1st Face to Face Meeting, DL.org Quality Working Group
2 - 3 July 2009, Tirrenia, Italy

DL.org - Interoperability, Best Practices and Modelling Foundations

The first DL.org Quality Working Group (WG) face-to-face meeting took place on the 2 and 3 July 2009 in Tirrenia (Italy), clustering the experiences and the expertises of its members: Genevieve Clavel (Swiss National Library), Nicola Ferro (Department of Information Engineering, University of Padua), Sarah Higgins (Digital Curation Centre, University of Edinburgh), Wolfram Horstmann (University of Bielefeld), Sarantos Kapidakis (Department of Archives and Library Sciences, Ionian University), Dirk Roorda (DANS, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences) Seamus Ross (Faculty of Information, University of Toronto), Tefko Saracevic (School of Communication, Information and Library Science, Rutgers University) and Giuseppina Vullo (HATII, University of Glasgow, DL.org Quality Working Group Leader). Perla Innocenti (HATII, University of Glasgow) joined the meeting and supported the discussion in quality of DL.org Policy Working Group Leader.

The meeting focused on Digital Libraries interoperability issues from the **Quality perspective**.

Donatella Castelli, DL.org project coordinator, opened the meeting introducing the general aims of the project and giving an **overview** of the main objectives and activities, highlighting the importance to create a common framework towards DLs interoperability. Giuseppina Vullo then outlined the **key issues** of the Quality Working Group and its role within the project, focusing on a shared understanding of the essential definitions and raising the crucial aspects that currently prevent DLs from sharing a common Quality framework

Tefko Saracevic offered insight into the actual state of **DL evaluation**, connecting it to the **DELOS Reference Model** categories. Following this, Nicola Ferro presented the actual **structure** of the DELOS Reference Model Quality domain, highlighting its strengths and weaknesses while Seamus Ross contributed effectively in ensuring the balance between the key-issues throughout the various sessions.

Fruitful and lively discussion followed the presentations and continued into the evening and the Quality WG social dinner. Such important discussion carried through to the second day where quality issues were discussed at great depth during the brainstorming sessions. These produced a first annotated concept map of the DELOS Reference model Quality domain, which represents the starting point for the next activities.

Furthermore, Wolfram Horstmann contributed effectively to complete the meeting with a Quality WG first statement which sums up the agreements and decisions made. In addition, Genevieve Clavel, Sarah Higgins, Sarantos Kapidakis and Dirk Roorda gave essential insights into quality during the brainstorming sessions and all participants actively worked on the following points:

- Planning the WG work plan.

- Defining the WG Charter.

- Designing the State-of-the-art survey,

- Outlining the tasks and the key interoperability issues to address during the Quality session within the DL.org Workshop at ECDL2009.

The participants agreed on a Quality pattern which will be the base for a core model, grounded on the DELOS Reference Model Quality concept map, intended to encourage DLs to interoperate and to offer a broadly applicable Quality framework.

The Quality Working group **official Charter**, which incorporates its mission and scope is now available at https://workinggroups.wiki.dlorg.eu/index.php/Quality_Working_Group) and Nicola Ferro was collectively determined Scientific Coordinator of the Group.

Members of the Quality and Policy WGs relax at the social dinner

Quality WG wiki: https://workinggroups.wiki.dlorg.eu/index.php/Quality_Working_Group