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Who are we?

Established in 1991, BIC is an independent not-for-profit membership organisation working at the heart of the book industry to promote supply chain efficiency, develop and support the uptake of standards and best practice, and bring people together to share, discuss, debate, and learn from one another.

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What do we do?

COMMIttees

BIC runs five strategic committees: Physical, and Digital supply chain; Libraries; Metadata; and Training, Events and Communications. With representation from across the BIC membership, these committees are the forward looking start points for all best practice and standards developed by BIC with the aim of addressing supply chain challenges, reducing risk, and minimising costs.

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUPS

BIC encourages its members to participate in the working groups that are called into action by these committees, ensuring that standards and guidelines are developed communicated in line with industry requirements.

INDuStry RECOGNISe d ACCReDItatION SCHeMES AND AWaRDS

- Product Data Excellence Awards Scheme: rewards publishers for their commitment to supply accurate and timely product data
- Supply Chain Excellence Awards Scheme: recognises organisations demonstrating efficient digital and physical supply chain practice
- E4Libraries Accreditation: the stamp of approval for libraries standardising and automating processes to improve efficiency
- BIC sponsors The Bookseller Supply Chain Innovation Award: rewarding innovative approaches to supply chain challenges

TRAINING

BIC firmly believes that successful businesses start with people. BIC’s varied and practical training programme covers XML, metadata for beginners, subject classification, introductory and advanced courses in ONIX, and a new suite of production courses developed and endorsed by industry experts.

Events

BIC’s events programme includes seminars, debates (#bicbattles), informal breakfasts (#bicbreakfasts), free Open Days, Information Workshops, networking and members-only events. Our annual New Trends and London Book Fair Supply Chain seminars draw experienced speakers and audiences from all areas of the supply chain.

Why become a member?

BIC membership offers your organisation an opportunity to influence and contribute to those standards and best practice guidelines that save your business time and money. BIC’s relationship with international standards bodies (EDItEUR, BISG, Booknet Canada, BSI) ensures that the UK’s voice is heard in the global standards arena, and its relationship with national bodies provides a 360° perspective and insight into the book industry. As an impartial space for knowledge, advice, and networking, BIC is the supply chain organisation promoting a lean, efficient and cooperative way of working.

BIC Members are entitled to generous discounts on all training courses and events run by BIC, and are invited to attend a number of events run exclusively for members. In its role as a communication hub, BIC encourages its members to network and exchange ideas. BIC’s published standards are available free online; however members are afforded access to archived presentations and documents.

Membership

Membership of BIC is open to all organisations in the book industry. Subscription rates are based upon type of organisation and annual turnover. Associate membership is available for public, academic and public libraries.

Past Projects & Initiatives

Past BIC successes include ONIX (support for), ISBNs, BIC subject codes, pioneering web services standards, maintenance of EDI transaction message standards, bar-coding and product information guidelines. BIC (with Nielsen) is also responsible for the beginnings of ‘Thema’ - the first ever global subject classification scheme for the book trade.

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