PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes
15 January 2009

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

Regrets: Olaf Brandt, Rob Wolfe

Updating the wiki list of implementors.
Some entries have been added to the wiki list of implementors. This list will
probably be broader than the list on the public site.

Runtime Parameters
Angela mentioned a question from Robin Wendler about the possibility of adding
an extension to eventDetail to store information such as runtime parameters.
The discussion covered the appropriate entity to record this detail when the
parameters used in a particular process are repeated on multiple objects.
It was suggested the parameters could be placed under creatingApplication
except that not all events are "creation" events. Ingest, edit, acquire and migrate
could be recurring events.
For example, a mass migration from pdf 1.6 to 1.7 would be an event and the
parameters would be a property of the agent performing the event.
Another example would be when repeatedly running an emulation it is necessary
to record the parameters and settings of the actions taken on a class of objects.

The relationship between the agent and object breaks the data model.
In some cases environment is the appropriate place for this information and in
other cases it is better suited for eventDetail.
It was agreed that eventDetailExtension is necessary. The usage notes for
eventDetail will need revision to remove the "human readable" condition.
Examples will be given. Angela will draft a letter for Robin.

Intern at OCLC
Brian mentioned that OCLC will be bringing an intern on board who may be able
to work on some PREMIS documentation. Any suggestions of tasks are
welcome, e.g. update the examples in the appendix.

Future directions and priorities
Issues around the data model were mentioned: some institutions in Germany
have moved environment from object; New Zealand might have defined a new
entity and moved significantProperties.
Priscilla said that the data model is not intended to be an implementation model.
It was meant to help people know what they are describing and it is used as a
means of organizing the data dictionary.
There is a larger need to resolve differences between various data models.

Priorities for the medium term:
1. Identify implementations; collect examples; synthesize implementation practice.
2. Reconciling / Harmonizing
Finding ways for PREMIS to interoperate with other schemas and activities.
PEC will need a plan and will discuss this again on another call.

Understanding PREMIS draft
Priscilla thanks all for their comments on the draft of Understanding PREMIS. Almost all of the comments have been integrated and it may be released shortly.

Tutorial
The next tutorial is in Rome in February 2009 to be given by Angela and Rebecca.

Next Call
Feb. 12 or 19, 2009.
 9:00 Eastern US and Canada
14:00 UK
15:00 Europe