

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

6 November 2008

In attendance: Angela Dappert, Rebecca Guenther, Olaf Brandt, Brian Lavoie, Markus Enders, Bill Leonard (notes).

Regrets:
Priscilla Caplan

PREMIS activities

Re: increasing efforts to gather information about projects and institutions that are implementing PREMIS. A new message will be drafted which gives an explanation of the value to the community of contributing to the implementation registry and sharing examples. The message will be sent to a list of contacts to be accumulated on the PEC wiki.

Re: providing examples for the Pigpen.
There has been little response to calls for more examples on the PIG list. Some are unable to provide real-life examples.

Re: planning an implementors meeting.
It was suggested to have both a North American and a European meeting. The recent message on the PIG list elicited some responses from people interested in meeting at DLF or Archiving 2009.

Re: Comments on audiences at recent tutorials
At recent tutorials, it was observed that there are generally two types of attendees: those generally interested in preservation but not implementing PREMIS, at present, and possibly considering it for the future; and those with a strong interest and/or strong knowledge of xml and preservation metadata, and probably currently involved in an implementation of PREMIS. Considering that tutorials are expensive to operate, it was suggested that the tutorials should be targeted to the more sophisticated users providing them with a forum for more detailed discussion and questions.
A user guide is currently being written by Priscilla making the PREMIS concepts more accessible for a broader audience.

Questions from tutorials:

Some users wanted to know what tools are used to create PREMIS metadata. Many implementors use closed source systems, or locally-customized bundles of tools so are unable to recommend one specific tool. It was suggested to send a message to the PIG list, and also to look at the list of tools on the METS site.

ACTION for PEC:

- Add a page for PEC to cumulate contact information about implementors. All PEC members will add names from questions raised on the PIG list, from implementors registry, or from any other source.
- Draft a message to be sent to these contacts which explains the value of registering, sharing examples, sharing information about tools, etc.

Re: questions from the PIG list.

ACTION for PEC: Be more responsive to questions sent to the PIG list.

Membership

It was suggested to bring in new members who are known to be implementing PREMIS, possibly someone from Portico and/or from the DSpace community.

Suggested value vocabulary lists to be formalized in the LC registry

Further to the background paper Rebecca sent Nov. 5.

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0811&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=06D7DC60573C1B3D1AP=318>

The basic question is which lists should be established in the LC registry, and which can be left to be established locally.

It was pointed out that at present, there are no tools for validating beyond the schema. Also, we do not know whether implementors are using the PREMIS vocabularies, or their own locally-established vocabularies.

Markus, Clay and Rebecca will have an opportunity to discuss this further at the DLF Fall Forum.

It is not clear how EC is positioning the controlled vocabularies, i.e. are they recommended, mandatory or suggested for compliance? It was suggested that users may create their own lists, or they may use the CVs. If they use the CVs they have the option of validating against the registry. It was remarked that PEC needs to have more discussions on compliance and application profiles.

More discussion on this thread, and Angela's question, is encouraged by email.

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Next Call

December 11, 2008.

9:00 Eastern US and Canada

14:00 UK

15:00 Europe