

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes  
2 Nov. 2006

Agenda

Everyone except for Olaf was in attendance.

1. Assignment of notetaker

Bill volunteered to take notes at this meeting. The task could rotate among members for future meetings.

2. Update on DLF PREMIS tutorial next week

Twenty-one people are registered. The course material will be available on the Pigpen wiki. The materials can be reused, in whole or in part, for other presentations.

3. Followup on list discussion concerning significantProperties. See:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=256C2C532AEF3C2C81&P=2056>

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=256C2C532AEF3C2C81&P=2563>

SignificantProperties is seen as a business rule and as such was seen to belong with the other business rule semantic unit preservationLevel. Several suggestions were put forward involving moving the significantProperties semantic unit, splitting it into two, three or four, or establishing a new entity type for business rules. There may be the need to indicate what is deemed significant by the depositor but that may not yet be supported by the repository as well as between actual preservation level and desired preservation level. This change may have an impact on the data model, since business rules are not currently an entity. Gerard will write a strawman proposal containing one suggestion as agreed upon by EC prior to sending the proposal to the PIG list.

The procedural question was raised as to whether EC should send proposed revisions to the PIG list in compilations or singly. The decision was made to send revisions singly and to establish a separate page/document on the Pigpen to compile the suggested revisions.

Gerard will work on a discussion paper of the significantProperties question and send it to the EC list.

4. Can we settle on a method for numbering the semantic units in the data dictionary? See thread beginning with:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=256C2C532AEF3C2C81&P=1024>

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=256C2C532AEF3C2C81&P=1108>

The numbering system will be used for navigation within the Data Dictionary and not as a reference element for now. The question was raised as to whether numbers should persist or whether semantic units should be renumbered when moved, or when new units are added. The numbering system will be grouped by entity types: Object semantic units will be 1. and Event Semantic Units will be 2. If Business rules are added, they will be 5. The numbers can be added as comments within the Schema.

5. Further thoughts on OAIS review and PREMIS. See thread beginning with:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=256C2C532AEF3C2C81&P=2689>

There are gaps between the OAIS model and PREMIS and Brian has a useful document mapping OAIS to PREMIS on Pigpen. It was decided to hold comments on OAIS until EC hears back from the DCC.

6. Do we need to set up a subgroup to propose changes relating to Karen Coyle's rights paper (now on the PREMIS-EC wiki at [pec.lib.uchicago.edu](http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu))?

A separate group will be formed with participants from the PIG list and from EC members' institutions. Members of the EC will solicit volunteers from their institutions who have some knowledge of this area. The group will look at which elements the data dictionary needs to accommodate rights data. The recommendations in Karen Coyle's paper will be a starting point for the work.

7. Opportunity to do a tutorial in Europe.

The tutorial proposed for Sweden will not be this calendar year. The faculty should be one EC member who has already given a tutorial plus one or two others.

It would be nice to establish a clearinghouse for tutorial materials. EC will develop a list of people from the PREMIS community who are available to give tutorials.

8. Next steps in the revision process.

A sub-group should be established for revision of the schema. If additional membership is needed we may look for expertise in our institutions.

Brian is continuing to compile changes to the data dictionary and Zhiwu has compiled changes to the schema. The lists need to be de-duped and prioritized, with the larger, structural changes given higher priority.

Outreach/Conferences:

Proposals for presentations were submitted for Archiving 2007: Brian will give an overview of PREMIS revision activities; Rebecca and Zhiwu will discuss using PREMIS in METS and MPEG21 containers. Rebecca and Brian will copy the proposals to the EC list.

Next Meeting:

Dec. 7, 2006. Rebecca will look at other possibilities for timing for the meeting in light of the recent time changes.