

Draft Charter and Work Plan: Task Group on Member/Partner Programs

Charge (from Stuart's slides):

- Critically review current criteria for Member & Partner program membership with the goal of:
 - Expanding/opening the Member categories to organizations based on criteria other than regional representation *while preserving the rights and obligations of current regional Members*
 - For example, consortia of linguistic groups (spanning regions), topically focused groups or other categories or organizations (e.g., iCaucus)
- Examine whether the original Member fee structure based on regional GNP realistically reflects:
 - Actual Member "capacity"; and
 - Potential return on Member investment.
- Examine whether a larger membership based on a flat (or minimally tiered) fee structure with lower maximum fees would be more likely to encourage membership
- Explore potential direct DCMI services for Members that would enhance return on investment
- Report (including recommendations) to OC/AB within 6 months of TG formation

Working Assumption: The TG will focus on revisions to criteria that would create the most advantageous, attractive membership structure for DCMI even those requiring amendment of the DCMI Articles of Association.

Work Plan:

- 1) Collect existing documents related to this charge, in particular:
 - a. the current membership agreement,
 - b. the current fee table, and
 - c. the analysis of revenue options that was generated from the Frankfurt retreat
- 2) Create a shared workspace in DCMI website/wiki/listserv for work group to share documents and record discussions.
- 3) Craft statements related to the following areas for discussion:
 - a. Revised set of member/partner categories
 - b. Revised rationale for member and partner fees
 - c. Definition of member/partner responsibilities
 - d. Return on investment for partners and members
 - i. Good examples of this came up in the vocabulary management workshop: http://labs.mondeca.com/dataset/lov/details/vocabulary_dc.html, Gordon Dunsire's explication of DC's role as top-level aggregator for disparate vocabularies. We need to make these explicit and develop further
 - ii. Stuart also listed several existing benefits, such as the OCS role in providing infrastructure and archival resources for regional meetings, the role of DCMI as an integrator for multiple standards/tools, documentation and maintenance of the Dublin Core standard, and education and training
- 4) Provide final report with multiple options for moving forward for discussion among the OC and AB.