Metadata Working Group
Minutes
May 25, 2010

Present: K. Ananthan, I. Beard, M. DeFino, R. Marker, J. Otto, M.B. Weber (recorder), C. Zimmerman.

Absent: L. Sun

1. Collection Level Metadata
The group discussed the final draft of the collection level metadata. It includes explanations for things that belong in the application profile (AP) or usage notes. This information is provided in an accompanying Word document.

The following items were discussed:

Name type=blank was questioned. Nothing can be mapped into the WMS without a type attribute for name.

Presentation format- The label is a misnomer. The name of the MODS element is physicalDescription, and is a description of a physical object.

digitalOrigin- This has not been implemented in WMS release 1.0. It will be used for born digital resources or when the source of origin is unknown. The group will discuss this further at the next meeting.

keyDate- In originInfo and should be included any place in the spreadsheet where there is a date. This element (keyDate) is a date we want to associate with a resource to present to the public (example: sorting on letters I a collection; broadcast date for a television program).

W3CDTF- A note will be added to the spreadsheet that three different ways to input dates is permitted: YYYY, YYYYMM, YYYMMDD.

Archival description- Need ability to describe dates which are not exact.

J. Otto will define parameters for providing dates; iso8601 accommodates the ability to provide different date types. K. Ananthan suggested investigating how our peers handle dates if our goal is to be flexible with dates. R. Marker noted

we need to prepare a requirements document for dates that must be submitted to Software Architecture for consideration by the end of June if we want these date requirements implemented for WMS release 2.0.

Specs are also needed for ETD dates that include a point attribute for start and end dates for embargoes. There will be a rights event associated with the date; we will also need a rights metadata attribute point date with start and end dates.

2. Next Steps

Final changes will be incorporated into the collection metadata spreadsheet and will be posted to MDWG's Sakai site. Collection metadata will be discussed at the next Cyberinfrastructure Steering Committee meeting.

J. Otto will prepare specs for dates for release 2.0; MDWG will approve the specs which will be submitted to Software Architecture by the end of June for inclusion in WMS release 2.0.