

WG report at the CIDOC Annual General Meeting 2011

After the release of the LIDO specification version 1.0 during last year's CIDOC conference, the Data Harvesting and Interchange Working Group had its first official meeting this week.

Over the past year our work has been focused on disseminating information about LIDO, creating further material on the website, running workshops in various countries, and extending the network and the practical implementation of LIDO.

Work was also carried out on two items aiming at deeper understanding of the LIDO schema:

- the full mapping of the LIDO XML Schema to the CIDOC-CRM and
- the drafting of LIDO profiles for various collection types.

Both items were addressed during this week's meetings.

At Monday's meeting, Sept 5th 2011, approximately 25 people were in attendance.

We introduced the working group and encouraged people to join the listserv, which serves as the primary means for communicating throughout the year.

We then had a discussion about whether we should have a list of recommended event terminology for LIDO. ATHENA has already produced a list, which we looked at.

It was agreed that we should have a recommended list of terminology; that we should circulate ATHENA's list and descriptions for comment, with the goal of ultimately approving it; and that we should assign this terminology with a URI from the LIDO namespace.

Next we looked at the mapping between LIDO and CRM, and addressed a variety of issues and questions that were pending.

Finally, we had a lively debate about whether there should be a LIDO RDF version, or if the CIDOC CRM should be used instead. The WG is not ready to make a recommendation on this issue.

On Tuesday, Sept 6th 2011, approximately 20 people gathered for the second meeting.

We began the meeting by having an open discussion on topics and questions from the members.

We then discussed whether LIDO should have profiles for various collection types, which essentially are recommendations for what elements to include.

There was strong support for including these profiles. The German Data Exchange Working Group has already produced a set of profiles for LIDO. The WG is now tasked with evaluating them. Once complete, the profiles will be available as supplementary documentation on the website.

Our thanks to all the participants for their support and contributions to the WG.

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