



## Minutes of Open Meeting

1400-1800 Tuesday 20 April, London Book Fair

### Present

Mark Bide (Chair)

Graham Bell, HarperCollins

Francis Cave, EDItEUR

Frans Cladder, Boektrust, NL

Laurent Dervieu, Electre

Tim Devenport, EDItEUR

Tomohiro Fuchino, Maruzen

Tim Gorter, Boektrust, NL

Brian Green, EDItEUR

Stella Griffiths, EDItEUR

Sarah Hilderley, EDItEUR

David Martin, EDItEUR

Dean Pereira, Klopotek

Huub van de Pol, IContact, NL

Ron Simpkin, Klopotek

Anita Wilson, Klopotek

Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Book Depository

### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 October 2009 at the Frankfurt Book Fair were **noted and approved**. There were no matters arising that would not be covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

Mark Bide introduced Sarah Hilderley who had joined EDItEUR recently as the Project Lead on a WIPO funded accessibility project and also Graham Bell who would join as Chief Data Architect from 1 June.

### 2. Reports on EDItEUR development activities

#### 2.1. ONIX International Report

##### 2.1.1 ONIX for Books

David Martin reported that progress on implementation of ONIX for Books 3.0 continued in a number of countries although 2.1 was still the dominant live format. Code list issue 11 had been published and there were no demands for a new issue (12) yet.

He further explained about issues surrounding the description of digital releases in ONIX records and reported on an informal discussion that had taken place between those members of the ONIX for Books International Steering Committee who had been able to be present at the Book Fair. EDItEUR proposals for differentiating between e-book products and digital releases had been circulated to national groups for comment ahead of the planned Committee meeting. EDItEUR's concern was that the practice of using ONIX Product records to describe both individually formatted and traded products, and generic, non-traded e-book release files implied a fundamental category error as well as creating practical problems in some parts of the supply chain. Feedback from BISAC and BIC to the paper had been that there was as yet little or no support for the ISBN International Agency's suggestion of a distinctive identifier for digital releases, and neither group had seen any immediate benefit in extensions to the ONIX format. However, no further action would be taken by EDItEUR on developing such extensions until a full meeting of the Steering Committee had been able to discuss them.

A mapping from ONIX to MARC (ONIX 2.1, code list 10 to MARC21) had been completed by OCLC and a link to this and a further explanatory document had been placed on the EDItEUR website.

### **2.1.2 ONIX for Serials & ICEDIS**

Tim Devenport informed the meeting that all new initiatives in ICEDIS now followed the precepts that had been developed for ONIX for Serials rather than being based on older EDIFACT or fixed field-length versions. The ICEDIS Price Message was based on ONIX for Serials SPS (Serials Products and Subscriptions) and had been finalised last year. It was hoped that there would be firm implementations of it this year, in time for the Summer 2010 exchanges of 2011 subscription prices.

ONIX for Serials SRN (Serials Release Notification) had recently been implemented by Elsevier and conveyed despatch date schedules for printed journals. ONIX for Serials SOH (Serials Online Holdings) had already reached version 1.1 and was available for piloting. A virtual project team was working on new initiatives such as XML messaging formats for claims and claims responses.

A recent survey had been undertaken to find out which standards had been implemented and were supported by the serials participants. The results would be made publicly available both by EDItEUR and through the ASA and it was hoped it would enable potential trading partners to interchange data with confidence.

There had been an ICEDIS meeting at the UKSG in April and amongst the new areas of work discussed were incorporating structured addresses incorporating structured addresses and the emerging work on Institutional Identifiers. It was also intended that the current claims project would be extended to tackle online journals. The committee was very aware of the need to find more ways to support small and medium sized players in the space.

Over the longer term, there were hopes to involve ICEDIS more in the ONIX for Serials development work. There have already been some initial discussions along these lines with both ICEDIS and NISO and these may lead to governance changes over the next 6-12 months.

### **2.1.3 ONIX for Licensing Terms**

With regard to ONIX-PL (Publications Licenses) in the past there had been relatively little traction towards implementation although the principles behind it had always been well-supported in theory. However, Mark Bide reported that more recently JISC Collections had announced a project to convert licenses for their 80 most used resources into ONIX-PL. Mark Bide also reported that he had given two seminars at UKSG this year on ONIX-PL (as last year) but that this time the attendance had significantly increased. In addition, there was now strong support in the US and Netherlands (the latter through SURF) for ONIX-PL and it was thought that this might lead to more rapid development.

The first live implementations of ONIX for IFRRO took place between PLS and CLA in 2009. CAL was in the process of implementing ONIX-DS (ONIX for Distributions) and had requested some minor extensions which would shortly be published as Version 1.1 of the format. Access Copyright in Canada and CCC in the US were also working on implementations. IFRRO had reported that a total of 11 member agencies had made a commitment to introduce the ONIX formats.

## **2.2. E-commerce message development and maintenance**

### **2.2.1 EDItEUR EDIFACT message implementation and maintenance**

Although there was no current development work from EDItEUR on EDIFACT, the EDItEUR website had been updated to take account of changes that BIC had made on EDIFACT.

### **2.2.2 Edit (XML / EDI) progress**

Francis Cave reported that there had been a number of revisions to the formats. In particular there had recently been interest from North America in Sales Report formats as there was an urgent need

to report digital book sales, especially as a result of the new agency trading arrangements and in order to report on sales tax. Francis is co-chairing a working group to define requirements with Angela Bole from BISG. There is uncertainty as to the eventual format that may be used in North America although X12 rather than EDItX may be more likely. In any event, Francis proposed to ensure that EDItX XML would be compatible with the North American requirements once these were known. It was also **noted** that Google are planning to adopt ONIX and EDItX to support their books programme.

### **2.2.3 Web Services**

Francis reported that this is a very active development area in the UK led by BIC. He is to embark on a new series of services to support CDF transactions and these will be based on EDItX. This is likely to be extended to cover international requirements in due course.

### **2.3 ARROW**

Tim Devenport explained that this is an EC initiative that is associated with a wider programme towards Europeana. The project would assist libraries who wish to digitise their own collections to have a more streamlined rights discovery process and also it would contribute to the creation of a registry of orphan works in cases where rights holders can't be readily identified.

To support the project, EDItEUR had created a series of 14 XML messages thus far, all derived from or based upon existing ONIX concepts for Books, Publications Licenses, ISTC Registration, etc. Perhaps 4 or 5 more messages would be needed but the alpha phase of the project had now concluded and the beta would shortly commence.

Mark Bide reported that BISG had recognised that the establishment of the BRR would necessitate the creation of message formats to support that work. BISG had now initiated a committee to look at rights and permissions communication and it was thought that existing ONIX-Licensing Terms work would be applicable to this area.

### **2.4. Message validation: expressing business rules in extended schemas**

Francis Cave reported that an alpha version of a schema written in Schematron (which enables ONIX messages to be checked for compliance with business rules that cannot be expressed in the existing schemas) for ONIX 3.0 was now available for testing. He asked any members who were willing to act as test volunteers to contact him for more information.

### **2.5. Radio Frequency Identification**

#### **2.5.1 ISO Working Group on standards for library RFID systems**

Brian Green informed the meeting that the ISO standard was now stable and just awaiting the final ballot before publication.

#### **2.5.2 Working group with GS1 on RFID standards for trade use**

Brian Green explained that changes needed to be made by GS1 EPC as currently there was an assumption that the publisher would always assign the tag and this would not necessarily be the case in the booktrade and undoubtedly other industries. To avoid duplication of book tags a solution was required so that the identity of who is providing the tag could be recorded.

## **3. Reports on ISO identifier developments**

### **3.1 ISBN**

The assignment of ISBN to different formats of e-books remained the key topic of interest. The ISBN stance remained clear in that each separately traded format needed to have its own ISBN. In very general terms it could be characterised that Europe mostly agreed with this but the US did not. The

International ISBN Agency had produced a position paper on the subject and this was available from their website ([www.isbn-international.org](http://www.isbn-international.org)). There was also a proposal that it might be necessary to develop a digital release identifier (an identifier that could be assigned to a “release”, for example, an e-pub file that was not a product that was available to the consumer in that basic form without DRM).

### **3.2 ISTC (International Standard Text Code)**

3 Registration agencies had now been appointed and a fourth nomination was expected soon.

### **3.3 DOI (Digital Object Identifier)**

The final round of balloting would take place later this year. Laurent Dervieu requested more information about this.

### **3.4 ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier)**

The ISNI had been approved to go forward as an ISO standard. The editorial process would follow as would the appointment of an appropriate registration authority.

## **4. Reports from members and proposals for new work to be undertaken by EDItEUR**

No new proposals for work were advanced at the meeting by the members present, but Francis informed the meeting that he had recently been commissioned by BIC to write a report on the gaps in digital content standards. He had identified two significant gaps in the EPUB standard. Firstly, the absence of rich publication metadata from the EPUB file. EPUB currently uses Dublin Core rather than ONIX and it was proposed to suggest to the EPUB 2.1 Working Group that a standard mechanism be defined for embedding ONIX within an EPUB file. Secondly, although there were some basic fields in EPUB to hold rights information, these expressions were not currently actionable and there was no clear guidance as to what data should be included. Francis’s report was available from the BIC website and it was proposed that it should also be released to Mike Smith at IDPF.

## **5. EDItEUR – organizational issues**

Mark Bide stated that the new Board was now in place and that this consisted of Charter Members. A new Chairman (Eefke Smit, International STM Association) and Treasurer (Neil Wilson, The British Library) had been elected. A Deputy Chairman would be elected in due course. New Articles of Association had also been developed and Mark would commence work on the associated by-laws in due course. EDItEUR had also moved offices – to a larger space in the building immediately next to where it was previously based. Address, telephone and email remained unchanged.

It was suggested that a directory of ONIX for Books users should be compiled, also including information about which version of ONIX they were using. It was thought that this might be best organised through the national groups.

## **6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **7. Date and location of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place at Frankfurt Book Fair on Wednesday 6 October 2010 between 3.30 and 5.00 pm