

CLARIN Standards Committee Meeting in Prague

Chair: Andreas Witt

Co-Chair: Charly Moerth (not attending
due to attendance in parallel meeting)

- Relations with other committees
- Report on activities in the previous months
- Dissemination and outreach of standards
- The role of the CSC

- There are taskforces and working groups within CLARIN that relate to the CSC:
 - the National ISOcat Coordinators group (as described in CE-2013-0189, no meeting up to now)
 - the National Metadata Quality Coordinators group (as described in CE-2013-0189CE-2013-0189, formerly National CMDI Coordinators group, no meeting up to now)
 - the CLARIN CMDI taskforce (led by Menzo Windhouwer)
 - the CLARIN metadata curation taskforce
 - the CLARIN Center Committee
- Problem: The exact relation is not always clear.

- Among the national CLARIN projects expertise on (meta)data curation varies greatly.
- The CSC must find ways to promote national experiences and solutions to the CLARIN ERIC level and thus become the active driving force for guidance and clarification on these issues.

- CSC suggests to extend the scope of the committee and develop in the direction of an "umbrella" organization for the National ISOcat/Metadata Quality Coordinators.
- Thorsten Trippel agrees to promote this idea to the BoD.

- Specification of the liaison with the Center Committee is postponed.

- Among the CSC members there is consensus that the committee should be as open as possible to CLARIN members in general.
- Integrating the National Coordinators would be a first step to more openness of the committee.
- Proposals and suggestions of the CSC will be established based on consensus among the committee members and forwarded to the BoD which in turn then formally decides on the those matters.
- It will be possible to express minority votings to BoD in cases where consensus among the CSC members cannot be achieved.

- AW briefly reports on TEI Members Meeting in Rome and on the TC37 SC4 meeting during the annual ISO meeting
- Collaborations with the research infrastructures CLARIN and DARIAH are actively encouraged by SC4
- Promoting international standards via the ISO is - despite the costs of the documents - seen as an important step for CLARIN by most CSC members
- Andreas Witt will work towards making the content of ISO standards available to CLARIN members free of charge.

- The next ISO TC37 meeting will take place in Berlin, June 2014.
- Andreas Witt plans to organize a co-located CSC meeting to the ISO meeting.
- This will probably enable CSC members to attend the ISO meetings as well.

- The CLARIN standards page (currently hosted at IDS) should be transferred to the CLARIN.eu website.
- This could provide a sustainable reference point for CLARIN standards on the international level and hopefully foster development of the standards overview.

- The discussions touch this question several times. The conclusion from these discussions is that the CSC will initiate a process to propose or discourage the use of standards and promote CLARIN best practices.