

## Documentation Standards Working Group

### Brief report on activities 2011-2012

A joint meeting between Group members and representatives of the U.K. Archives community was held at the British Museum on 9 March 2012. The initial focus of the meeting was the concept, for cultural heritage, of Linked Data “design patterns” as described by Dodds and Davis in [Linked Data Patterns](#). However, we agreed that a more accessible starting point would be to look at what questions enquirers currently ask of archival and museum resources, and what further questions they might ask if potential answers might be forthcoming. Our plan is to analyse the questions, and so specify the form of data which is required to provide useful answers. We expect this exercise to highlight what design patterns would be helpful for this question-answering. Since the meeting we have set up a [web site](#) which will contain our deliberations. This is a wiki, so anyone is welcome to contribute.

I have updated the Statement of Principles of Museum Documentation, following comments submitted prior to last year’s CIDOC meeting, and plan for our Group to finalise it in Helsinki, and to submit the result for formal adoption by CIDOC.

*Richard Light, Chair*

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