Book Industry Communication Ltd

THE BOOK INDUSTRY’S SUPPLY CHAIN AND BEST PRACTICE ORGANISATION
ESTABLISHED 1991

Established in 1991, BIC is the book industry’s independent supply chain organisation, committed to improving the efficiency of the trade and library supply chains, reducing cost and automating processes. BIC is committed to creating an efficient supply chain for both physical and digital products across the entire book industry, working with all relevant stakeholders to eliminate wasteful and time-consuming practices and implement solutions acceptable to all. BIC’s unique position of trust with all parties in the supply chain makes it possible to reach agreement on dependable standards and ways of working. Training is also at the heart of BIC’s activities and BIC strongly believes that successful businesses start with people.

Sponsored by The Booksellers Association, The British Library, The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals and The Publishers Association, BIC is governed by both an Executive and Operational Board, comprised of members from across the entire book industry.
Events

BIC’s events programme includes seminars, informal breakfasts (#BICbreakfasts), workshops, plugfests, networking and members-only events. Our annual Building a Better Business Seminar at London Book Fair attracts industry experts (both speakers and audience) from all areas of the book 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 them. 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 annual turnover. Associate membership is available for both public and academic 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.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available to both BIC members and non-members. If you’re interested in sponsoring any of BIC’s events, or have a sponsorship / event idea you’d like to develop in partnership with us, please contact: info@bic.org.uk or visit the BIC website at www.bic.org.uk.