

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

10 July 2008

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

Regrets: Markus Enders.

1. D-Lib articles

Brian's article on the PREMIS revision appeared in the May/June D-Lib issue. Rebecca's article on implementing PREMIS in METS will appear in the July/August issue and Priscilla's article on rights will appear in the November/December issue. One more article is required for the September/October issue to be published on Sept. 15, ideally highlighting a real-life example of PREMIS implementation. Aug. 15 is the deadline for submission of this paper to the D-Lib editor. It was noted that Angela and Markus are collaborating on a presentation on the British Library's use of PREMIS and METS for iPres (September 28-29, 2008). There was concern over whether it would be appropriate to send the same article for publication in D-Lib, especially considering that the British Library is publishing the iPres proceedings.

ACTIONS:

Angela will consult with Markus.

Brian will consult with Bonnie at D-Lib.

"PREMIS conformance" was mentioned as a potential topic for other articles.

2. Errata and List of Changes for Next Version

The errata / changes page was discussed:

<http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/changes-2-0.html>

It is desirable that the web page makes it clear that the errata are obvious mistakes or omissions that will be corrected now. At the same time, PREMIS should appear to be stable and revisions made only according to an established cycle. The proposed changes stated on the web page will be given consideration for the next version.

Rebecca and Ray can make the errata changes to the schema right now. Rebecca mentioned that there are challenges to maintaining the proper formatting within the Data Dictionary but will give it a try.

Angela suggested adding an errata page to the DD with hyperlinks to the changes. It is also desirable to clearly indicate the changes in the DD using strikethrough and red font colour.

3. Update from the Library of Congress on registries for controlled vocabularies

LC is working on exposing in SKOS RDF-compatible markup all controlled vocabularies they maintain. SKOS makes the relationships between terms evident, e.g. broader, narrower, related, etc. The registry is a database which can be used to produce eye-readable or XML data. LC wants to expose the PREMIS lists, e.g. eventType, but this will require that every term has a definition.

There was some concern about the potential impact on the Data Dictionary as a result of amalgamating the PREMIS, METS and Mix lists of terms, e.g. checksum types.

There was also a question about the organizational model for maintaining, accessing and uploading the registry. Rebecca will supply more information when it is available.

4. Future direction for PEC and 5. Membership

It was suggested that PEC take this opportunity to evaluate its direction (see Brian's email <http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0806&L=premis-ec&T=0&O=D&X=5FD11E309F0F6233B2 &P=363>)

and select new members accordingly. It was suggested that implementation issues be given more attention, so it would be preferable for new members to be experienced implementors.

Rebecca will set up an implementation registry and send a message to the PIG list.

A follow-up to the 2004 survey was suggested although it was recognized that the 2007 Woodyard report is also a follow-up report.

It was suggested that the first topic of the next call should be how to be more pro-active (step up efforts to gether data in an implementors registry; find out who is currently implementing but not publicizing it).

Next Call

August 7, 2008.

9:00 Eastern US and Canada

14:00 UK

15:00 Europe

23:00 Australia