

Report of the Meeting of the DCMI Libraries Application Profile Task Group and DC Libraries Community at DC-2008, Berlin, Tuesday, 23rd September 2008 15:45 – 17:15

The DC Libraries Community met for a ninety minute session with approximately 50 people attending. The agenda was in the following parts:

1. Welcome and introduction into DCMI work structure and DC Libraries Community (C. Frodl)
2. Report of DCMI Libraries Application Profile Task Group (M. Woodley, C. Harper)
3. Three Terms for DC Lib (S. Ruehle)
4. RDA and interoperability in library catalogues: Dublin Core and MARC (G. Dunsire)
5. The future aspects of The European Library Application Profile for objects (S. Chambers)
6. Knowledge exchange for metadata users (M. Kessler)
7. Survey about topics to discuss in the DC Libraries Community (C. Frodl)

Welcome and introduction into DCMI work structure and DC Libraries Community

The meeting started with an expression of our gratitude to Robina Clayphan (British Library), former chair of the DCMI Libraries Community. Then Christine Frodl gave a short introduction into the DCMI work structure and the DCMI Libraries Community.

Report of DCMI Libraries Application Profile Task Group

Following the change in DCMI working group structures introduced in 2006 and the establishment of a Libraries Application Profile Task Group (Chairs: Mary Woodley and Corey Harper), this Task Group reported about the main topics of 2007/2008 work. Task leaders of this group are Robina Clayphan and Mary Woodley. The group exists since 2006 and has the task to finalise the DC Libraries Application Profile (DC-Lib).

Mary and Corey Harper presented the DC-Lib AP and their concept for the restructuring of this AP in the future. The revision will be based on the Singapore Framework and the Dublin Core Abstract Model (DCAM). Further information will be published at the Task Group Wiki (<http://dublincore.org/librarieswiki/>).

Three terms for DC Lib

The proposal for three new terms by the DC Libraries AP Task Group was reported by Stefanie Rühle. Stefanie also gave a short overview of the Usage Board discussion about this proposal.

In August Robina Clayphan as co-chair of the DC Libraries AP Task Group has sent the proposal for three new Dublin Core terms to the DC Usage Board. These new terms shall replace the MODS terms that are used in the DC Libraries AP and are not DCAM compliant. As a replacement for the term "location", the term "Holding Location" was

proposed, as a replacement for "edition" the term version was proposed and as a replacement for "dateCaptured" the term "captured" was proposed. By definition these new terms had the following semantics:

- Holding Location: The organisation that holds a resource and is responsible for providing access to it
- Version: Information designating the version or edition of a work
- Captured: Date that the content of the resource was captured

The Usage Board discussed these terms and made the following recommendation

Holding Location: To use agls:availability (<http://www.agls.gov.au/documents/aglsterms/#DCAGLSNamespaces>), because this property meets exactly the definition of the proposed term.

Version: The term needs to be generalised. The Usage Board proposed the label "Version", the range "Literal" and the following definition: "A statement which distinguishes the described resource from other resources of which it may be an edition, revision or adaptation".

Captured: The proposal was not well defined and the meaning for "captured" was not clear. The Usage Board proposed to create a property for "Captured" as a sub-property of "Created", but with a revised definition.

RDA and interoperability in library catalogues: Dublin Core and MARC

Gordon Dunsire, Depute Director, Centre for Digital Library Research, University of Strathclyde spoke about the new evolving standard for resource description, RDA, and its relation to Dublin Core metadata and other metadata formats. RDA provides rules for creating content of metadata attributes and it helps to improve interoperability at different levels. This presentation was a good introduction for the community, which had a chance to discuss this topic deeper in Workshop 6 on RDA the next day.

The future aspects of The European Library Application Profile for objects

Sally Chambers, Interoperability Manager of The European Library (TEL), spoke about metadata in TEL, the current situation and future plans of this service.

Knowledge exchange for metadata users

Mirjam Kessler's presentation unfortunately could not be held due to time conflicts. Mirjam is research assistant at the German National Library in the project Competence Centre for Interoperable Metadata. This project aims to improve, support and promote the use of interoperable metadata in German-language countries. The focus of her presentation was based on a survey, that aims to extend the knowledge of metadata applications and the needs of metadata users concerning education and advice services.

The results of the survey give information about the use of DC in several domains (e.g. libraries) and for the description of several objects.

The slides from all presentations are available at <http://dc2008.de/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/libraries.pdf>

Survey about topics to discuss in the DC Libraries Community

During the meeting, a list had been passed around where attendees had the chance to indicate their field of interest with regard to discussion topics for the DCMI Libraries Community. The following topics were mentioned most: Application profiles, RDA, FRBR and Semantic Web. But there were also themes like catalogues, crosswalks, multilinguality, implementation questions and metadata policy issues.

Attendees came for the most part from national libraries (15) and university libraries (15), but also from international institutions (4) and others (13) like library and information studies institutions, research organisations and library service centres.