

CIDOC Documentation Standards Working Group report 2013

The Documentation Standards Working Group has not met since the 2012 CIDOC Conference in Helsinki.

Richard Light has indicated that he wishes to step down as Chair of this Working Group. Jonathan Whitson Cloud of the British Museum is willing and able to take on this role.

Programme for 2013-2016

Registry of documentation standards

The DSWG plans to work on creating a list, online, of all the documentation-related standards that an institution anywhere might want to refer to. Whilst such lists do exist to some extent for some countries and areas, having as comprehensive a list as possible, with the domain and range and a few notes all in one place under the CIDOC banner would in our view be a useful service to offer.

In addition, the DSWG is willing to publish and maintain online any museum standards of international significance which would not otherwise be publicly available.

Application of the CRM to documentation practice

The DSWG also plans to work, in partnership with relevant bodies (e.g. CRM SIG, Collections Trust), on developing the links between SPECTRUM and the CRM. This work may include a simple CRM 'cook book', providing 'design patterns' for encoding commonly-occurring types of information as CRM-compatible Linked Data.

Other tasks

The DSWG remains willing to act as a point of liaison with relevant bodies and initiatives which develop standards of relevance to museum documentation, e.g. the TEI or library/archive standards bodies.

Richard Light
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