

**IPTC SPRING MEETING 2003****Held at****Hotel Mercure Nice****27 Avenue Notre Dame****06000 NICE, France****Minutes of the Standards Committee held on 18th & 20th March 2003****Present:**

Stéphane	Guérillot	AFP: Chairman			
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Jussie	Chan	CINTEC	Joost	Meijdam	ANP
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			Manabu	Miyake	The Yomiuri Shimbun
Darko	Gulija	HINA	Peter	Müller	SDA/ATS
			Stuart	Myles	Dow Jones & Co
Niels	Hojer-Pedersen	Ritzau	Jo	Rabin	Inxight Software
Rudi	Horvath	APA	Christian	Ratenburg	CCI Europe
Hugh	Johnstone	IPTC	Wilson	Ross	Business Wire
Hiroshi	Kashima	Tokyo Shimbun	Hiroshi	Shinotsuka	KyodoNews
Laurent	Le Meur	Agence France Presse	Klaus	Sprick	dpa
Jaak	Leenknecht	Belga NV	Henrik	Stadler	Tidningarnas Telegrambyra
Johan	Lindgren	Tidningarnas Telegrambyra	Charles	Tichenor	The Associated Press
Harald	Löffler	Ifra	Misha	Wolf	Reuters
			Ken	Wolf	Business Wire
Michael	Steidl	IPTC: Secretary			

Agenda**Item 1 Targets of the Working Parties for this Spring meeting**

The Chairman pointed out that this is the first meeting opened by a short session of the Standards Committee.

The Chairman reports on the telephone conference of the chairmen of the Working Parties (WP) of IPTC that has been held on 14 February in preparation of the Spring meeting.

The chairmen discussed:

* The focus of the different WP meetings

* The convergence of the different standards and recommendations of IPTC

The discussions and presentations of this Spring meeting should give some guidance in the work of 2003.

The Chairman reports that some of the regular chairmen of WPs were not able to come to the Spring Meeting and some volunteers stand in:

Henrik Stadler will chair the Special Content WP

Johan Lindgren will chair the first EventsML WP and will report on SportsML

The Chairman gave an overview on the presentation of this meeting:

* Laurent LeMeur will give a presentation on technologies for metadata representation

* External presentations will be from Transtel, Microsoft and Gammasite.



The Chairmen reported the discussion on the future role of XML Schema for IPTC standards: Step by step the reference for these should be the XML Schema files and the DTDs will be derived from them. The common understanding is that each WP should move to XML Schema as reference for their standards and this will be coordinated by the Standards Committee.

Jo Rabin pointed out that in his opinion consistency is more than having Schemas and asks if this would be discussed elsewhere during this Meeting. He added whether IPTC is thinking about the adoption of Object Models as proposed by David Megginson on one of the IPTC mailing lists.

The Chairmen agreed that consistency is more than having Schemas. The WP chairmen concluded from their telephone conference discussion that more consistency of the IPTC standards is needed and it has to be reviewed how to focus on this, but this has not been done yet.

The first session of the Standards Committee is adjourned by the Chairman.

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Item 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2002 (STA0209)

It was proposed by Johan Lindgren and seconded by John Minting that these minutes be accepted as circulated.

This was agreed unanimously.

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Item 3 Matters arising

Appointment of the SRS “ad hoc committee”

The Chairman said this will be discussed in item 7 of this agenda.

Future Work

The Chairman reported that the chairmen of the working party are working on a draft for the future work of IPTC which should provide an outlook for a mid term of two or three years.

He emphasised the need of organising future improvements of IPTC standards as projects. From the first discussions among the WP chairmen he reports the goal to have a “NewsML version 2” ready in 2005, it could be approved officially at the AGM 2005 and the technical work should be finished at the Spring Meeting 2005. The goal for “NewsML version 2” is to harmonize the existing IPTC standards and to introduce NewsML as the parent standard of a family of IPTC standards.

Misha Wolf urged IPTC to be more reactive to developments in the news industry.

Christan Ratenburg pointed out different types of published content: there are news for newspapers, features for magazines etc.

The relation of IPTC standards for news to standards for similar content like PRISM for magazine content was discussed extensively.

The Chairman summarised IPTC should be aware of developments of these standards but should define its own goals.

Harald Löffler proposed to invite representatives of other standardization bodies to IPTC



meetings to get acquainted with their work and to show them our work.

Action ●: Christian Ratenburg promised to forward a list of such relating bodies. Misha Wolf reported about the “Publishing and Printing” section of OASIS where the IPTC standards are almost unknown. He would try to get in contact with them.

Action ●: The Managing Director should maintain the relations with OASIS.

It was agreed that the IPTC website should show all latest standards of IPTC.

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Item 4 Specialised Content WP report

Henrik Stadler reported:

- * Weather ML: a group of three will investigate all efforts in this area
 - * RadioTV-Program NewsML: the Japanese working party on this issue will review their DTD and would prepare a proposal for version 1 of this standard for the next meeting.
 - * XBRL: the Managing Director will contact PR Newswire to learn about the latest developments
 - * SportsML: a presentation of the proposed standard was made by Johan Lindgren and the Working Party proposes to approve it. The Working Party agreed on this constraints:
 - the documentation included in the proposal has to be reviewed and checked
 - the official launch of the standard should be coordinated with the PRC (chairman)
- He made a **motion** to *approve SportsML as Version 1.0 with the constraints mentioned*. This was approved unanimously.

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Item 5 EventsML report

Johan Lindgren reported:

- * Dominic Chan had been appointed as chairman
- * The goals and requirements for this WP will be defined and presented at the AGM meeting.

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Item 6 News Management WP report

Stuart Myles reported:

- * News Management Guide:
 - there was a discussion on how to implement a ranking mechanism and this issue should be reviewed until the next meeting
 - it was discussed if the news management mechanism should be extended to manage content within a news items – and this was rejected once again as being out of scope. But it should be documented in the Guideline why IPTC feels this should be the case.
 - suggestions were made about including business goals doing news management and show how that maps into the specific mechanisms.
 - questions about keys; how they should be used within XPath and XQuery expressions but it was concluded that there is currently no support for that in NewsML.
 - it was discussed what should happen when a NewsItem is “cancelled” – a portion of text should be included defining this.
 - * Use of XML Schemas to represent profiles
- Means to represent a formal subset of NewsML that is used by a provider had been discussed. The goal was to provide a description that could be used to validate NewsML documents.



This triggered a much broader debate of the features of NewsML, eg. on the use of an object model, but this is out of scope of the News Management WP. The document for the WP prepared by Ken Wolf will be circulated and Stuarts Myles will create a paper on the goals of defining profiles for NewsML. This will be circulated too.

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Item 7 News Metadata WP report

John Minting reported:

* The WP had a healthy discussion on the future of SRS: on one hand there are concerns that it might grow too big on the other hand concerns that it might not have room to live and grow as the world lives and grows and SRS will become a museum piece.

He pointed out that users can adopt subsets.

* It was agreed to tighten up the guidelines

* It was agreed similar terms on the Subject Detail level should be allowed under different Subject Matters. This should be included in an updated version of the SRS Guidelines.

* It was agreed to implement a limitation to the number of Subject Details that are submitted with a single request. This should also be included in an updated version of the SRS Guidelines.

* It was agreed to add the mandatory requirement of explanations in (British) English for all requested additions.

* The WP discussed a central repository for all – English and non-English - versions of SRS.

Further ideas should be sent to the Managing Director.

* At the next meeting a decision should be made who is explicitly responsible for the translation of SRS terms into various languages.

* A paper containing a proposal for “region” terms will be circulated for the next meeting

* The submission of HINA (NMA0308) was discussed by the ad-hoc committee but no final motion is ready for the Standards Committee.

* The submission of UPI (NMA0301) was discussed. A detailed investigation revealed that the updated version NMA0301a had not been circulated. This version updated only some explanations and cancelled a few terms.

Jo Rabin opposed further processing this submission since it was not circulated 3 weeks in advance. John Minting replied that the handling of NMA0301 complied with the rules for the Fast Track Jury which are different from the rules for submissions to the Working Party.

John Minting added the submission NMA0305 with three additional terms.

He made a **motion** to approve these submissions:

”Having been through the due process of the ‘fast track’ procedure and the ad-hoc working party as stipulated under the Subject Reference System Guidelines, the Metadata WP recommends that the contents of documents NMA0301, with the changes as verbally described, and NMA0305 be added to the IPTC Subject Reference System.”

The motion was approved unanimously.

* John Minting made a **motion** to define SRS:

”That the SRS be known as the SUBJECT REFERENCE SYSTEM and that all references in IPTC documents to the SUBJECT REFERENCE SCHEMA be amended to SUBJECT REFERENCE SYSTEM.”

The motion was approved unanimously.

Action ●: The Managing Director has to update all documents to show the correct explanation of SRS.

Jo Rabin proposed to think about registering a trademark for “IPTC SRS”.

* The need for an “ad-hoc working party” for dealing with Subject Matters was discussed.

Stéphane Guérillot said as Standards Committee chairman that he would like to appoint an “ad-hoc



working party” that consists of the Fast Track Jury and some additional members who are editors at various members of IPTC since dealing with terms of the SRS is primarily not a technical matter. Candidates from membership are expected.

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Item 8 NITF Maintenance WP report

Charles Tichenor reported:

Since he stood in for the regular chairman on a very short notice all major items of the agenda had been deferred to the next meeting.

Some requests of AP for changes to NITF had been discussed and AP will prepare a paper for the next meeting.

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Item 9 NewsML Support WP report

Laurent LeMeur reported:

* Guidelines: it was agreed to consider this as part of a more comprehensive documentation of NewsML. This extended documentation should evolve from members.

* Enhancements to the descriptions of the use of the language attribute should be made

* Version naming: the MD’s proposal was discussed, some changes were made and the Managing Director should make a formal paper out of it.

* Namespace for NewsML: some expert advice is needed for a final document

* Composition of XML Schemas: some guidelines will be prepared about possible implementations.

* Location/HowPresent values: three values should be used as outlined in NMLS0302.

* Default Vocabulary-Expression: there was a discussion whether this expression is match or query oriented. Some expertise is needed.

* Inclusion of external metadata: some more in depth discussion of an extension of NewsML is needed, it might come up at the AGM meeting.

* A discussion about how to include metadata about persons came to no final conclusion and should be continued on the NewsML mailing list.

* Future work of this WP includes “NewsML usage profiles”, an object model and thinking about the future of NewsML.

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Item 10 Any other business

XML Europe:

The Chairman encouraged members to participate in this event.

Laurent LeMeur said he will participate and pointed out that there is a lot of sessions dealing with TopicMaps and RDF

Schedule of meetings:

The Chairman said that the schedule of the last day of the meeting had to be changed due to the travelling schedule of some member delegates. This should be taken into consideration for the next meetings.

Subsequent to this it was discussed at what time to start in the morning. Finally it was agreed unanimously to start at 0830.

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Item 11 Date and place of next meeting

2 – 4 June 2003, Aarhus (AGM)



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