

5 Oct. 2006

Agenda

Everyone except for Olaf was in attendance.

1. Progress reports

Zhiwu sent a list of mainly schema changes to the EC list taken from the discussions in the PIG list archives. Some affect both data dictionary and schemas, others just schemas.

Brian will go through the archives for other proposed changes, especially clarifications requested to the data dictionary.

Gerard sent out a list of requested changes from NLA.

Priscilla noted that there are a other sources of changes: 1) Glasgow tutorial feedback and 2) the as yet unpublished report by Deborah Woodyard-Robinson commissioned by LC.

Rebecca will start a page on the wiki based on the official list of changes on the PREMIS maintenance activity site. Everyone will add to it. (After the meeting Rebecca did this, putting together what was on the website and adding what Zhiwu had posted on the wiki.)

The group will then do a pass-through, clarifying where necessary and combining redundant entries. That will then go to the PIG list to invite suggestions/comments.

There is also a paper commissioned by LC that is about to be released about Rights in the PREMIS written by Karen Coyle. We will probably want a subgroup to work on follow-up and the suggested revisions of the data dictionary in the rights area.

These 2 studies will be made available on the wiki to the EC shortly.

2. Numbering scheme for semantic units and other enhancements to data dictionary to better enable navigation through it.

Zhiwu suggested using a hierarchical type of numbering. Rebecca asked about using URIs and Zhiwu thought that wasn't necessary at this point-- making the elements global in the schema will facilitate their reuse without dealing with the sticky issues of URIs (e.g. should they be resolvable). We can do that later if necessary. He will write up his proposal with a few examples so that everyone will understand it. Rebecca suggested using numbering similar to what Deb has in her paper, showing hierarchy by another level of numbering (e.g. 2.2 for a container element; 2.2.3 for the next level). Priscilla mentioned that this is how IEEE/LOM does it.

3. Controlled vocabularies for PREMIS semantic units:

See:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0610&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=633B8C70E57E0824CD&P=233>

In the Data Dictionary now we have data constraints, but we don't actually have data types in either the DD or the schema to enforce any controlled vocabularies. This issue keeps coming up and people really want controlled values defined. We need to consider establishing data types and then allowing for the ability to validate against a list of values. Zhiwu suggested looking at how MPEG7 does it with controlled terms. The group decided to present this idea to the PIG list for suggestions about how to do it. Zhiwu will write up a draft message for the EC group to consider before sending. It is likely that we will want a subgroup to work on this. Priscilla mentioned that she had discovered some best practices for XML schemas; she will distribute.

4. Outreach/conferences: who will be attending what? Any reports from recent attendance?

IPres—next week

Alliance for Innovation and Technology in New Mexico—Zhiwu will give a PREMIS presentation
Gerard mentioned a small group of about 40 people meeting in Australia about sustainability
Rory will attend a meeting called Nuclear Information Management over the Millennia and will talk about PLANETS (and use of PREMIS).

Archiving 2007: this will be in Arlington, Va. May 21-24, 2007. The group discussed submitting for 2 presentations, one on using PREMIS in container formats (METS and DIDL) and one on progress in revising the PREMIS data dictionary. Rebecca will start an abstract on the first one and work with Zhiwu before sending to the EC; Brian will work on the second one. We will be vague on who will present, since we're not sure who will be going. Abstracts are due Nov. 1

5. Next tasks and next call

Tasks are outlined above.

Next call: 2 Nov. 2006 at the usual hour