

ONIX for Books: International Steering Committee Minutes

Friday 11 June 2010 (by phone conference)

Known participants:

Mark Bide, EDItEUR (Chair)	Scott Lubeck, BISG
Graham Bell, EDItEUR	Giulia Marangoni, AIE
Angela Bole, BISG	David Martin, EDItEUR
Francis Cave, EDItEUR	Jesús Peraita, DILVE
Noah Genner, BookNetCanada	Bruce Powell, Australian PA
Brian Green, International ISBN Agency	Aija Vahtola, National Library of Finland
Stella Griffiths, EDItEUR	Nicole van Wijhe, Centraal Boekhuis
Uwe Janssen, German ONIX Group	Howard Willows, Nielsen
Peter Kilborn, BIC	

Minutes

1. Minutes of previous meeting (20th April 2010, LBF) and matters arising

1.1. International Best Practice Guidelines

- 1.1.1. It was agreed that all national groups would provide to Graham Bell (graham@editeur.org) either a copy of their existing national guidelines or the URL of their location. **Action: ALL**
- 1.1.2. EDItEUR will make these available to all members of the ISC **Action: EDItEUR**
- 1.1.3. To the extent possible, limited for practical reasons to guidelines available in English, EDItEUR will work to derive a set of International Best Practice Guidelines which should enable local groups to focus on genuinely national requirements. **Action: EDItEUR**

1.2. Simplifying ONIX for smaller participants – toolkit

- 1.2.1. EDItEUR has not yet started work on this, but will do so as soon as possible and will keep the ISC informed of progress. **Action: EDItEUR**
- 1.2.2. Noah Genner informed the meeting that Booknet Canada has recently revised and republished its tools for conversion of ONIX 2.1 and 3.0 to .xls, and from ONIX 2.1 to 3.0. These may provide all that is required to fulfil this requirement and these tools are freely available – EDItEUR will explore this. **Action: EDItEUR**

1.3. Enhanced schema development

- 1.3.1. The call for participants in the testing programme remains open – potential participants to contact Francis Cave direct (francis@franciscave.com) **Action: Any interested ISC members who have not already been involved** and wish to be.

1.4. Standard file naming for supporting resources

- 1.4.1. There appears to be significant interest in picking up this issue on an international basis, as publishers are finding that different “standards” enforced by different e-retailers are causing significant work load
- 1.4.2. Jesús Peraita agreed to revise and recirculate his earlier paper **Action: Jesús Peraita**

1.4.3. If the ISC agrees that the approach developed in Spain is potentially extensible to other markets, it is proposed that these first be introduced as “international best practice guidelines” with a view to pulling them into the ONIX family if they start to be adopted in other territories. **Action: EDItEUR**

1.5. Revision to Terms of Reference of ISC

1.5.1. This item is outstanding and will be addressed before the Frankfurt meeting **Action: EDItEUR**

2. Proposed extension to ONIX 3.0 for digital releases

2.1. David Martin, Brian Green and Scott Lubeck updated everyone from the respective points of view of EDItEUR, the International ISBN Agency and BISG.

2.2. Brian and Scott agreed to share with the members of the ISC the specifications of the IIA and BISG research projects when these were finalised; both are due to complete late summer/early fall. **Action: BG, SL**

2.3. No further action will be taken with respect to ONIX for digital releases unless and until there was specific demand; however, Mark Bide requested that any “non-compliant” ONIX messages which were devised to “get round” the ONIX requirement for the unique identification of products should be urgently brought to EDItEUR’s attention, to avoid multiple solutions being adopted in different countries or in different trading relationships.

Action: All

3. Support for names and titles in multiple scripts

3.1. Francis Cave presented his paper, and proposed that the appropriate changes be made in the next release of ONIX 3 – this should aid the acceptance of ONIX 3.x within the next release of the EPUB standard. There were no objections. **Action: EDItEUR**

4. Code list fast-tracking

4.1. David Martin presented his paper which proposes a “fast track” route for the addition of new code values, in view of the speed of change in the market and of the growing adoption of ONIX. This proposal was enthusiastically received and will be implemented as soon as possible **Action: EDItEUR**

4.2. Graham Bell introduced a new requirement – for the transmission of price and publication date information for “related products” – which has arisen in the provision of metadata to the Apple iBookstore. This can be handled straightforwardly in ONIX 3.0 by the addition of some code values and a minor addition to the schema, but pub date of related product requires a workaround in ONIX 2.1 (the only version currently implemented by Apple). It was agreed in principle to adopt a “standard workaround” in ONIX 2.1. Graham will circulate detailed proposals to national groups for approval as soon as possible. **Action: EDItEUR**

5. Guidelines for specifying territories for sales rights, distribution rights and price in ONIX 3.0

5.1. The proposal that this should be adopted was enthusiastically supported **Action: EDItEUR**

5.2. The UK, US, Canada and Australia were identified as the initial members of a working group. All other members of the ISC are welcome to join and should contact David Martin (david@polecat.dircon.co.uk) or Graham (graham@editeur.org) should they wish to participate **Action: any who wish to participate**

6. Date of next meeting

6.1. The next meeting will be at the Frankfurt Book Fair

6.2. **Please note the change of day and time: 14:00 on Wednesday 6th October 2010**

6.3. Location to be confirmed

MB: 11 June 2010