JOIN
(JOint Isocat Network)

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ISOcat

ISOcat:

> **Data Category Registry** defining widely accepted data categories (DCs)
>
> http://www.isocat.org

What is more: it is an <u>open</u> registry. Everbody can contribute…

Link with CLARIN

Part of the CLARIN task:

- locating (annotated) resources
- relating such resources

►ISOcat could be very useful for doing so, especially in combination with its kittens RELcat and SCHEMAcat

Use of ISOcat

- ISOcat as is allows a lot of freedom to its users. There are guidelines, but following these is not really enforced.

- In CLARIN-NL/VL we do enforce use of a set of guidelines, i.e., a list of "do's and don'ts"

► not following these will make a DC not acceptable (ISOcat content management)

Some examples

Definitions should be

- To the point

- Language/project neutral

- Unambiguous

- …

►as general as possible, as specific as needed

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ISOcat (plus RELcat and SCHEMAcat):

►these devices will only work well when their content is <u>sound</u>

►their performance will be optimal when the same strategies are followed by all CLARIN parties involved

►►► Collaboration

►►► JOINt content management

Ideally

- Every ERIC member using ISOcat appoints a national ISOcat content co-ordinator, and
- These co-ordinators join JOIN

- If not, centers or even projects could join JOIN

We may be able to discuss this in the session of the Standards Committee tomorrow afternoon

Interested?

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If interest exists, a workshop will be organized within the next few months in order to get JOIN started!

PLUS a tutorial for all interested parties