

## Open Meeting Synopsis: London Book Fair, Wednesday 9 April 2014

Please note that the following is not a formal set of minutes, merely a synopsis of the discussion points.

### Identifiers

Stella Griffiths spoke about the latest developments with the ISBN standard. The International ISBN Agency has just released a new website and we are very grateful to CINECA for their hard work on this project. The other major piece of news is that ISBN has just begun a revision process. This process is conducted within the ISO framework and will mean that the ISBN standard will be revised.

Nick Woods provided updates on the ISTC and ISNI standards. With ISTC the standard is now 5 years old and is consequently under systematic review. ISO members will be voting on whether to confirm, withdraw or revise. The International ISTC Agency will also be holding its first meeting for registration agencies later on during London Book Fair.

Take-up of the ISNI standard has been impressively quick, and there are now close to 8 million ISNIs in existence. There is a more hierarchical structure of members, with both members – of which there are ten – and three registration agencies contributing to the data. Graham also spoke about ISNI's relationship with ORCID. There has been progress here: a softening of the approach as the industry recognises that cooperation is essential.

### ICEDIS

Tim Devenport updated the group. The three meetings per year schedule – Frankfurt Book Fair in October, Charleston Conference in November and UKSG in April – is becoming regular.

The main news in this sector is the replacement of fixed-format standards with the next generation XML standards. Prototypes of these standards already exist with, for example, New Subscription Orders. We are working with the ICEDIS co-Chairs on a convincing business case for the allocation of resources and rollout timetable.

ONIX-PC is a rich descriptive metadata format for communicating complicated pricing models. Several EDItEUR Members are putting effort behind this standard and people are also taking it. Participants who can ingest ONIX-PC files will be well on their way to learning the concepts of the new XML formats. An ONIX-PC workshop was recently held, hosted by Harrassowitz, which was well-attended and useful.

ONIX-PH exists to communicate information by preservation agencies. This format was developed with EDINA. A register can be established to say which journals are adopted, etc.

The rise of Open Access has meant looking at these standards and the ability to cover such models. EDItEUR has participated in a NISO effort at article level. Henning and Tim discussed the ability of ONIX-PC (and ONIX for Serials more generally) to cover Open Access. ONIX-PC can in principle cover right Open Access now, albeit with a need to address any backwards-compatibility issues. The issue is more complicated with serials because of the need to describe at article level. The group agreed that the ONIX brand, covering Serials and Books will be helpful.

### ONIX for Books

Graham Bell updated the meeting. ONIX for Books version 3.0.2 was released in January. This included making links to licenses to fully describe Open Access monographs. Several additive codelists have also been released in the last year. We are proceeding to create an ONIX acknowledgement message, for which piloting has been completed courtesy of Hachette and the French National Library. Thanks go to them.

## Thema

Graham spoke to the group about Thema, which stands a real chance of becoming a global subject classification scheme. Version 1.0 has been released to considerable excitement. There has been set up a Steering Group, who met during London Book Fair and accepted four new countries into the fold. The underlying work was completed by BIC and Nielsen.

## Transactional Standards: EDItX

Francis Cave spoke about EDItX, a transactional message format for book supply ordering and invoicing, shipping. There is a gradual move towards extending the use cases for sales reporting. In North America this was developed for wholesale and agency models – organisations had a need for a Sales Report. Trends in sales (rather than actual sales) will also be supported by codelist extension.

However, we must come up with a generic report for supporting possible changes and new business models in future. New entrants in the book trade are seeking to differentiate themselves specifically by business model. We need to communicate innovative sales methods in a standard way. Uwe Janssen asserted that Apple is ready to adopt EDItX, which would be big news.

Graham mentioned the ONIX-PL machine readable licence format standard. This is a highly extensible way of describing a licence, normally between the source provider and library. NISO has encoded a number of licences into ONIX-PL, which has shown that the standard does work and that there is a need for it. In encoding these licences NISO chose to use OPLE Software, a tool that has been proven to be fit for purpose, subject to a small number of enhancements.

## Major Projects

Graham spoke about the conclusion of several of EDItEUR's major projects. The remaining project is DCH-RP. Tim outlined the rationale behind this project: to bring together museums and galleries with e-infrastructures (grid supercomputing structures, cloud-based storage) to produce a reference guide for long-term rigorous preservation and to make a shared and expandable infrastructure. Tim is currently trying, via EDItEUR membership, to see if preservation agency models can be transposed into the digital sector. He thanked Members for their participation. Tim also clarified that music involved? TD: technically within boundaries, yes. Voice, dialects etc. Plus folk music.

## Linked Content Coalition

Graham highlighted that the foundation of LCC is complete. This organisation grows from an industry-funded project defining rights and licences across multiple media. LCC Ltd is a membership organisation. It is lightweight but it will act as a forum for further discussion and further work.

## Any Other Business

EDItEUR is hiring. Following Graham's appointment as Executive Director we are looking for a new member of staff to help us work on standards. The recruitment process is ongoing.

Henning Schoenenberger raised the topic of mooks, which Springer is looking into. Graham noted that we have been doing work with an educational publishers group in the UK around the description of educational content. Educators need to be able to find that piece of content. This is already covered in LRMI and LOM, but there is a perceived need to describe them in ONIX as well.

Luc Audrain also noted that there is more and more discussion about embedding metadata in other resources. Graham agreed. Although they have historically been separate for a good reason, we need to look at this now.

Graham closed the meeting and thanked delegates for their attendance. The next Open meeting will be held at Frankfurt Book Fair (room to be confirmed).