

# Of Related Interest

## Invitational Roundtable on Digital Identifiers

NISO will be convening an invitational Roundtable on Digital Identifiers on March 13-14, 2006, to identify issues and potential standards needs. The pre-standards workshop to be held at the Lister Hill Center at the U.S. National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, will be a small working meeting of invited experts representing multiple disciplinary, geographical, and cultural points-of-view.

A keynote presentation by Stuart Weibel (OCLC) will be followed by four expert panels:

- 1) Needs and Requirements - What Makes A Good Identifier?
- 2) IDs as Embedded in Working Systems
- 3) The Services & Technical Infrastructure Associated with Digital Identifiers
- 4) What Have We Learned?

Each panel session will be concluded with facilitated group-work sessions intended to produce recommendations for NISO's future activities related to the panel topic. Confirmed speakers include: Ron Daniel (Taxonomy Strategies LLC), Ted Koppel (Ex Libris), John Kunze (California Digital Library), Clifford Lynch (CNI), Juha Hakala (Helsinki University Library), R.P.C. Rodgers (NLM, NISO SDC), and Herbert Van de Sompel (Los Alamos National Laboratory).

NISO members with active interests in this area are welcome to nominate attendees by contacting Rick Rodgers ([email: rodgers@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:rodgers@nlm.nih.gov)).

The Roundtable on Digital Identifiers planning committee members are: Karen Coyle (NISO), Emily Fayen (MuseGlobal), Juha Hakala (Helsinki University Library), Ted Koppel (Ex Libris), John Kunze (California Digital Library), Clifford Lynch (Executive Directory), Peter Noerr (MuseGlobal), R.P.C. Rodgers (NLM, chair), Pat Stevens (NISO), and Jenny Walker (Ex Libris).

## Persistent Identifiers in Germany

They have decided to use URN:nbn:de as their identifier, and provide a resolving server, and a plugin for IE, Moz, and FF.

<http://www.persistent-identifier.de/?link=210&lang=en>

- 1. What is the objective of the URN Strategy?
- 2. What can be assigned a URN (nbn:de)?
- 3. How will URNs (nbn:de) be assigned and managed?
- 4. What principles and recommendations does URN management entail?
- 5. What standard interfaces are available for the technical implementation of URN management?
- 6. What resolution services are available?
- 7. Does Die Deutsche Bibliothek administer URNs from external namespaces?

Stable references to digital objects, for example in information systems such as online catalogues or bibliographies can only be created if a standardised, persistent addressing system is used, such as the Uniform Resource Names (URNs) system. However the permanence of such an addressing system cannot be assured if it is only being applied locally. Within the context of the EPICUR project, Die Deutsche Bibliothek is pursuing the goal of creating the foundations for co-operative, usable conventions for managing and resolving URNs, so that the benefits of URNs as a standard can be consistently applied, for example as reliable references within online publications, search criteria or access mechanisms. In addition, quality criteria will be specified for the application of URNs from the namespace "nbn:de" ("National Bibliography Number" for Germany). The URN strategy described below will be primarily targeted to institutions such as library consortia, publishers, information providers and university libraries who wish to assign and use URNs. At the same time it is also intended to provide an information basis for a more general circle of users.

## ERPANET Cork Conference

<http://www.erpanet.org/events/2004/cork/index.php>

The persistent identification of electronic resources can play a vital role in enabling long-term access and re-use and can positively impact on an object's authenticity. This seminar aimed to provide an overview of current activity in the field of persistent identifiers and an understanding of the various persistent identification strategies being used and developed. Individual experiences with persistent identifiers will be explored through presentations from the library community, the higher and further education community, the scientific community and the publishing community. The seminar also provided an update from the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) working group on persistent identifiers.

Venue

The seminar was held at the Boole Lecture Theatre, University College Cork. More information about the UCC is available on their website <http://www.ucc.ie>.