PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

3 January 2008

In attendance: Rebecca Guenther, Priscilla Caplan, Gerard Clifton, Bill Leonard (notes).
Apologies: Angela Dappert, Olaf Brandt, Markus Enders, Brian Lavoie, Zhiwu Xie.

1. Representations

Further to the action from the minutes of the Nov. 29 meeting, Priscilla and Olaf have begun discussing the issues surrounding relationship subtype. They will share their findings with EC when ready.

2. formatDesignation and formatRegistry

This discussion was postponed until Steve and/or Angela are present.

3. Environment as a separate entity

Further to the original suggestion and DD revision item no. 41, there was discussion of the merits and difficulties of establishing environment as a new entity.
http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0701&L=pig&D=0&T=0&P=1539
Environment and its component units, could be seen to be different from the other object properties, in that they are not always strictly properties of the object. It might be useful to distinguish between environment that renders the format, and environment that renders a particular object.
Further discussion questioned what the features of environment could be, and whether these elements would merit being stored in a separate entity.
Institutions may choose how and where they store environment information, i.e. this is an implementation decision as stated in the Data Dictionary, Special Topics.
The rationale for such a massive change is not evident so the general inclination was not to make this change.

4. Updates on activities

Brian and Rebecca are working on the DD revision. The revised text will go to a professional editor who will work on the numbering system. Rebecca complimented the group on the quality of the revision work which was saved on the wiki. Most of the changes could be pasted into the DD with little or no revision.

The PREMIS and METS working group continues to work on the best practice recommendations.

Priscilla is submitting an IMLS grant proposal with Cornell on round-trip exchanges of PREMIS data in METS packages.

Rebecca will be doing a tutorial at San Diego State University on Feb. 11. Zhiwu might be able to attend. Someone from the SD Supercomputer Center will be on the implementor panel. It was mentioned that it is interesting to have implementors using a variety of wrappers, METS, DIDL, etc. It would be interesting to discuss the use of ORE wrappers with the larger EC group.
The question was raised about who, other than LANL, is interested in DIDL implementations.

5. Call times
It was agreed to use the alternate meeting time for the next meeting. Considering that some EC members might be out of their offices this week, Rebecca will poll the EC again.

Next call: 17 January 2008 (18th in Australia)

14:00 EST (US)
12:00 Mountain (US)
19:00 UK
20:00 Europe
06:00 Australia