



IPTC Annual General Meeting 2003

Held at the Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Aarhus
Margarethepladsen, Aarhus, 8000 Denmark

Minutes of the NITF Working Party held on 2 June 2003

Present:

Chairman: Alan Karben, (remote in New York)

Yoshimasa Araki, Kyodo Tsushin
Walter Baranger, New York Times
Dominic Chan, Canada NewsWire
Honor Craig-Bennett, PA News
Stéphane Guérillot, Agence France Presse
Darko Gulija, HINA
Naoshi Hashimoto, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Geoffrey Haynes, The Associated Press
Andrea Hellmich, Deutsche Presse-Agentur
Klaus Herwig, Deutsche Presse-Agentur
Niels Hojer-Pedersen, Ritzau Bureau I's
Martin Holroyd, PR Newswire
Rudi Horvath, Austria Presse Agentur
Chris Hugh-Jones, Fingerpost Ltd
John Iobst, Newspaper Association of America
Hugh Johnstone, IPTC
Rob Larson, New York Times

Laurent Le Meur, Agence France Presse
Jaak Leenknecht, Agence Belga
Johan Lindgren, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
Harald Löffler, ifra
Takis Mantis, ANA
Angelo Marrara, ANSA
John Minting, United Press International
Motoyasu Mise, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Peter Müller, SDA/ATS
Christian Ratenburg, CCI Europe
Jean-François Richard, Agence France Presse
Kazuyuki Sakamoto, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Klaus Sprick, Deutsche Presse-Agentur
Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
Tom Taylor, PR Newswire
Charles Tichenor, The Associated Press
Misha Wolf, Reuters Limited

Michael Steidl, IPTC, Secretary

Since Alan Karben was not able to attend the meeting in person he was connected from New York by a conference telephone and conducting a Netmeeting session. Christian Ratenburg moderated the local discussion in Aarhus.

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Item 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on March 2003 in Nice (

It was proposed by Geoffrey Haynes and seconded by Walt Baranger that the minutes be accepted as circulated. This was agreed unanimously.

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Item 2/3 Matters arising / Chairman's report

The Chairman reported his intention to have two steps in the NITF development:
Version 3.2 should cover minor adjustments
Version 3.3 should cover the Ruby integration

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Item 5 NITF Version 3.2 / Updates

(This also covered item 7, AP change request)

The Chairman showed details for the 3.2 update:
All 3.2 adjustments are FULLY backwards-compatible. (They are additions, not subtractions.)



- 1 Change content component of body.head from headline? to headline*
The “class” and “style” attribute should be used for distinguishing the different targets of the headlines.
- 2 Add idsrc and value attributes to lang element
- 3 Changed dd's content model from (block)* to (block | %block.content;)*
- 4 Some minor adjustments: adding “class” and “style” to some elements.

The Chairman asked for comments from the membership.

Laurent Le Meur asked what happens to the subheadlines h11 and h12 when there are several headline elements.

As Charles Tichenor requested this duplication feature for the headline tag he responded that this feature is intended as alternatives of headlines for specific media types like print or online.

Geoffrey Haynes added that this would bring the handling of metadata within NITF closer to the model of NewsML.

Laurent Le Meur commented on the “lang” attribute: why is the “xml:lang” attribute not used in this place – as we want to control the value of all attributes by controlled vocabularies a vocabulary of all languages would have to be provided versus xml:lang where the ISO language definitions are available.

The Chairman responded that he did not want to depreciate the “lang” attribute so he refurbished in a way its use makes more sense.

Walt Baranger asked which values should be used for the “lang” attribute.

This ignited an extensive discussion of the use of language identifiers.

Finally it was felt that the use should be as close as possible to the general XML practice as outlined in RFC3066.

It was decided to add the “xml:lang” attribute to the %common-attributes entity.

Then the WP agreed to the change in the headline definition that would allow for several headlines.

Finally the WP agreed to add common-attributes (“class” and “style”) to: pronounce, classifier, distributor, pre, org, person, name.given, name.family, postaddr.

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Item 8 **Ruby integration**

The Chairman explained that he has in mind to do the Ruby integration in the same way as it has been done by XHTML as a well defined module:
All elements are defined there in the external Ruby Module (xhtml-ruby-1.mod)

Steps of Ruby integration:

- 1 Include a set of inclusion statements:

```
<!ENTITY % Ruby.complex "INCLUDE">  
<!ENTITY % NoRuby.content "( #PCDATA )" >  
<!ENTITY % Ruby.common.attlists "INCLUDE">  
<!ENTITY % Ruby.common.attrib "%common-attributes;">  
<!ENTITY % Ruby.fallback "INCLUDE">
```



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<!ENTITY % Ruby.fallback.mandatory "IGNORE">
<!ENTITY % xhtml-ruby.mod PUBLIC "-//W3C//ELEMENTS XHTML Ruby 1.0//EN"
"xhtml-ruby-1.mod">
%xhtml-ruby.mod;
```

2a Including the %ruby.qname; entity wherever #PCDATA had been present before:

```
<!ENTITY % enriched-text '
  #PCDATA
  | chron      | classifier
  | copyrite   | event
  | function   | location
  | money      | num
  | object.title | org
  | person     | postaddr
  | virtloc    | a
  | br         | em
  | lang       | pronounce
  | q          | %ruby.qname;
  >
```

2 b Also, include the %ruby.qname; entity include the particular “enriched-text” elements, such as:
rights.owner, rights.agent, distributor, copyrite, pre, location, sublocation, city, state, region, country, org, person, name.given, name.family

2c as a QUESTION: Should we just make these “enriched-text” elements also hold “enriched-text”, rather than just #PCDATA + a few other elements?

```
rights.owner      (#PCDATA | %ruby.qname;)*>
rights.agent      (#PCDATA | %ruby.qname;)*>
pre               (#PCDATA | %ruby.qname;)*>
name.given        (#PCDATA | %ruby.qname;)*>
name.family       (#PCDATA | %ruby.qname;)*>
distributor       (#PCDATA | org | %ruby.qname;)*>
sublocation       (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
city              (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
state             (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
region           (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
country          (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
org               (#PCDATA | alt-code | %ruby.qname;)*>
copyrite          (#PCDATA | copyrite.year | copyrite.holder | %ruby.qname;)*>
person           (#PCDATA | name.given | name.family | function | alt-code |
  %ruby.qname;)*>
location          (#PCDATA | sublocation | city | state | region | country | alt-code |
  %ruby.qname;)*>
```

The Chairman asked for comments from the membership.

John Iobst agreed this might be the easiest way to do Ruby integration.



Moto Mise replied that this way to include Ruby would fit the need of the Japanese working party perfectly.

Then the Chairman asked how to deal with Step 2c (see above).

After a discussion of pros and cons of doing it the proposed way the chairman proposed as best option to create a new entity %modestly-enriched-text which should be defined as #PCdata | Ruby.

Charles Tichenor asked whether this ruby integration should be put into version 3.3 of NITF.

John Iobst said Ruby has to be integrated soon and having NITF 3.2 in June and 3.3 in October would be two fast version changes.

Moto Mise added that the Japanese working party on Ruby would agree to approving to version 3.3 at the Autumn meeting.

Finally either Charles Tichenor as well as Moto Mise agreed to have both update requests integrated in

Action ● NITF version 3.2 that should be approved in the Autumn meeting.

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Item 9 Any other business

◆ Darko Gulija asked regarding a discussion in another IPTC session the same day whether there are any considerations about the inclusion of XHTML into NITF and Misha Wolf gave some additional explanations to the Chairman on this issue.

The Chairman asked who should tackle this issue: is it an XHTML Working Group or an IPTC issue.

Stéphane Guérillot said that a first information should be gathered how this integration could be achieved in technical terms and then a decision has to be made by IPTC

◆ It was unanimously agreed to close the “nitf-standard” Yahoo group and to invite all of its members to move to the “nitf” group – if they are not already there.

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Item 10 Date and place of next meeting

8 – 10 October 2003, Leipzig (Germany)

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