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Casalini Libri is involved in research and development covering an array of initiatives that take librarianship and bibliographical data into a new, exciting future. We actively participate in a number of international projects and associations.

BIBFRAME and linked data

Casalini Libri is particularly interested in Linked Data and the opportunities it provides for increasing the dissemination and discoverability of bibliographic data and research knowledge. Together with our sister company, technological developer, @Cult, and with the co-operation of a number of leading international libraries, we continue to enhance *Share*, our ongoing project which embraces and puts into practice the developments we have made towards the future of library catalogues, creating effective tools and environments that facilitate the cataloguing, exposition and discovery of bibliographic records in linked data.

Share tools and technology are used to convert MARC records to linked data and enrich bibliographic data via the individual processes of analysis, entity identification & reconciliation, conversion and publication to RDF for the production and distribution of BIBFRAME datasets. *Share* principles and expertise can be applied across the entire LAM sector and tailored to specific domains or disciplines, each with varying and distinct characteristics, systems, habits and cataloguing traditions.

Authority

Our expertise and longstanding experience in authority and identifier management, as contributors to the NACO and SACO programs of the Program for Co-operative Cataloguing, make us a highly qualified source for library communities.

An ISNI Registration Agency since 2017, we contribute data to the central ISNI database, provide ISNI related services across the information chain, and support data enrichment and procedures for the reconciliation of entities. ISNI is the globally recognised and adopted standard for the unique identification of the public identities across all fields of creative activity.

In our continuing efforts to provide excellence in the bibliographic field, we are applying our skills to new services that take into account the importance of attributing of URI and authority records. Our innovative solutions use manual and automatic procedures to facilitate authority control, allowing libraries to receive constantly updated information on their bibliographic and authority records from authoritative sources, both in MARC format and in the structure of BIBFRAME linked data.

Conferences

Following the return of the Fiesole Collection Development Retreat to its home in Fiesole (Florence) in 2019, we are looking forward to the next edition, scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece, on 6-8th October 2021. Entitled *Tradition Meets Innovation* and kindly hosted by the National Library of Greece, the meeting promises to explore the current state of learning and scholarship in the age of digital initiatives, with the background of our shared rich cultural heritage.

We also involved in the ongoing working forum on current issues in European librarianship, sponsored by the Collaborative Initiative for French Language Collections (CIFNAL) and the German-North American Resources Partnership (GNARP), both working projects of the Center for Research Libraries (Chicago, USA), which continues the conversations begun at the New Directions Symposium held

in Frankfurt in October 2017. We await with pleasure the opportunity to host the forum's in-person meeting in Fiesole at a future date and will participate in the series of virtual presentations/discussions that are taking place in the interim, all central to the overarching theme, *The New Shape of Sharing: Networks, Expertise, Information*.

Open Access

At the forefront of the digital publishing scene in Italy since 2000, we continue to study and act upon the increasing potential of digital resources. A site dedicated exclusively to hosting research content in open access, TorrossaOpen (<https://oa.torrossa.com>), part of the Torrossa digital library, is designed specifically to support the diffusion of academic publishing from some of Europe's principal research bodies and aims to provide an ever-growing catalogue of open access publications from an increasing number of sources from across Southern Europe.



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