

Publicity

Peter and Charlie have spoken at several events recently, including UKSG, NASIG, and ALA. In all cases, audiences have been very enthusiastic about the group's activities and have contributed a great deal of their own experience to our ongoing work. We have several new members of the monitoring group following these presentations, so welcome to all those who are receiving a KBART update for the first time. Visit the UKSG session report to get a sense of the nature of these presentations and to review slides:



<http://allmyeye.blogspot.com/2008/04/kbart-improving-efficiency-of-openurl.html>

Proposals have also been submitted for KBART sessions at the Charleston Conference (US, November), Online Information (UK, December), ACRL (US, March), UKSG (UK, April).

Progress

Several of the simpler sections of the report have already been drafted - these cover various recommendations that required no detailed discussion, and the division of the various problems we are addressing into 6 core categories: title relations, date coverage, data & transfer, supply chain, compliance, licensing. We have set up six smaller groups within KBART to work on one each of these categories. They are articulating the problems within that category and working out potential solutions, which will be reviewed and approved (following revision, if necessary) by the broader group. These solutions will form the basis of the KBART guidelines, and we hope to be announcing some of them within the next quarter. To give you a flavour of the discussions, some contentious issues to date include (a) whether we expect to be able to produce a standard, and if so, how we monitor compliance ongoing, and (b) how best to enforce improvements to accuracy of metadata.

Web presence

The NISO site is now up at <http://www.niso.org/workrooms/kbart>

The UKSG site at www.uksg.org/kbart has been updated with some of the outputs of the group's work so far, including a glossary of commonly-used terms, a list of the group's members, and an archive of public updates to date.

Miscellany

The KBART logo should be ready for public launch within the next few weeks. Many thanks for your continued interest in KBART - please do let us know if you have any questions:

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