

ICEDIS Conference Call

Virtual meeting, Wednesday 1st April 2020

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Participants:

Graham Bell (EDItEUR), Ian Best (EBSCO), Greta Boonen (Wiley), Anne Campbell (EBSCO), Todd Carpenter (NISO), Nathalie Cornic (ISSN International Centre), Tony Davies (Sage), Tim Devenport (EDItEUR & ISNI-IA), Dan Heffernan (Advantage CS), Laurie Kaplan (ProQuest), Frank McDermott (Wiley), Phil Nicolson (Ringgold), Henning Schoenenberger (Springer Nature, Chair), Anthony Watkinson (), Keith Whiter (Elsevier).

1. Welcome and introductions

ICEDIS co-chair Henning Schoenenberger opened the meeting. He welcomed participants and expressed the hope that in the current difficult circumstances facing all of our communities ICEDIS might at least provide us with a useful forum to keep in touch and up-to-date with developments in our industry. Tim Devenport echoed these sentiments saying he was very encouraged by the good 'virtual' turnout on this occasion and welcoming the renewed contacts with many old friends.

2. Responses to COVID-19 from the serials publishing community

Henning has been closely involved over recent weeks in initiatives by STM to keep information and research publications about COVID-19 freely and rapidly available. The publishing community is central to maintaining this flow and regards this as a key contribution to the swift resolution of at least some of the problems currently facing countries across the world. Henning explained the STM initiative in more detail, as well as signposting URLs for further information.

Details of the STM initiative itself are available here: <https://bit.ly/3cjatjL>

A list of links to individual publisher resources, maintained by STM, may be found at <https://bit.ly/3a0iBUE>

3. Status of ONIX-PC and other serials standards maintained by EDItEUR (Tim Devenport)

Most of EDItEUR's efforts in recent years related to serials have focussed on the descriptive metadata standard ONIX-PC and related formats. However, since the last round of modifications to support open access models were incorporated, there have been no pilot implementations or further uptake of the standard. The most recent activity in 2019 saw the ONIX Serials Codelists updated, but no structural changes were made to the standard.

After brief discussion it was proposed and agreed that ONIX-PC will henceforth be considered as being in maintenance mode, unless or until further requests or support are raised by the EDItEUR membership. The standard and its documentation will continue to be publicly available as a resource, but no other actions will be undertaken.

For completeness' sake, and as a bridge to the next agenda point, Tim recapped to participants the other serials standards administered by EDItEUR, including the old ICEDIS fixed-format standards, several EDIFACT formats for invoicing and claims, and EDItX.

4. Invoicing formats relevant to serials and recent EU directives

EDItEUR received last year some enquiries from a member organization keen to know EDItEUR's position on the European EN 16931 invoicing standard that has emerged from an EU directive on e-invoicing. In particular, there had been discussion on whether EDItEUR felt in a position to provide advocacy in this area and whether it was possible to state that individual EDItEUR standards were 'EN 16931-compliant'. Tim spoke briefly about the origins of the EN standard and also some related initiatives or outcomes, including X-Rechnung (a Germany-specific implementation of EN 16931) and PEPPOL (a Core Invoice Usage Specification). He also mentioned the recent requirements (in Germany and perhaps elsewhere in the EU) for more detailed handling of tax elements for components of bundled products.

Several participants mentioned their own experiences in this and related areas. Henning offered to put Tim in touch with the relevant Springer Nature colleagues and Keith Whiter said the same for Elsevier. It also seemed that a number of participants are actively working with intermediaries or portal services that can 'translate' their own invoice layouts into formats that are compliant with the wider schemes. **Keith** and **Tim** offered to do some research outside of the meeting to inform a better understanding of this topic.

A copy of Tim's slides, covering both the serials standards maintained by EDItEUR and the discussion of invoicing formats, is available at <https://bit.ly/2VmVa2F>

5. ISSN-IC and its stewardship of the Keepers Registry

During 2019, ISSN-IC took over the administration of the Keepers Registry, which had previously been under the wing of EDINA and funded by Jisc. The Keepers Registry maintains extensive details of preserved e-journals, including information about which so-called "Keepers" (archival organizations) hold such preserved materials and crucially, pointers to resources not yet preserved. Nathalie Cornic briefed the meeting about the role and purpose of the Keepers Registry and developments since ISSN-IC has looked after its administration and direction.

A copy of Nathalie's presentation is available at <https://bit.ly/39YOe0U>

6. Current NISO initiatives & serials-related standards (Todd Carpenter, NISO)

Todd Carpenter provided an extensive survey of standards and other initiatives being undertaken by NISO and ISO. For NISO, this included:

- Seamless Access
- KBART phase 3
- Open Discovery
- Manuscript Exchange Current Approach
- Content Platform Migrations
- Badging for Reproducibility

- JATS4R
- Credit project, associating roles with persons.

From ISO, topics of interest included:

- The ISSN standard, currently up for revision
- Work on Identification Systems
- International Standard Content Code (built on BlockChain and a hash of a digital file), and how if at all this relates to ISTC, the International Standard Text Code.

A copy of Todd's overview, including useful URLs to each of the initiatives mentioned, is available at <https://bit.ly/2yegFUM>

7. EDItEUR activity update, including news of ONIX, Thema and EDItX

Graham Bell delivered a round-up of EDItEUR's activities outside of its work on serials. He focused particularly on significant recent progress with ONIX Books 3.0 and on the rapid adoption and development of the *Thema* subject classification standard.

A copy of Graham's presentation is available at <https://bit.ly/2ygi6bJ>

8. Other business and plans for future meetings

We decided to defer discussion of the future role of ICEDIS to a face-to-face meeting, which it was felt would provide a better forum for discussion. In principle, we plan to hold a more conventional meeting around the time of the Frankfurt Book Fair, circumstances permitting. Henning and Tim thanked participants again for their attendance and interest, and closed the meeting.

Tim Devenport
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