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### Standards Corner: COUNTER R5 is Here, and NISO News

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Serialists of all stripes may want to take a little extra time soon or move up the calendar a bit for gathering usage reports from many vendors. As noted by the Standards Committee's COUNTER Representative, Melissa Belvadi, in a recent NASIG listserv email, although some vendors and publishers will have an overlap phase for COUNTER R4 and R5, others will have already stopped providing COUNTER R4 reports by April 2019, rather than previously anticipated May 2019 ending. The clock will also be ticking on legacy information for older months. The email highlighted a variety of scenarios happening with different vendors, so members will want to pay particular attention to vendors' COUNTER-related messages.

Belvadi also shared a link to her COUNTER 5/SUSHI 5 vendor supporting information list (for over 20 vendors as of mid-April) and encourages continuing additions to the document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JhSbFOBcJC67H9yb47gh4h8u3o3uGX4NF492yDPM9Q/edit?usp=sharing>

In other Standards news, NISO has merged with NFAIS (National Federation of Advanced Information Services) earlier in the year. The NASIG Standards Committee continues its voting member status with the new organization, and recently had a committee first in contributing the names of two NASIG members to the nominee pool for a new NISO working group.