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Walter Baranger, New York Times Company

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Angelo Marrara, ANSA

John Minting, United Press International

Hironori Mizoguchi, Kyodo News

Peter Müller, SDA/ATS

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Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå

Charles Tichenor, The Associated Press Tadashi Tsuji, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai Evi Varsou, Athens Technology Center S.A.

Misha Wolf, Reuters Limited

As Guest:

Paul Kelly, XML Team Solutions Pauli Tölli, Oy Suomen Tietotoimisto

Michael Steidl, IPTC Managing Director as Secretary

1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2005 (NCT0504.1)

It was proposed by Walter Baranger and seconded by Henrik Stadler that the minutes be accepted as circulated. This was agreed unanimously.

2 Matters Arising

No matters were arising from the minutes not covered by this agenda.

3 Chairman's report

The chairman said a conference call of the EventsML WG was held prior to the Autumn Meeting to discuss the current state of the work. It was agreed to review in detail how EventsML fits into the News Architecture, results from this will be shown later.

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4 SportsML Working Group

Alan Karben, SportsML WG lead, was present by teleconference facilities. He showed a presentation – see Appendix 1.

Alan Karben reported having made public version 1.6 of SportsML on the web site. For this purpose he employed a new documentation generator which he explained in detail.

An additional plug-in for Motor Racing was made available with SportML 1.6.

Alan Karben said for SportML 1.6 the structure of the DTD was enhanced – to ease the transition to XML Schemas.

The chairman asked whether the Motor Racing Plugin is backward compatible.

Alan Karben said it is not backward compatible as it relies on the DTD structure.

Action • It was agreed this not being backward compatible <u>must</u> be explained in the SportsML documentation, Alan Karben has to take action.

Additional plug-ins for SportsML 1.7: for Cricket and Wintersports (Olympic Games!)

Discussion regarding an official XML Schema for SportsML 1.7:

The chairman asked if the XML Schema will be up to the current DTD?

Then it was discussed how to relate DTD and XML Schema to each other. The XML Schema will always be more specific as it allows defining datatypes for elements and attributes while the DTD can't do this. It was also discussed when to release official XML Schemas for SportsML – already for the next version or only for a version fully in synch with the News Architecture. John Iobst said it was agreed to have only XML Schemas for all standards in the scope of the News Architecture.

Misha Wolf said if an XML Schema is required it should be created.

The Managing Director reminded of previous discussions where it was said the XML Schema has to take the lead in terms of specification as it is more specifying than a DTD, hence it has to be decided for a standard when to switch from DTD to XML Schema as the driving specification, we can't have them "in parallel".

Laurent Le Meur said IPTC standards should be defined by a specification document and not an XML Schema as this is only one tool for expressing the specifications.

The Managing Director said the IPTC as standardisation body must provide an official XML Schema, we can't leave this to the individual implementer.

Laurent Le Meur asked what conversion tool should be used to make an XML Schema out of a DTD.

Alan Karben said he created his own tool as most of the details have to be set by hand.

Chuck Tichenor asked if the IPTC will vote on a V 1.6 XML Schema.

Alan Karben said there will be no V 1.6 XML Schema, only one for V 1.7.

The chairman asked who is using SportsML.

It was found this standard is primarily used in the US by AP and some of its clients.

Paul Kelly of XML Team added currently they are working primarily on Fancy Football leagues as this appears to be big business.

SportsML and the News Architecture

Alan Karben gave an extensive presentation on how SportsML can make use of the News Architecture – see Appendix 2.

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Several issues were clarified between the News Architecture developer group and Alan Karben about technical details and semantics of properties.

The chairman felt this presentation was a great achievement in terms of reconciling existing standards and the new News Architecture.

Action • Laurent Le Meur said as NAR WP chair he will put Alan's NAR Wishlist on the agenda of on of the upcoming NAR Conference calls.

5 NewsML Working Group

Laurent Le Meur, NewsML 2 WG lead, gave a presentation on the adoption of the News Architecture's NewsItem by NewsML 2 – see Appendix 3.

Laurent Le Meur concluded his presentation by pointing out NewsML 2 as being only a thin layer of specifications on top of the News Architecture but essential issues like the mark up of text has to be addressed by this standard.

He said currently two options are considered, NITF and XHTML. The "ArticleML" introduced by Alan Karben the other day is not under consideration.

Discussion:

Dean Large said BusinessWire will go with XHTML.

Walter Baranger said he is against adopting a standard for mark up which is not under control of the IPTC, hence he is against adopting XHMTL. NITF was already the recommended mark up standard for NewsML1.

Laurent Le Meur proposed to think about not adopting the whole NITF structure but only the text markup in the body.content.

Walter Baranger said there is no need for doing this, the NITF syntax is well known. People at the New York Times would go mad with all the span tags in XHTML.

Stuart Myles asked which version of XHTML is under consideration. Laurent Le Meur replied this is version 2.

Misha Wolf said currently there are two completely different approaches to text mark up within the IPTC membership and he sees no chance to reconcile them.

Walter Baranger said the New York Times uses an editorial system of CCI Europe which has an internal structure very close to NITF – and nobody has any intention of switching.

Laurent Le Meur pointed out this discussion is about text markup and not about metadata structures.

Walter Baranger responded saying the New York Times is also requiring all wire services to be delivered with NITF text mark up – even Reuters does the transformation at its front end. Misha Wolf added saying this is only done as a business requirement, not by design.

Chuck Tichenor said for the AP the IPTC choice for a text mark up can only be NITF – or being neutral.

John Iobst asked if the IPTC wants to undertake a project of a model implementation of XHTML in the NewsML 2 environment. If there is no recommendation how to use XHTML in NewsML he expects to have chaos.

Laurent Le Meur said it was intended by the NewsML WG to provide clear guidelines how to use XHTML with NewsML.

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Chuck Tichenor asked whether the IPTC could differentiate between news story text markup and other text markup as sort of a compromise.

Laurent Le Meur said this would not help much as there is disagreement about a recommendation of NITF for news story text markup among IPTC members.

He added there must also be a clear recommendation to use only the text markup portion of NITF for NewsML 2 – but this can't be done now as the NITF specs are monolithic, adopting only the text markup would require a standalone XML Schema.

Walter Baranger asked how easily the NITF DTD/XML Schema could be split into a metadata portion and a text mark up portion.

Stéphane Guérillot reminded of the time of creating NITF: this standard should reflect IIM in XML. Hence the guideline for this split could be: any kind of structure already present in NewsML 2 should not be adopted from NITF.

Laurent Le Meur said as WG chairman he sees no clear consensus on this issue.

Darko Gulija proposed to undertake an effort to study the split of the NITF specs.

6 EventsML Working Group

Johan Lindgren, EventsML WG lead, gave a presentation of the current work on EventsML – see Appendix 4.

Discussion:

Discussion of the issue of "incomplete dates": The intention is to allow diverting from full dates specific steps, like "year and month", "year only".

It was pointed out there are more datatypes subject to "incompleteness" than Date/Time like eg. phone/fax numbers, address lines etc.

Darko Gulija said it is required by the NAR to use a TopicItem for Events.

The Managing Director said there is no requirement like this – he proposed to the EventsML group to start for now with their own EventItem as the TopicItem specifications are not clear currently, so no guideline how to specify an Event-TopicItem.

George Landau asked about the thoughts of the group regarding reoccurring events. Johan Lindgren said this is a very tricky issue, the EventsML group decided to consider this standard only for exchanging information between systems but not for building a full calendar. This has to be done by software receiving and processing an EventItem, it will convey information about reoccurrence which can be processed by this software.

He added the other tricky issue within EventsML are sub-events, like e.g. the specific sports competitions within the big event of the Olympic Games.

Regarding dates it was clarified only the StartDate is mandatory.

John Iobst asked about the thoughts on how to implement "As Soon As Possible" (ASAP)? Johan Lindgren said this could be handled by applying the current year with an attribute saying this could be carried over to the next year.

7 ProgramGuideML: update

The Managing Director reminded the WP of the current status of ProgramGuideML: it was approved as "Release Candidate" in May 2004 (at the AGM in Hong Kong). This period expired in June 2005 and hence a decisions has to be made.

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The chairman asked which members are interested in supporting ProgramGuideML in the future – no member represented by a delegate responded affirmatively.

Laurent Le Meur said ProgramGuideML is currently a mix of TVAnytime for details and NewsML 1 for the overall structure – which he considers not being a very good idea.

The Managing Director proposed to think about integrating TVAnytime into the News Architecture - the EBU may be interested in supporting this effort as they host TVAnytime.

The chairman asked which of the members present would be interested into doing this - no member showed interest. The chairman said before determining the fate of ProgramGuideML, he would like to give the EBU, the newest IPTC member, an opportunity to review ProgramGuideML and suggest possible next steps.

If the specification does move forward, it was agreed that it likely would not be released as a standard in its present state, but would refitted to work the new NewsML 2 architecture.

8 Any Other Business

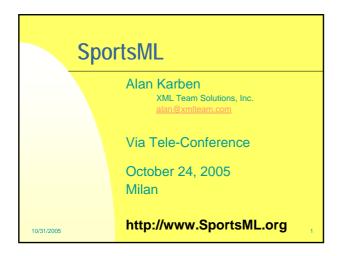
There was no other business.

9 Date and Place of Next Meeting

27-29 March 2006, Vancouver (CAN), Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel

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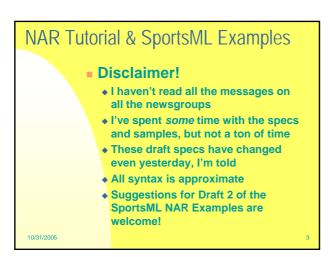


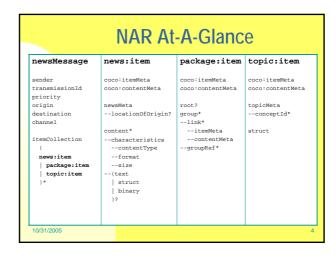
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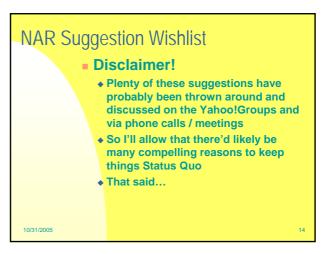


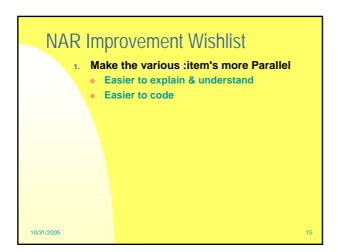


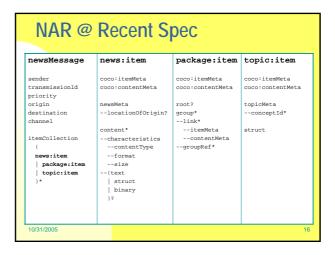
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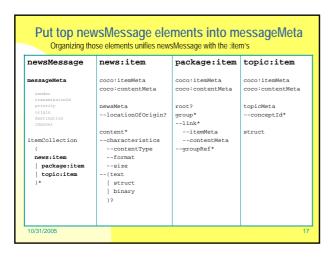
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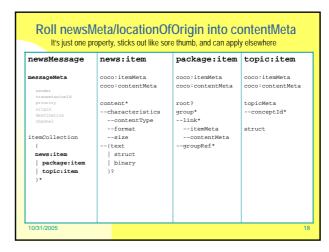


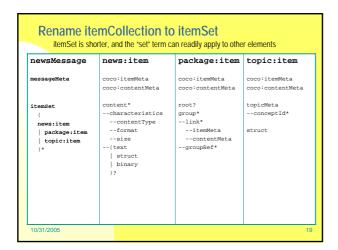


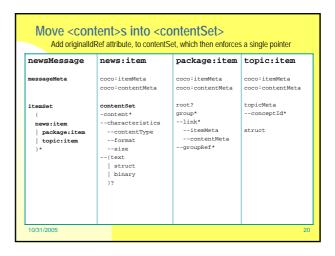


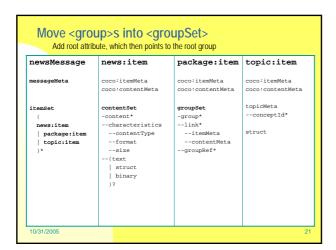


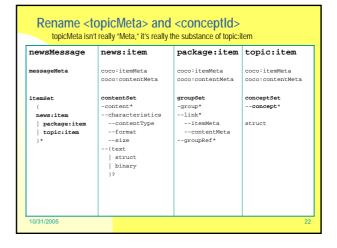


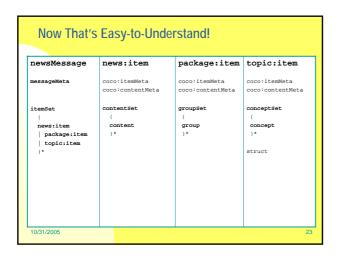


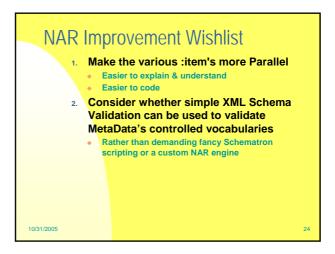












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NAR Improvement Wishlist

- 1. Make the various :item's more Parallel
 - Easier to explain & understand
 - Easier to code
- 2. Consider whether simple XML Schema Validation can be used to validate MetaData's controlled vocabularies
 - ♦ Rather than demanding fancy Schematron scripting or a custom NAR engine
- 3. Call the whole banana "NewsML"
 - It clearly aims to be a functional superset of NewsML 1.0
 - It's a great term to market.

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Next Steps / Open Forum

- Flesh out further examples for SportsML Use within New
- Begin information-gathering for SportsML 1.7
- Provide more examples and continually improve
- Continue to develop SportsML Schema
 - ◆ Improve the "specificness" of controlled formats and vocabularies
- Next Meeting: Vancouver, March 27-29
- Open Forum

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