

UK ONIX NATIONAL GROUP MEETING – Minutes**Location:** CILIP Building, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE**Date and time:** Wednesday 7th December 2016, 2pm**Minutes taken by:** Sophia Sophocleous**Present**

Graham Bell, EDItEUR
Emma Gibson, Pearson
Toby Gill, Virtusales
Ingrid Harrold, Dorling Kindersley (dialling in)
Azar Hussain, Faber and Faber
Lada Kriz, Penguin Random House
Karina Luke, BIC
Alistair Mann, Hachette
Fawzia Nazir, Ingenta (dialling in)
Sophia Sophocleous, BIC
Jack Tipping, Bowker
Gabrielle Wallington, Waterstones
Laura Williams, Penguin
Howard Willows, Nielsen (Chair)

Apologies

Alaina-Marie Bassett, BIC
James Burn, Oxford University Press
Kat Coveyduck, Virtusales
Andrew Down, Pan Macmillan
Eric Green, Bibliographic Data Services
Martin Klopstock, Kogan Page
Peter Mathews, Cambridge University Press
Karen Osterley, Pearson
Jessica Patient, Nielsen
Chris Saynor, EDItEUR
David Seymour, Taylor & Francis Group
Emma Whiting, Ingenta
Tim Wilson, Hachette
Alfred Willmann, Penguin Random House

1. Introductions & Apologies

HW welcomed the Group to the meeting and noted that Chris Saynor of EDItEUR had been welcomed to the membership of this Group, though he was unable to attend this meeting.

2. Competition Law – Conduct reminder

HW reminded the Group about BIC's Competition Law Policy, summarising what constitutes appropriate conduct (in relation to competition law) and noting that this conduct applies to all BIC meetings. Further information about BIC's Competition Law Policy can be found here: <http://www.bic.org.uk/149/BIC-Competition-Law-Policy/>

3. Review of minutes and follow up on actions from the last meeting

The Group approved the minutes from the last meeting. The actions from the last meeting were discussed as follows:

- Proposed ONIX workshop on formatted text

KL confirmed that the idea of a workshop had been discussed at the last meeting of the Training, Events and Communications (TEC) Committee on 29th September 2016. She noted that two options for the format of the workshop had been discussed; either it could take the form of a short session lasting 1½ hours, along the lines of a BIC Breakfast type event which could be free to members, or a more extended half day event. KL asked the Group for their opinions.

- ❖ **DECISION:** The Group agreed that the ONIX workshop on formatted text should be a half-day workshop, preferably taking place in late February 2017 if feasible, and possibly with a follow up to take place at LBF, though this TBC.
- ❖ **DECISION:** The Group agreed that examples of formatted text should be contributed either ahead of, or at the workshop.

4. Codelists

Copies of the Codelist for Issue 35 and proposals for Issue 36 were circulated.

- Review of Issue 35

GB went through the list, highlighting codes that may be of particular interest to the Group as follows:

- List 27 – Subject scheme identifier (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0)

GB noted that B4 ('Key character names') had been added to List 175 and that this is similar to keywords but for fictional character names only, as they may then be treated or weighted differently for indexing and search purposes.

- List 175 – Product form detail (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0)

GB informed the Group that B515 ('Acid-free paper') and B516 ('Archival paper') had been added to List 175.

- Proposals for Issue 36

GB informed the Group that Issue 36 will be published at the end of January 2017. Copies of the most up-to-date list of proposals for Issue 36 were circulated, which the Group went on to discuss as follows:

- List 13 – Series ID type (ONIX 2.1. and 3.0)

GB informed the Group that codes 29 ('BNF Control number') relating to the French National Bibliography series ID, and 35 ('ARK') have been proposed. These and other codes are specific to library use (in particular to the French national library).

- List 21 – Edition type code (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0)

GB informed the Group that code INT ('International edition') has been proposed. EG noted that Pearson publishes UK editions of US books and as such, the note for this code should read: 'A product aimed specifically at markets other than the country of **original** publication'. GB clarified that 'international edition' is intended for books that are labelled on the front cover as international editions. LW speculated whether this would include export editions. GB noted that it could be, but export editions would not always be labelled as international editions and would often not incorporate content changes (i.e. spellings, measurements).

- **ACTION:** GB to amend the note for code INT ('International edition') to read 'A product aimed specifically at markets other than the country of **original** publication'.

- List 51 – Product relation code (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0)
 GB highlighted to the Group code 42 ('Is later edition of first edition') as suggested by MK of this Group. GB noted that this could be useful in a library context. He noted that there is no 'opposite' relation such as 'is latest edition', as that would inevitably and rapidly become outdated (it would require metadata changes on every existing edition each time a new edition was published).

- List 64 – Publishing Status (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0)
 GB informed the Group that code 13 ('Active, but not sold separately') has been proposed for List 64 relating to a product that is published and active but, as a publishing decision, is not sold separately – only in an assembly or as part of a pack. GB noted that 'package' must be amended to 'pack' in the note on the codelist. GB advised that on all records for such items a Product Relation code should also be used to point to the pack in which it is available.

- **ACTION:** GB to amend the wording of 'package' to 'pack' for code 13 ('Active, but not sold separately').

- List 145 – E-publication usage type (ONIX 3.0 only)
 GB noted that code 09 ('Multi-user license') is related to the existing 'lend' usage constraint, but additionally implies lending within some fixed group such as a class or school. It may or may not be enforced through DRM.

- List 147 – Unit of usage (ONIX 3.0 only)
 GB noted that currently, time-limited licenses for e-publications can be specified using codes 09 ('Days'), 10 ('Weeks') and 14 ('Months') to specify the duration of the license where the duration begins when the item is purchased or activated. The proposed codes 27 ('Days (fixed start)'), 28 ('Weeks (fixed start)') and 29 ('Months (fixed start)') allows specification of the duration of time-limited licenses where the start and end dates of the license period are fixed. GB noted that this is common in academic publishing – for example, a licence that lasts until the end of an academic year, even if purchased or activated part-way through that year.

- List 153 – Text type (ONIX 3.0 only)
 GB informed the Group that code 24 ('schema.org snippet') will be documented in a forthcoming paper. GB noted that this will improve discoverability and warned the Group to ensure that the supplied Javascript only adds JSON data to their web page, and does not contain any executable JavaScript as this could raise security issues.

GB informed the Group that Issue 36 will almost certainly be the last codelist to support ONIX 2.1 and although organisations may still use ONIX 2.1, they will not be able to use any new codes added after Issue 36. This may help dissuade organisations from using and asking for data in ONIX 2.1, and encourage uptake of ONIX 3.

5. ONIX activity

- Update on ONIX 3.0.3

HW informed the Group that the International Steering Committee (ISC) had met at the Frankfurt Book Fair (FBF) 2016. It confirmed the plan that Issue 36 should be the last to support ONIX 2.1. The ISC had also discussed potential additions to 3.0.4 but the view was that it was not urgent at the moment. GB highlighted a few potential additions for the Group, including repeatable subtitles, and a workaround for the French furniture tax.

HW noted that the ISC has a new Chair (Fride Fosseng of Bokbasen in Norway) and highlighted some points of discussion from their last meeting, which included the unofficial, but useful online ONIX codelist tool developed by Lasse Lehtinen of Bonnier Finland. GB noted that there will be an official multi-lingual version that should work in a similar way to the *Thema* category browser. LK noted that a contents page on the codelist, to allow for easier reading, would be useful. GB agreed and noted that he will look into this.

[As an aside, it was reported that the *Thema* International Steering Committee also has a new Chair, Jesus Peraita of DILVE, Spain. HW also noted that a new Irish *Thema* Group was approved at FBF and that they have already submitted suggestions for National Extensions. GB also informed the Group that a Steering Committee has been established for EDItX. The Committee is small and GB hoped that BIC will be represented at the next meeting.] KL confirmed that BIC was unfortunately unable to attend the first meeting of this EDItX Steering Committee due to a prior FBF commitment. However, BIC would be represented at subsequent meetings,

6. Promotion and Uptake of ONIX 3.0

- Update on current activity by individual members of this Group

- EG – Pearson are hoping to go live with Nielsen before Christmas.
- TG – TG noted that there is still a lack of interest in ONIX 3.0 from the US and Germany. GB confirmed that VLB is switching to ONIX 3.0 so change in the German market during 2017 could be rapid.
- JT – Bowker are dealing with equal amounts of 2.1 and 3.0 and are currently working on clearing their backlog of 3.0 testing.
- GW – Waterstones is still using 2.1 and GW noted that Waterstones have no immediate plans to change to 3.0.
- LW – Penguin continue to send out 3.0 but there is still more demand for 2.1.
- AH – Faber are also receiving requests for 2.1 over 3.0.
- AM – Hachette are working on promotion and uptake.

- LK – LK reported the same as Penguin and Faber and suggested that interest in 3.0 is stagnating.
- HW – HW gave an update from JP, who could not attend this meeting, stating that half of Nielsen’s new & testing ONIX feeds are 3.0.
- GB – GB noted that he is doing more ONIX training for BISG in February 2017, and noted that Brian O’Leary, the new Director of BISG, has confirmed his commitment to promoting ONIX 3.0.
- FN – FN noted that she had received requests for information regarding 3.0 and directed them to the EDItEUR website. GB offered that FN send anyone with a specific request to him.
- IH – Dorling Kindersley are offering 3.0 and IH stated that anyone requesting 2.1 must have a good reason.
- AD – HW noted that AD had informed him that Pan Macmillan have been testing ONIX 3 with Nielsen and are seeking editorial sign-off having successfully completed internal testing. Sign-off expected by end Jan 2017, and we will then begin planning to cut over to ONIX 3 for any recipients keen to receive it place of ONIX 2.1

7. Proposed topics for ONIX workshops / clinics

None.

8. A.O.B.

None.

9. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 2nd March 2017.