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ISO Country List Enhancement

User role impact: ALL

The ISO 3166-1 lists of country names and codes available for use in EM and PM have been updated to include the version approved by the International Organization for Standardization in April 2023.

Going forward, ISO 3166-1 standard newsletters will be listed in PolicyManager with the date they were approved by ISO instead of by version number.

TO CONFIGURE:

Go to PolicyManager > General Policies > Set ISO Country Standard.

The new newsletter option is available in the Choose ISO Standard drop-down list:

- ISO 3166-1 Newsletter 04-04-2023

Selecting this newsletter and clicking the Submit button will update the country list throughout Editorial Manager and Production Manager.

Note: Any previously customized country names will be retained.

The new ISO-3166-1 Newsletter 04-04-2023 appears at the top of the list in the drop-down menu and at the top of the lists available to view and download.
Initiate Discussion Enhancement

User role impact: EDITOR

The Discussion Forum feature provides a means for Editors to solicit informal opinions or feedback regarding a submission from other Editors. An Editor can initiate a discussion and invite other Editors to participate.

For Editor roles with the related RoleManager permission, an Initiate Discussion link appears in several Editor folders and on the Details page (if configured to display). Once a discussion has been initiated for a submission, the Initiate Discussion link is replaced by a Discussions link, which enables the Editor to access the active discussions.

This enhancement adds the Initiate Discussion link to the View All Assigned Submissions folder for Editors with the related permission.

Editor discussions can be configured for automatic initiation. When one of these discussions is activated, Editors will see the Discussions link in the View All Assigned Submissions folder instead of the Initiate Discussion link. This enhancement also applies to Reviewer Consultations (discussion option for Editors and Reviewers), which are also initiated automatically.

TO CONFIGURE:

Editor roles with the existing RoleManager permission, Initiate and Manage Discussions, will see the link.
Author Lists Changes Alert for Direct-to-Editor Folder

User role impact: EDITOR

When submitting a revised manuscript, a Corresponding Author may make changes to the list of authors associated with the submission. If the author list is changed from one revision to the next, the system alerts Editors to the changes.

The yellow alert icon (⚠️) appears on the submission’s Details page and on the Technical Check page (if technical check configured for revised submissions) next to the Author Status link. The icon also appears next to the Details action link in multiple Editor folders:

- Revised Submissions (for publications using Technical Check)
- Revised Submissions Requiring Assignment
- New Assignments
- Submissions with Required Reviews Complete
- Submissions Requiring Additional Reviewers
- Submissions with One or More Late Reviews
- Reviewers Invited - No Response
- Submissions Under Review

To make the alert more visible in the direct-to-editor workflow, this enhancement adds the alert icon to the Direct-to-Editor Revised Submissions folder.

When the alert icon is displayed for a submission in any of the folders named above, it will also be displayed next to the Details link on the Search Submissions – Search Results page.

TO CONFIGURE:

No configuration is required.
EM Ingest Enhancement for APC-related Data

Publications can use the EM Ingest Service to allow submission partners (e.g., independent manuscript service providers or publisher-branded portals) to send submissions to a publication’s EM site on behalf of authors. These services will be referred to as MSPs in this note.

This enhancement expands the Ingest XML payload to include new fields related to APCs when this information is collected from Authors by the MSP. The following new APC-related fields have been introduced, along with field validations to be met for successful import into EM:

- Article Type: A valid Article Type for which an APC has been configured must be provided.
- Payment System: A valid APC payment system must be correctly configured for the publication.
- Status: A valid APC status must be specified.
- APC Manuscript ID (External Manuscript ID): The APC payment system's external manuscript identifier must be present in the Ingest XML file.
- Quote URL: An APC quote URL in the correct format must be specified.
- Quote View Date: The date on which the quote was viewed must be specified in the correct format.

The new fields are added within the <custom-meta> element in the Ingest XML file.

TO CONFIGURE:
Both EM Ingest Service and APC processing must be enabled by your Aries Account Coordinator.

No additional configuration to gather this data is required.