

**Metadata Subcommittee  
Conference Call  
May 14, 2008**

Present on call:

Lu Ai (FCLA)  
Gail Clement (FIU)  
Daniel Cromwell (FCLA)  
Emmett Denny (FAMU)  
Janice Donahue ((FAU)  
Doug Dunlop (UCF)  
Brian Falato (USF)  
Catherine Gardiner (FGCU)  
Jorge Gonzales (UF)  
Yue Li (FSU)  
Jim Michael (USF)  
Kim Montgomery (UCF)  
Mary Ann O'Daniel (FCLA)  
Jean Phillips (FCLA)  
Bob Sun (UWF)  
Ruth Ziegler (FSU)

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### **Minutes**

The minutes of the conference call of April 9, 2008 were unanimously approved with no revisions.

**Action Item:** Emmett will have the minutes posted to the CSUL web page

### **Life History Metadata**

Doug Dunlop provided an informative presentation on the Life History Events metadata standard for consideration by the group. Doug explained that this initiative dates back to July 2006, as part of an exploration undertaken by the former Digital Development & Access Committee (DDAC) to find ways to document and describe biographical life events information found in digital resources such as funeral home records, city directories, marriage and burial records. Through DDAC, a number of SUL institutions had identified the need for a standard to provide authoritative information dealing with local communities. The DDAC effort had culminated in the formation of a Life Events Task Group whose Interim Report of June 15 2007 Doug referenced as a good source of background information. The status of this Life Events Task Group became unclear when DDAC was deactivated in Fall 2007.

A promising life events standard identified by the Life Events Task Group is the Encoded Archival Context schema (EAC), which is now being used in "Bringing Life to Light", a project at UC Berkeley. Doug thinks this project is similar to what Florida SUL folks are

thinking of doing. Doug will be posting some references to standards to the TSPC Wiki, Metadata Subcommittee section.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of bringing the Life History metadata issue to DISC for a collaborative discussion. Emmett will send a courtesy email to DISC Chair Salwa Patel letting her know that the topic is under discussion and attach a copy of this meeting's minutes. This could be a first step towards a collaborative project between Metadata Subcommittee and DISC.

### **WIKI Access for Metadata Subcommittee**

The TSPC Wiki contains a section for the Metadata Subcommittee, which all subcommittee members are encouraged to access. The user name and password were provided on the phone, and can be requested from Daniel Cromwell at FCLA

### **Update from FCLA on DLU01 and Digitool**

Daniel announced that all records from NOTIS LTQF have been migrated over to Aleph DLU01. He has made up directions on the OCLC export procedure and has posted them to the TSPC Wiki. Gail asked about the status of the search interface in PALMM that patrons currently use to find LTQF records online (<http://webluis.fcla.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/%7Efcwlv3/wlv3/CM2/DGdlib/DBCO/P1basic>). Specifically, the question was raised about which interface users should be directed to in order to locate digital resources in PALMM. Lu and Jean will look into this question and report back to the group.

A question arose as to when would be a suitable time to analyze the mapping for Dublin Core records in Digitool. It was determined that right now the content in Digitool is not stable enough for such an analysis, because PALMM migration is actively in progress and tweaks are being made by FCLA for each migrated collection. FCLA indicated that by the end of June all of Visual Collections should be migrated over and that would be a better time for the Metadata Subcommittee to analyze the Dublin Core mapping in Digitool.

### **Next Meeting**

There will be a conference call on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 2:00 pm (EST).

Respectfully submitted by:

Gail Clement