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Minutes

**of the 30th meeting of CEN/ISSS/WS-LT
on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th 2007 in Milano, Italy**

(co-located with the kick-off meeting of CEN/TC 353;

including a joint meeting of CEN/TC 353 and CEN/ISSS/WS-LT

on Thursday from 16:00 to 18:00 hours)

- Coordination meeting of CEN/ISSS/WS-LT with CEN/TC 353, ICT for LET

(May 10, 16:00-18:00 hours)

An attendance list is attached to the minutes.

- CEN/ISSS/WS-LT will establish a formal liaison with CEN/TC 353.

- CEN/ISSS/WS-LT will submit CWA 15 661 Providing E-Learning supplies transparency profiles to CEN TC 353 as a contribution towards a potential new work item proposal for the TC.

- CEN/ISSS/WS-LT and CEN TC 353 will co-locate their meetings, with CEN/ISSS/WS-LT meeting four times a year and CEN TC 353 twice.

- The next meeting of the workshop will be a joint meeting and will take place in Athens, with the workshop having its meeting on October 22nd, and CEN TC 353 meeting on October 23rd

(For the minutes of the kick-off meeting of CEN TC 353, see CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 425.)

- Regular meeting of CEN/ISSS/WS-LT (May 11)

An attendance list is attached to the minutes.

01 Opening of the 30th meeting of WS-LT

01.01 Introduction (Jan Pawlowski, Workshop Chair)

Jan Pawlowski welcomed the delegates at UNI and thanked the host for the kind invitation.

01.02 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- 05.00 Process and procedures of the workshop
- 05.06 CDM re- submission

- under A.O.B.: Request from DG ENTR for the definition of the term "educational technology standards and specifications" for future use by DG Enterprise

01.03 Approval of the minutes of the 29th meeting (CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N0415)

The minutes were approved without changes.

02 Status / Funding New Work Items

There are no new developments. However, CEN/ISSS/WS-LT was reminded that proposals for new work items need to be submitted by May 15th.

03 Report from proposal to the FP7: Bridge between research and standards

Jan Pawlowski reported that earlier this month a number of participants in CEN/ISSS/WS-LT, including DIN and UNINFO, have submitted a support action proposal to the European commission for funding within the FP 7, called ELSA4ALL (E-Learning and content Standards For All)

For more information, see CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 424, slides 21/22.

04 Discussion and adoption revised NP proposal "Guideline for the description of educational offers"

Christian Stracke introduced the participants to the German Publicly Available Specification PAS 1068, Learning, Education and Training with special consideration of e-Learning - Guideline for the description of educational offers. See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 425, documents TC 353 N 17 and N 18.

Action 1: The meeting came to the conclusion that there are more interested parties in Europe that need to be involved, e.g. the people behind the CDM initiative and the UK XCRI specification. Germany was invited to submit a re-formulated scope after discussion with other potentially interested parties.

05 Discussion of New Work Item Proposals

05.01 Process and procedures of the workshop

Tore Hoel and Jan Pawlowski introduced their ideas regarding the future role of the workshop. See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 424, in particular slides 31 and 32.

This was followed by an intensive debate. As a very first conclusion, it became obvious that an

improved marketing of the workshop was needed as the visibility of the workshop within Europe was still regarded as too low.

The secretariat brought the participants on a guided tour through the workshop's homepage in order to show that quite some effort has already been made and that a first basis for more effectively publicising the results of the workshop electronically is already in place.

It was asked whether or not it was possible to register the number of visits to that homepage. The secretariat replied that a major re-structuring of the DIN homepage would be undertaken by the end of May and that an answer to that question would only be possible afterwards.

Action 2: Tore Hoel will set up a WIKI for discussion of additional proposals for improving the process and procedures of the workshop.

05.01 Curriculum exchange formats and vocabularies (Mike Collett)

General remark for all work items: The timing of the various interim reports needs to be aligned. The reason is that the Commission will probably ask to have one interim report covering all items.

Mike Collett introduced the workshop participants to the proposal "Curriculum exchange formats and vocabularies".

The workshop participants remarked that other initiatives like e.g. the GREP project of the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training and the Marking the National Curriculum project of the Swedish National Agency for School Improvement will also act as input into the research.

Mike Collett said that a reformulated proposal would take these initiatives into account.

See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 420.

Resolution 1: CEN/ISSS/WS-LT accepts "Curriculum exchange formats and vocabularies " as a future work item for the workshop and supports the submission to the European Commission for funding.

05.02 Accessibility of Assessment (Andy Heath)

Andy Heath reported that the new proposal has not been formulated yet as, from an "accessibility" – perspective, it does not belong to the top priorities of the people in question. He suggested to formulate a proposal for an accessible description of courses, harmonized with CDM, instead. Given the fact that the proposal needed to be handed in by May 15 and that there would not be enough time for the workshop members to study and comment on such a proposal, this offer could not be accepted by the workshop.

05.03 Guidelines for LET standardisation – Governance (Jan Pawlowski /Tore Hoel)

Jan Pawlowski and Tore Hoel introduced their proposal. See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N0418.

They said that they would adjust their proposal to the CEN template and paragraphs on Objective, Policy relevance and market impact. See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 422..

Resolution 2: CEN/ISSS/WS-LT accepts "Policy and Process Recommendations" as a future work item for the workshop and supports the submission to the European Commission for funding.

05.04 SPI (Simple Publishing interface) (Stefaan Ternier) (CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N0417)

For this agenda item, Stefaan Ternier joint the meeting in a telephone conference.

Neil Smith and other participants expressed their doubts that by focussing on LO repositories, the proposal might neglect other similar activities within and outside Europe which are presently ongoing. The project needs to take into account these activities. Stefaan Ternier said he would re-formulate the proposal accordingly. See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 423.

Resolution 3: CEN/ISSS/WS-LT accepts "SPI" as a future work item for the workshop and supports the submission to the European Commission for funding.

05.05 Description of vocabularies/vocabulary registry (Frans van Assche)

As there was no contribution available, there was no NP proposal to be forwarded.

05.06 CDM re- submission

The CDM proposal will be updated and re-submitted (no resolution required)

See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 421.

06 Liaison reports: CEDEFOP, European Schoolnet, Ariadne, IMS

Due to the absence of the reporters, there were no liaison reports.

07 Update on SC 36 and LTSC (Mike Collett et al.)

See CEN/ISSS/WS-LT N 419.

08 A.O.B., Future meetings

- Request from DG ENTR for Definition of "educational technology standards and specifications" for future use by DG Enterprise

After some discussion, the meeting agreed unanimously to forward the following definition to DG ENTR:

Standards and Specifications that focus on Learning, Education, and Training supported by Information and Communication Technologies

- A telephone conference was tentatively scheduled for August 24, 15:00-16:00 hours CEST. This telephone will only take place if required.

- The next meeting of the workshop will be a joint meeting with CEN TC 353 and will take place in Athens, with the workshop having its meeting on October 22nd, and CEN TC 353 meeting on October 23. See also above.

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