EDItX International Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday 16th October 2019, 9:15-10:00
Room Consens, Hall 4.C, Frankfurt Book Fair

Attendees:
Luc Audrain (Hachette Livre) Chair
Graham Bell (EDItEUR, chair)
Maria Börman - Bokinfo
Francis Cave (Consultant - EDItEUR)
Maya Fakundiny (BISG)
Fride Fosseng - Bokbasen
Bente Franck-Saetervoll - Bokbasen
Noah Genner (BookNetCanada)
Erik Oosterwijk, (Elsevier)
Christer Perslöv (Bokinfo)

Tom Richardson (BookNetCanada)
Chris Saynor (EDItEUR)
Anjo Schwarz (MVB)
Bibi Setayesh (MVB)
Karina Urquhart (BIC)
Ketil Stadskleiv (Bokbasen)

Apologies

Main Points:

• Next meeting at Frankfurt to start at 9.30am to allow for time to get through security and to room

1. Welcome and introductions [Chair]
LA opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees. The members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of last meeting held Wednesday 13th March 2019, and matters arising [Chair]
LA introduced the minutes of the meeting held at the 2019 London Book Fair. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

3. Report on current EDItX activities [CS]
CS introduced his report, indicating that since the meeting of the ISC in London in March, EDItEUR has continued to work on the Trade Order XSDs. The latest draft covers Trade order, CDF trade order and their responses in a single XSD. The intention is to have all six of the trade order messages in a single XSD for convenience. There is also the intention of adding a handful of optional elements to the messages to ensure compatibility with the core of BIC Realtime, so the two don’t diverge. The XSD was sent to Ketil Stadskleiv of Bokbasen to test. GB reminded the group that the Trade order messages include the equivalent of their Consumer Direct Fulfilment messages.
LA asked if the update schema was just XSD version 1.0 or if there was a strict version to enforce business rules. GB replied that as of yet, no but a strict version can be created in the future. LA asked if it was too soon. GB said, it was probably best to get this out sooner before there was lots of implementation but as XSD 1.1 which would be needed for the ‘strict’ version is not compatible with all parsers, it would be necessary to maintain two versions.

Since the updated Inventory Report, Sales Report and Sales Tax report were published, we have encouraged trialling by e-book and e-audio vendors.
In the UK, HarperCollins and WF Howes in the UK have completed a trial exchange of data using the Inventory Report for all digital products. The test is based on the full digital catalogue (eBook and audio) being sent to WF Howes via ONIX 3.0, and Howes returning an automated EDItX inventory report of status of those digital products. A copy of some of the results was shared with the group.

CP requested that next meeting starts at 9.30 am to allow for time to get through security and to the room.

CS went on to say that the plan for EDItX is to finish and document the XSD for Trade Orders, so that it covers the 6 different order messages in a single XSD (Order and Order Response, Order Status Enquiry and Order Status Report, Order Cancellation and Response). The goal is also to get HTML documentation completed for these 6 messages before the end of the year.
Once the XSD is updated for all the Order messages, then we will work on the updated XSD for Stock Enquiry and Response and the equivalent documentation.
4. **Updates on adoptions from user groups**

LA then moved on to ask if there were any updates from other user groups.

**Sweden** – CP said that they have been using the orders messages for many years and they are well established in the Swedish market. They are now looking at Price identifiers, multiple prices etc and so they are looking at implementing this. GB said this was now possible with the new order message and said he would send the XSD to CP. Also, they may look at the Inventory Report for digital products in the future.

**Elsevier** – EO said they are not yet using EDItX but are interested in the Inventory report.

**Germany** – BS said they are not using EDItX yet at MVB but are using a proprietary format. AS said that the Pubeasy platform uses a proprietary format as it is for physical products and asked if EDItX as only for digital. CS said that the update process was to make all EDItX messages fully compatible with the relevant information that can be sent in an ONIX 3.0 message and also to work for all products (physical and digital) as is the case for ONIX 3.0.

**USA** – MF said that they would like to take more advantage of EDItX. GB reminded people that there is a flat file version of the earlier EDItX messages that is used a lot.

**UK** – KU there has been a lot of work done on BIC Realtime and BIC Realtime for Libraries, a set of API’s which include quite a few that are based on EDItX. BIC Realtime is aimed at the trade side of the supply chain. BIC Realtime for Libraries launched in September 2019. There are 15 vendors who have committed to using the BIC Realtime for Libraries. For BIC Realtime, Bertram’s has implemented this, extensively including with WH Smith. FC said Realtime was developed several years ago and the formats are strongly based on EDItX, such as Ordering. There are others that are outside the scope of EDItX. Realtime is still at version 1 and now these will be reviewed next year, in light of new requirements and updates to the equivalent EDItX messages. BIC Realtime for Libraries was the first set to be updated and this update was based on EDItX for Libraries. The order format is being used to develop a price quotation message for libraries to give indications of pricing. There are other BIC Realtime for Libraries messages that are not EDItX based, such as retrieving lists of Orders or of Price quotations. The goal is to make sure that those messages that are common to both will remain in sync. BIC and EDItEUR are working closely together on this. LA asked if the Library Order request was suitable for digital as well as physical and FC said it was as it includes all the elements that are in ONIX 3.0.

**Norway** – BFS said that Bokbasen and the publishers have implemented the updated sales report with the new ONIX price structure, and it is on use on the new educational platform (Allvit) to report sales to students, including things like rentals. They are working on moving the reporting of library licence sales to the updated sales report format once publishers are ready for this. They intend to implement the new order format in 2020. They would like to standardise the Sales reporting to UK publishers using the updated Sales Report and want to start discussions with publishers. They also are happy with the updated documentation. GB said he would introduce KS and Bokbasen to those doing testing in the UK. GB asked FF if they had noticed anything missing when looking at ONIX and EDItX and FF said they had done a mapping which she would share with GB but that there was nothing that stood out as missing at the moment.

**Canada** – NG said they are using X12, the older Tradicoms format but they are very interested in the Inventory Report but they need to find people on the retail side who would like to test this. There is also some use of the same format as in use in the USA but they again would like to test the Sales report if they had publishers/retailers who would be interested in trailing this.

**France** – LA said that they had implemented the sales report with the major distributors in France and they are planning to move to the updated version.

5. **Selection of new chair**

LA said he had been happy to have been chair for the period of the updates of EDItX to use the same complex pricing and digital information that could be communicated already in ONIX 3.0. LA then said he would stand down. GB says there is one nomination, Karina Urquhart of BIC and GB asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations and KU was selected as chair by general acclamation.

The group thanked LA for having been the chair for the past three years.

6. **Any other business [Chair]**

There was no other business.

7. **Next meeting [Chair]**

LA said the next meeting would be on the second day of the London Book Fair (Wed 11a March 2020).