was introduced with new features in the external and internal areas and innovations in structure and functions.
- Finally an update of the ISMN Manager and a video presentation about the Regional Meeting 2025 in Zagreb was shown to all participants.



A big applause and thank you was given to the lovely colleagues of the Câmara Brasileira do Livro and the Brazilian ISBN agency who supported our ISMN AGM with so much energy and personal commitment!



Finally, a big thank goes to all participants who made this ISMN conference the extraordinary event that it was!