



Newsletter October 2010

ONIX for Books

Important modifications to ONIX for Books 3 were accepted by the ONIX for Books International Steering Committee, at a meeting held during the Frankfurt Book Fair. Final preparations are underway to publish this modified specification on the EDiTEUR website -publication will be announced shortly via the ONIX implementation mailing list (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ONIX_IMPLEMENT/join).

Importantly, the revised specification is for ONIX 3.0, **and does not create a new version 3.1**. This means that a small amount of work will be required to bring existing ONIX 3.0 implementations into line with the revised specification, but National Groups agreed that the small number of current implementations made this acceptable. This extra work enables data creators to convey a much improved statement of sales rights to data recipients, and reduces the scope for misinterpretation of sales rights, via a new <ROWSalesRightsType> data element.

ONIX 3 specification work on sales rights has been completed in parallel with an update to the *How to Specify Markets and Suppliers* guidance paper first published in March 2010. An updated version dedicated to ONIX 3 - which contains normative guidance on the supply and interpretation of territorial rights information - is set for publication alongside the revised ONIX 3.0 specification.

This revised specification also implements some additions to ONIX 3.0 to meet requirements for coded or tiered pricing, and introduces extra flexibility in the specification of related products, though these will not require changes to existing implementations. Finally, Issue 12 of the ONIX Code Lists is being released at the same time. Any implementer working with ONIX 3 must ensure that they **download the new specification, guidance paper on markets and suppliers, and the new code lists** to ensure their implementation remains compliant with the standard.

For a limited time, if you have ONIX 3 test files, EDiTEUR will be happy to check these over and will offer comments on their content and structure (please send test files to graham@editeur.org, and limit them to no more than a dozen or so product records).

Many of the new codelist entries in Issue 12 are also usable with established ONIX 2.0 and 2.1 implementations.

Work is also progressing on ensuring that ONIX is suitable for truly global use -- in concert with new EDiTEUR member Japan Publishing Organization for Information Infrastructure Development (<http://www.jpo.or.jp/>). At present, this work is based around a revision of ONIX 2.1 intended for use within Japan, but experience with this will be rolled into ONIX 3 as required. Anybody working with ONIX in a non-European language is invited to get in touch and get involved in this effort.

ONIX for Licensing Terms

ONIX for IFRRO Handbook

To promote the take-up of the ONIX for Repertoire and ONIX for Distributions message formats by members of IFRRO (the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations), the Federation recently commissioned the preparation of an implementation handbook under the title "How to map ONIX for RROs to your system". The work was undertaken by the US Copyright Clearance Center, itself an IFRRO member which is working on its own implementation of the formats, and drew on the experience of other early implementers.

The handbook was published on the EDItEUR website on 20 October 2010, where it can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF document <http://www.editeur.org/23/ONIX-for-RROs/>

EDItX

Revision of the EDItX Sales Report format for use in North America

EDItEUR continues to work with the Book Industry Study Group (BISG) on a revision of the EDItX Sales Report for use in North America. A series of drafts of Version 1.1 have been circulated for review by EDItX implementers, the latest (draft 4) having been issued during early October. It is intended that Version 1.1 will be fully backwards-compatible with Version 1.0, as well as meeting fully the requirements identified by BISG for both sales and tax reporting. Publication of Version 1.1 has been postponed to allow for evaluation of the results of pilot implementations of the revised format, involving publishers and supply chain partners in both the USA and the UK. It is now expected that publication will be in late November or December.

ARROW

The ARROW project, creating infrastructure to support rights information discovery for European libraries intending to digitize print holdings, has moved through a successful beta pilot phase. This has resulted in requests for some amendments and enhancements to the family of messages created by EDItEUR to support ARROW communications. EDItEUR has continued to work with the project team and has delivered working draft version 0.26 including XML schemas, code lists and comprehensive documentation.

As ARROW's requirements for the Registry of Orphan Works are fully articulated, it is expected that new messages will be added to the original set of fourteen. A Version 1.0 release of the whole message set is planned for early 2011.

For more information on ARROW, please go to <http://www.arrow-net.eu/>

ICEDIS (the International Committee on EDI for Serials)

Governance of standards in the library supply chain

For a number of years, ICEDIS has played an increasingly important role in formulating and supporting EDItEUR's serials standards. ICEDIS has articulated changing business needs and has

provided active input via a number of project working groups (for examples, see below). At its recent meeting in Frankfurt, the ICEDIS Committee made a significant further step by agreeing to assume responsibility for governance of all the EDItEUR and ICEDIS serials standards related to the library supply chain. Importantly, this mandate will include ONIX for Serials, ICEDIS XML and fixed-format standards as well as “EDItX for Serials” transactional messages, as and when the latter are deployed.

In light of this extended remit, we will be looking over the coming months to expand and strengthen the membership of ICEDIS, and indeed of EDItEUR, particularly in functional and geographical areas that could be more strongly represented than at present. Additionally, we hope during 2011 to introduce a working meeting of ICEDIS annually in North America, alongside the established meetings at UKSG in the Spring and the Frankfurt Book Fair in the Autumn of each year.

ICEDIS Publisher’s Price List

A large-scale pilot of the new ICEDIS Publisher’s Price List format took place over the summer of 2010. The Price List, derived from the ONIX for Serials SPS format but significantly modified to meet the needs of ICEDIS members, allows communication of simple and complex price catalog information – in the first instance between publishers and subscription agents.

Three publishers (Wiley, Elsevier and Taylor & Francis) have already implemented the standard and others, including Oxford Journals, are set to do so over the coming months. The agents Harrassowitz and LM Information Delivery piloted receipt of the message; Swets plans to do so in the near future and EBSCO is also ready to receive files for evaluation. Next steps planned include incorporation of minor revisions arising from the pilot, followed by a concerted push for a wider rollout early in 2011.

Claims & claims responses

An ICEDIS working group on Claims handling completed its analysis and recommendations earlier this year. Deliberately focusing first on claims for print resources, group members worked with EDItEUR consultants to formulate new and improved message structures for Claims and Claims Responses, together with the necessary code lists to capture claim reasons and response actions.

The claims messages represent the first of the current generation of ICEDIS messages that are “transactional”, rather than “informational” in character. With this in mind, EDItEUR is casting the new messages in ways as EDItX messages, rather than using the ONIX structures used for example in the Publisher’s Price List. Pilot drafts of the messages (including XML schemas, code lists and documentation) will be available for pilot implementation during the course of November.

Addresses and identifiers

The exchange of high quality customer addresses and means of identifying precisely which customer is involved in a transaction have long been matters of concern in the serials supply chain. Although the problems have been recognized for a long time, the existing ICEDIS

standards do not offer support in this area since they make no provision for standard identifiers and only allow use of free-text address strings. And the corollary of managing all this free text is, unfortunately, a high degree of manual intervention.

ICEDIS has asked a working group to consider introducing more highly structured addresses and a more systematic use of emerging institutional address standards – such as GLN, the Ringgold identifier and the Institutional Identifier (I²) being developed by NISO. After identifying a series of business benefits attainable in this area, the group is now investigating a standardized address structure that could be introduced to assist communications. And on standard identifiers, ONIX for Serials and each of the newer standards that emerge will be constructed so that they can routinely carry whichever identifier is most appropriate.

ONIX for Serials

Enhancements for e-books and other resources

The market for online resources has evolved significantly since EDItEUR first introduced the ONIX for Serials family of standards. Increasingly, there are overlaps and convergences between “conventional journals” and other online offerings including e-book collections, databases and other subscription resources. EDItEUR wishes to modify and enhance ONIX for Serials so that the formats can support communications about these newer product types, alongside comprehensive coverage of online and print journals.

As you may have seen from a separate recent communication, EDItEUR is looking to establish a small review group to examine and verify the changes proposed before wider publication, to ensure that they address real needs in the supply chain. If you would like to contribute to this process, please contact us via info@editeur.org

SOH format and preservation/archiving

At the request of EDINA, co-leaders of the UKSG-supported PEPRS project, EDItEUR is investigating the possible application of the Serials Online Holdings format (SOH) to communications about resources that have archived for preservation. Much of the data infrastructure required is already present in SOH, so that it appears feasible to make some enhancements specific to preservation via an updated release. We hope to convene a small group later this year to review and advise upon the enhancements necessary, and representatives of EDINA and the British Library are already informally assisting in this exercise.

For more information on PEPRS – Piloting an E-Journal Preservation Registry Service – please see <http://edina.ac.uk/projects/peprs/>

SRN format for dispatch dates and schedules

The Serials Release Notification (SRN) format of ONIX for Serials has recently been implemented by Elsevier. SRN is now being used to provide a regular weekly feed containing despatch dates for the extensive range of print journals published by the company. This is intended in the first instance to improve information flow in the serials supply chain and thus to pre-empt a proportion of journals claims made prematurely. Elsevier has started by making the feed available to some of its subscription agent partners; if other organizations (not necessarily

agents) would like to receive this information, please contact Director of Business Technology Services Keith Whiter, k.whiter@elsevier.com

Accessibility projects

Enabling Technologies Framework Project

The first meeting of the Enabling Technologies Discussion Forum took place at the Frankfurt Book Fair on the 6th of October and we were delighted to see so many people from different agencies and countries attend. Initial results from the international survey were presented with the welcome conclusion that `we are closer than we think`. Whilst technology remains an issue in some instances, the survey has revealed that many publishers have all of the right ingredients to allow them to produce accessible files but are often not entirely sure of what is required. Communication is hugely important at all levels of the industry. It was noted that whilst production and IT departments may indeed be poised and ready for action it is important that Heads of Houses and senior management are equally well informed.

The focus of the project is to develop best practice guidelines for publishers to follow in their production process and where appropriate to integrate existing standards (including ONIX for Books, ePub and DAISY) into mainstream publishing in ways that enhance these best practices. Much has been learnt from the survey with regards work flows in-house and current working practices. If you would like information on any aspect of the project please contact Sarah Hilderley (<mailto:sarah@editeur.org>). Details of your own best practice could be vital to the outcome of this project and we are interested in learning of everyone's endeavours.

New members

We welcome De Gruyter who joined as Full Members of EDiEUR in September and wanted to let you know a little bit more about them. An introduction to De Gruyter's areas of expertise is below:

About De Gruyter

The independent academic publishing house De Gruyter can look back on a history spanning over 260 years. The publishing group with headquarters in Berlin and New York annually publishes over 800 new titles in the humanities, medicine, science and law and more than 170 journals and digital media. <http://www.degruyter.com/>

We also welcome Japan Publishing Organization for Information Infrastructure Development who joined as new members just before the Frankfurt Book Fair.

International Supply Chain Seminar

The International Supply Chain Seminar took place on Tuesday 5 October 2010. The presentations from the event (where we have been given permission to make them available) have now been uploaded directly to our website. <http://www.editeur.org/3/Events/Event-Details/68>

Forthcoming events

2010 Annual Charleston Conference

03 November - 06 November 2010

Conference will be held in three hotels in downtown historic Charleston.

For further information: <http://www.katina.info/conference/registration.php>

Digital Publishing Forum: Lending and Rental

10 November 2010

UCL

For further information: www.publishers.org.uk

APD Conference 2010: Inspired to learn?

18 November 2010

ICO Conference Centre, 22 Berners Street, London W1T

For further information: www.publishers.org.uk/InspiredtoLearn

Online Information 2010

30 November to 2 December 2010

Grand Hall Olympia, London

For further information: www.online-information.co.uk/index.html

Digital Publishing Forum: Building Digital Skills

8 December 2010

UCL

For further information: www.ucl.ac.uk/infostudies/digital-publishing-forum/

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