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Minutes of the NewsML 1 Maintenance Working Party held on 5th March 2005

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Chairman: Dean Large, Business Wire

Walter Baranger, New York Times Company
Scott Calder, Mainstream Data
Guthrie Collin, The Associated Press
Dave Compton, Reuters Limited
Jay Cousins, RivCom
Honor Craig-Bennett, PA NewsLtd
Arnaud Descamps, Relaxnews
Takahiro Fujiwara, EAST Co. Ltd
Stéphane Guérillot, Agence France Presse
Darko Gulija, HINA
Klaus Herwig, Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH
Niels Hojer-Pedersen, Ritzau Bureau I's
Rudi Horvath, Austria Presse Agentur
John Iobst, Newspaper Association of America
Hugh Johnstone, IPTC
Alan Karben, XML Team Solutions, Inc.

Laurent Le Meur, Agence France Presse
Jaak Leenknegt, Agence de Presse Belga
Johan Lindgren, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
Harald Löffler, ifra
Jayson Lorenzen, Business Wire
Angelo Marrara, ANSA
John Minting, United Press International
Peter Müller, SDA/ATS
Stuart Myles, Dow Jones & Company
Karl Oanes, CCNMatthews
Jean-François Richard, Agence France Presse
Hitoshi Saito, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News
Klaus Sprick, Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH
Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
Charles Tichenor, The Associated Press
Misha Wolf, Reuters Limited

Michael Steidl, IPTC Managing Director as Secretary

1   Chairman's introduction to the scope of the new Working Party

The Chairman cited from the STA0409c document outlining the scope of work for this WP:
"A NewsML 1 Maintenance WP will be established with the mission to maintain NewsML 1.x as required."

He added the WP will focus on the support for ongoing usage and updates of NewsML 1.x

The Chairman reported Takahiro Fujiwara of EAST Co Ltd volunteered to be his vice-chair.

Finally the Chairman said he considers this WP to be a successor to the NewsML Support Working Party, hence he asked to approve the minutes of the last session of this WP.

2   Minutes of the NewsML Support WP Meeting held on 7th October 2004 (NMLS0407)

It was proposed by Laurent Le Meur and seconded by John Minting that the minutes be accepted as circulated. This was agreed unanimously.

3   Matters Arising

The Chairman said the only matter arising are NewsML URN RFC issues:
- Documentation: revision numbers NOT reflected in RFC
- Limitations on usage of date portion of URN may be too restrictive

This should be addressed either by this Working Party or a cross WP task force as the NewsML URN is not only in the scope of this WP.

It was agreed to form a Task Force and Dean Large, Misha Wolf, Laurent Le Meur and the Managing Director volunteered to join.
The key issue of this group will be to fix the outstanding problems but also to rethink the item identifier issue in a more general scope.
The Chairman said he will propose to the Standards Committee to set up such a Task Force with this charter.

4   Updates to the NewsML 1 specifications

The Chairman said the NewsML 1.x specifications are translated into Japanese to make them a reference for a new "Japanese Industry Standard" (JIS) in an effort undertaken by NSK.

Takahiro Fujiware elaborated on this: (see also slides 1 through 5 in Appendix 1)

JIS are made from standards originating from Japan and from outside of Japan:

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Japan Original	Expected to be used in Japan	As a information
Imported Standards e.g. XML, PDF, JPEG2000...	Expected to be used in Japan	As a information

As NewsML has been widely used in Japan it is intended to be a normal JIS, not JIS TR.

NSK has set up a NewsML support team already years ago. This team created a temporary JIS Working Group to make a first draft of a JIS document available.

And the Japan Standard Association created a Working Party at the same time. This Party consists of users, makers and neutral people who have practical experience or an academic background. This party will make an application to the Japan Standard Association and edit the NewsML JIS Document.
The NSK team already got a basic approval from the Japan Standard Association. So the next step will be to make an application to the Ministry.

The schedule for this effort is:
2002: NSK decided to standardise NewsML in Japan

2004 August: work commenced formally
NewsML1.2 specification Japanese -> JIS wording
Some wrong definitions in original IPTC specification were reported to the IPTC
e.g. mix up of element and attribute in the appendix

2005 February: Passed JSA internal passing process

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2005 June: Release it as JIS Standard. X 7201：2005

The Chairman said he considers the reported errors to be minor issues – how to fix them best?

Laurent Le Meur said we should align the specification document with the wording proposed by Takahiro Fujiwara.

Then it was discussed how this can be done most efficiently as currently the functional specifications document is an HTML file which can not be edited easily.
Action ● The Managing Director will provide a draft for an updated "functional specifications" document in any reasonable format for the AGM 2005.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Promoting NewsML 1 in the interim

The Chairman raised the issue of how to promote NewsML 1.x while NewsML 2 is under development.

Walter Baranger said the IPTC should talk about NewsML 2 in a very open way making clear NewsML 2 will not break NewsML 1 – but it will be different. Hence any press release regarding NewsML 1 and 2 will be very carefully worded to make this clear to users and implementers.
Regarding NewsML 1 he added the IPTC should be aware that NewsML is considered to be updated currently and hence its promotion has to be handled very carefully not to make people think we sell them "old stuff".

The Chairman pointed out the roll out of NewsML 2 requires providing a clear update path from version 1 to version 2, not providing this will alienate the users.

Laurent Le Meur added the IPTC should think about providing information on the development of NewsML on the public NewsML Yahoo group.

The Managing Director said regarding this we need a clear branding for our standards first as we have to talk about the News Architecture – which is intended to be called differently for public use.

Walter Baranger added we have to be candid about our standards and their future as we have to consider companies which spent a lot of money in NewsML enabled systems and its implementation and they don't want to see this screwed up.

Misha Wolf said we have to tell the public on the public Yahoo group why we are so quiet.

Walter Baranger replied we have to make a decision on the brands of the products first.

The Chairman proposed to discuss this on the newsml-dev Yahoo group.

5.2 NewsML 1 implementation

Rudi Horvath of the Austrian Press Agency APA told they implemented a NewsML 1 feed since last summer and started to deliver by 1 February. Currently two clients receive this feed.

6 Date and Place of Next Meeting

6 – 9 June 2005, London, Bonnington Hotel in Bloomsbury

NewsML JIS Standardization Status in Japan

2005 March

NewsML JIS Working Party, Japan
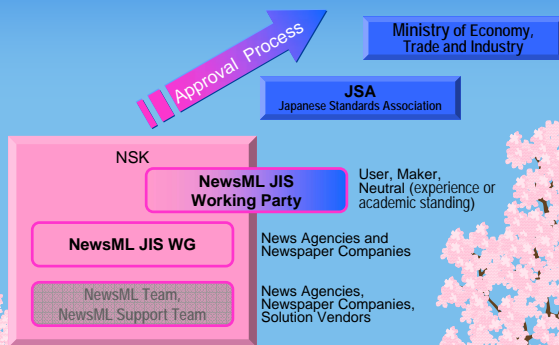
Takahiro Fujiwara
EAST Co., Ltd. Japan

Purpose of Standardization in Japan

- JIS is an abbreviation of Japanese Industrial Standards
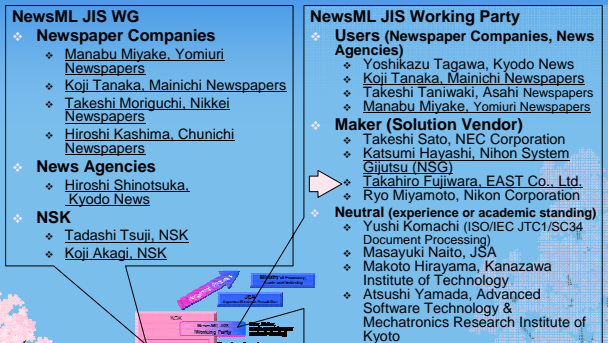- It consist from Japan Original Standards and Imported Standards

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JIS Working Formation

Approval Process

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

JSA
Japanese Standards Association

NSK

NewsML JIS Working Party — User, Maker, Neutral (experience or academic standing)

NewsML JIS WG — News Agencies and Newspaper Companies

NewsML Team, NewsML Support Team — News Agencies, Newspaper Companies, Solution Vendors

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Related Members of NewsML Standardization in Japan

NewsML JIS WG
- **Newspaper Companies**
  - Manabu Miyake, Yomiuri Newspapers
  - Koji Tanaka, Mainichi Newspapers
  - Takeshi Moriguchi, Nikkei Newspapers
  - Hiroshi Kashima, Chunichi Newspapers
- **News Agencies**
  - Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News
- **NSK**
  - Tadashi Tsuji, NSK
  - Koji Akagi, NSK

NewsML JIS Working Party
- **Users (Newspaper Companies, News Agencies)**
  - Yoshikazu Tagawa, Kyodo News
  - Koji Tanaka, Mainichi Newspapers
  - Takeshi Taniwaki, Asahi Newspapers
  - Manabu Miyake, Yomiuri Newspapers
- **Maker (Solution Vendor)**
  - Takeshi Sato, NEC Corporation
  - Katsumi Hayashi, Nihon System Gijutsu (NSG)
  - Takahiro Fujiwara, EAST Co., Ltd.
  - Ryo Miyamoto, Nikon Corporation
- **Neutral (experience or academic standing)**
  - Yushi Komachi (ISO/IEC JTC1/SC34 Document Processing)
  - Masayuki Naito, JSA
  - Makoto Hirayama, Kanazawa Institute of Technology
  - Atsushi Yamada, Advanced Software Technology & Mechatronics Research Institute of Kyoto

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