

Open Meeting Synopsis: London Book Fair, Wednesday 15 April 2015

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

Management Changes

Len Vlahos of BISG moves from Deputy Chair to Chair of EDItEUR, and the Board elected Jesús Peraita of FGEE as Deputy Chair. However, as Len leaves BISG in the summer Jesús will become Chair of EDItEUR after Len leaves. Emiel van Bockel was welcomed as the representative of CB on the Board of EDItEUR

Identifiers

Stella Griffiths spoke about the latest developments with the ISBN standard. The latest national ISBN agency to become operational is that of Rwanda. Meanwhile the International ISBN Agency also released the Global Register of Publishers (<http://www.grp.isbn-international.org>), which is a free online searchable directory of publisher details. The ISBN ISO standard is also being revised, and the Committee Draft of that revision has just been issued. The Working Group will look at comments made during that process and is in tandem updating its own Users' Manual.

Nick Woods provided updates on the ISTC and ISNI standards. With ISTC a Working Group has been set up to examine the changes that need to be made to that standard, whilst at ISNI adoption and membership are both growing promisingly.

ICEDIS

Tim Devenport updated the group, highlighting the recent meeting at UKSG. The main area of progress has been with ONIX-PC. There has been an explosion in open access (OA) publishing, and ICEDIS has convened a working group to look at OA from the point-of-view of serials standards and in particular ONIX-PC. There is interest outside the usual community – for example, 1) library management systems want to integrate ONIX-PC into their own knowledge bases, 2) knowledge bases themselves, 3) ISSN agencies, particularly the International ISSN Centre.

Tim also spoke about both the resurgence in interest in the handling of IP addresses, which is the most common authentication mechanism for the supply of online journals, and about the ICEDIS next generation messaging, which was a proposal to upgrade the legacy standards to xml standards that has now been put on hold until a wider basis for agreement to update is in place.

Thema

Alex Ingram provided the update. Version 1.1 has just been published. A key work item for Thema is mapping, and people often use their own scheme then map to Thema. Some mappings include BISAC to Thema, CLIL to Thema, BIC to Thema and, interestingly, we have started to examine mapping in the other direction. Translations of Thema are available in German, Norwegian and French languages. Interest is growing rapidly and EDItEUR has just begun an implementation e-mail group for Thema. One area of work involves geographic qualifiers. We are looking for good sources of data and we need to be rigorous because we will be looking at places for which no Thema national group currently exists. Finally, a version 1.2 is being considered and could be released at Frankfurt Book Fair.

Transactional Standards: EDItX

Francis Cave spoke about EDItX, a transactional message format for book supply ordering and invoicing, shipping. The standards are old, but the usage is limited and uncertain. One exception is the EDItX Sales Report format. This format has been updated to meet the needs of the sales report market for ebooks (particularly in North America), with usage also known the UK, Germany and France. The ultimate aim is for the documentation to be more like ONIX documentation. Luc and

Francis may set up a working group on this topic, and all interested EDItEUR members were offered the chance to talk to us if interested.

ONIX for Books

Graham Bell updated the meeting. The most recent International Steering Committee meeting had been held earlier in the day. Version 1 of acknowledgement message has been released, which allows more comprehensive exchange of the data. The scheme was piloted by Hachette and BnF. Meanwhile the sunset date of ONIX for Books 2.1 passed with fewer than expected issues, although the transfer from DTD to XSD validations meant a jump in the number of XSD validation errors. The latest codelists (issue 29) was ratified at the meeting, which includes codes relating to the sale to subscriptions services (this is symptomatic of the ever-increasing number of business models in publishing). The group has started looking at an ONIX version 3.0.3 to be released in late 2015.

FORWARD

Tim explained that this project is in the films domain and involves 12 national film archives and institutes. The object is to create a mechanism for establishing rights for film works (the project is similar to ARROW for publishing).

Linked Content Coalition

Graham highlighted that a number of standards organisations in film, television, book, news, photography have joined LCC. LCC has developed a series of principles around which we should develop standards. For example, in publishing we have ONIX, the music industry has DDEX, PLUS is for photography standards from PLUS. The idea to make these standards 'less different'.

Any Other Business

This part of the meeting is for EDItEUR members to raise topics that they would like the organisation to consider. Henning Schoenenberger of Springer raised the issue of Open Access. The work being undertaken by Tim should be kept going and extended to the books world. Tim and Graham agreed and urged interested EDItEUR members to get involved.

The final item discussed was the addition of an extra tier of EDItEUR Membership. Currently most members are full members, with Charter and Associate membership as the other types. EDItEUR has introduced a fourth tier – 'international' membership. Members operating across many geographical entities might only be many members only through UK, for example. Hachette has become first international membership.

Graham closed the meeting and thanked delegates for their attendance. The next Open meeting will be held at Frankfurt Book Fair (provisionally in Room Facette).