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## **Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) appoints new Executive Officers**

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Following an open recruitment call in March 2011, the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) has completed the process of appointing new Executive Officers.

The new Executive Officers are:

- **Stuart Sutton** as Chief Executive Officer;
- **Raju Buddharaju** as Financial and Administrative Officer;
- **Tom Baker** as Information/Communications Officer and Research and Development Officer; and
- **Diane Hillmann** as Vocabulary Maintenance Officer.

As Makx Dekkers steps back as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, a role he has played for ten years, the new Executive assumes the leadership of the Initiative, based on the combined experience of the Officers from their previous work in the context of DCMI and the metadata community at large.

Stuart Sutton says: "Since its beginning in March of 1995, DCMI has been in the forefront of the discourse on metadata and interoperability in the networked environment. While its goals and tasks have shifted from time to time to reflect the changing streams of innovation shaping metadata design and deployment, DCMI has held its commitment to framing metadata best practices—making designers and practitioners better at their work. The new Executive team looks forward to continuing the DCMI community tradition of crowd-sourcing expertise to these ends."

DCMI is confident that the new Executive will be able to further strengthen the role of DCMI as a trusted community platform to help create sustainable interoperability on the Web based on open, community-based metadata specifications, guidelines and best practices.

**Stuart Sutton** has been a member of DCMI since 1999, serving as the founding co-chair of the Education Working Group and on the Usage Board from its beginning in 2001 through 2007. Sutton is Associate Professor Emeritus in the Information School of the University of Washington where he continues to teach advanced courses in metadata design. Sutton holds MLIS and PhD degrees from the University of California at Berkeley: School of Library and Information Studies. He received his Juris Doctor (JD) from Golden Gate University School of Law and his Master of Laws (LLM) in copyright from the University of California at Berkeley: Boalt Hall School of Law.

**Raju Buddharaju** has been a Director of DCMI since 2008. In this position, he has fiduciary responsibilities. He was a member of Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2008. His main areas of interest and experience are in development and management of Digital Libraries, Digital Preservation,



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Mass digitization, and machine assisted metadata generation from a strategic as well as a technical perspective. He currently is a consultant to National Library Board, Singapore. He holds a M. Tech. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur India

**Thomas Baker**, a member of DCMI administrative committees since 1998, served from May 2005 to January 2009 as the DCMI Director Specifications and Documentation and currently serves as the Chief Information Officer of DCMI Ltd. He is the chair of the DCMI Usage Board, which he founded in 2001, and co-chair of the DCMI Architecture Forum. He has previously worked as a digital library researcher at the German National Research Center for Informatics, GMD (later Fraunhofer Society) in Bonn and the State and University Library in Göttingen. He holds an M.S. in library science from Rutgers University, a Ph.D. in anthropology from Stanford University, and taught for two years at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok.

**Diane Hillmann** has been a participant in Dublin Core since the first workshop in 1995, was a charter member of the DCMI Usage Board, and for many years edited "Using Dublin Core". She was co-chair of the conference programs for DC-2010 and DC-2011, and is currently co-moderator of the DCMI Education Community. Hillmann has worked in academic libraries for most of her professional library career, most notably at Cornell University Library. She served as Director of Library Systems and Operations for the National Science Digital Library (NSDL) and as co-PI for the NSDL Registry. She co-chairs the DCMI/RDA Task Group and serves as Director of Metadata Initiatives for the Information Institute of Syracuse. Hillmann is a partner in the consulting firm of Metadata Management Associates. She holds a B.S. in Television/Radio and a M.L.S. from Syracuse University.

**The Dublin Core Metadata Initiative Limited (DCMI)** is an open organization engaged in the development of interoperable online metadata standards and specifications that support a broad range of purposes and business models. DCMI's objectives are to develop and maintain international standards for describing resources; to support a worldwide community of users and developers; and to promote widespread use of Dublin Core solutions. DCMI's activities include work on architecture and modeling, discussions and collaborative work in DCMI Communities and DCMI Task Groups, annual conferences and workshops, standards liaison, and educational efforts to promote widespread acceptance of metadata standards and best practices.

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