

CYBER-INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING COMMITTEE (CISC)

Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2013

Present

Grace Agnew, Chair	Peter Konin	Tibor Purger
Kalaivani Ananthan	Linda Langschied	Caryn Radick
Isaiah Beard	Yu-Hung Lin	Mary Beth Weber
John Brennan	Rhonda Marker	Krista White
Fengzhi Fan	Chad Mills	Ryan Womack (guest)
Ron Jantz	Aletia Morgan	Yang Yu (guest)

DCMI Report

Agnew and Weber spoke about the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) conference they recently attended. They presented a session reviewing the Research Data Application Profile. They noted not a lot of movement has occurred in libraries with research data and their presentation was well received.

Weber gave highlights of the sessions she attended on metadata for scientific data, I-press' datatorium, and the Camp for Data. Of note was the meta dictionary at the Camp for Data. They crowd-source new standards and practices and then let the community vote upon them.

Agnew noted a split in the community between large organizations who tend to be very insular and other professionals who embrace a more collaborative spirit. She spoke about linked data and ontologies and how they are receiving traction in the field. Schema.org is promoting the idea that most folks use Google to discover catalogs and databases, so libraries should leverage Google when using linked data. Agnew recommended doing a small test case of this at Rutgers using the eBethArké Digital Library collection. She asked Beard, Yu, Radick and Weber to be part of the test team.

RURResearch Update

Womack provided an update on RURResearch activities. He recommended adding Laura Palumbo to the team, along with new participants from Camden and the Health Science libraries. He said new participants would necessitate another round of research data classes. Agnew recommended having these folks work on real data since the previous courses were divorced from actual practice. Discussion about compressing and scheduling the classes also occurred.

Womack said the University is working on an institutional data policy which, among other things, will determine ownership of research data. Until this policy is implemented the team is limited in what they can offer. The team will continue to work on projects approved and/or started before July 1, 2013. New projects will be vetted through senior library management. Agnew reminded everyone that the RURResearch team is not a policy making body, it is a working group with the charge of finding sustainable practices to support University research.

Open Access Release of WMS

A discussion took place concerning the College of Charleston's experiences with the beta version of OpenWMS. Many of their concerns were addressed in the official release of OpenWMS 1.0 which they did not adopt. Agnew said WMS has evolved considerably since OpenWMS 1.0 and it may be time to offer a new release containing the features available in the current native version of the software. This release should be accompanied by promotion including a press release and articles in journals such as *D-Lib* and *Code4Lib*. A tentative target of late November for the release was agreed upon. Ananthan asked for volunteers for testing and Fen offered to assist. Additionally, documentation needs to be revised prior to a new release.

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State of the Libraries

Agnew asked for suggestions for poster sessions at the upcoming State of the Libraries in November. The following were put forth:

- VALID/OLE update (Agnew, Chris Sterback)
- Yearbook Project (Konin, Radick, Mills)
- Roman Coins (Jantz + others)
- eBethArké (Beard)
- Proposing a Digitization Project (Marker, Janice Pilch)
- OpenWMS R2.0 (Ananthan, Yang, Mills)
- Health Sciences Libraries digital projects (Fan)
- Oral Histories (White, Radick)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2013 at 10:00 in the Technical Services Building conference room.

Submitted by John Brennan
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