

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

6 June 2008

In attendance: Markus Enders, Rebecca Guenther, Priscilla Caplan, Brian Lavoie, Bill Leonard (notes), Ray Denenberg (for item no. 1).

Regrets: Zhiwu Xie, Angela Dappert, Steve Bordwell, Olaf Brandt.

1a. Finalizing the Schemas

Ray had previously requested comments on the Date Time data discussion paper. The area of concern is representation of a data range, particularly for termOfGrant. EC continued the discussion of the questions raised in Ray's email of May 22:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0805&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=73E2B450E0D96D327A&P=1994>

Should date ranges be recorded as simple strings which would then need to be parsed, or as separate start and end elements. The relevant use case is the examination of a date range to determine whether a particular permission is still in effect.

It was not known whether software exists which can process date ranges recorded as simple strings.

Another concern is recording open and unknown dates which are part of a range.

There seemed to be a preference for recording date range elements separately.

ACTION: Priscilla, Ray and Rebecca will work on resolving the schema.

1b. Examples coded in version 2.0

Any examples using PREMIS 2.0 should be send to Rebecca by June 12. Priscilla and Markus mentioned they will have some. Priscilla will send a URL pointing to the examples.

2. Setting up an errata page for version 2.0

The three items to be recorded on the errata page, as per Priscilla's email of May 16:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0805&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=09A7943F9B30512B66&P=1885>

- linking semantic units from the agent entity to the right and events entities;
 - correct the rationale for objectCharacteristicsExtension. It should say "There may be a need to extend PREMIS defined units." Replacing is not allowed.
 - the storage semantic unit should be optional, as per the email discussion in May. The schema will be changed accordingly and the discrepancy with the DD will be noted on the errata page.
- Action: Rebecca will set up a page on the PREMIS web site. Brian encouraged the page to be prominently positioned.

In response to an email question from the National Library of Norway, there was discussion on creating a page for new work item suggestions. This raised the question of the need to define an ongoing work process for the PREMIS Editorial Committee.

Action: Brian offered to draft a process document for handling incoming issues, presenting possible draft solutions or alternatives, and consultation with the PREMIS Implementors Group email list. There will be a need for a process to document resulting decisions. There will need to be criteria for deciding when it is appropriate to provide a new version of the DD and schema. (The National Library of Norway suggested a new link type, or relationship type from one object to another object, e.g. the image for a colour bar and an image which is calibrated according to that colour bar.)

Markus commented that the METS Editorial Board continuously handles METS revisions while striving to maintain backwards compatibility. A goal for any future PREMIS revision should be backwards compatibility.

Priscilla suggested consideration could be given to establishing usage rules and guidance.

3. Membership

No decisions were taken regarding membership.

4. Future activities

Possibilities for future activities are: developing automated tools; registry of controlled vocabularies; registry of implementations; training; promoting and demonstrating the application of PREMIS in a wider range of communities. Specific mention was given to:
other communities interested in using registries;
library educators (via ALISE);
grant and funding agencies which might receive PREMIS-related proposals;
vendors and companies which may integrate PREMIS into their systems;
government agencies which might be implementing systems. It was suggested that the PEC decide on two priority activities. More discussion is required on the EC list.

Next Call

July 3, 2008.

9:00 Eastern US and Canada

14:00 UK

15:00 Europe

23:00 Australia