

# CLARIN Standards Committee: meeting report

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- The CSC met on 18th of September in Budapest, at the CLARIN Annual Conference.
- 16 people were present, including a liaison to the BoD, Koenraad De Smedt.
- The Committee discussed the state of work, plans for future work, and housekeeping matters.

# State of Work: past year

- GitHub repository within CLARIN-ERIC space has been opened
  - Code and documentation for the CLARIN Standards Guidance (still available in the old form under the old address: <http://clarin.ids-mannheim.de/standards/>; eventually to be moved under the clarin.eu domain) have been released
  - Several committee-internal projects have been defined
- Documentation for a liaison agreement between CLARIN-ERIC and ISO TC37SC4 “Language Resource Management” prepared at the end of 2016
- The agreement has been approved by the BoD and ISO, and is now in effect, with Andreas Witt as the Liaison Officer
  - within this agreement, work is being carried out at IDS Mannheim on making definitions from ISO TC37SC4 norms available to, and searchable by, CLARIN researchers
- Several members of the Committee have been involved in Work Package 4 (Standardization) of the PARTHENOS project

# Future plans

- CSC approves of the proposal for a unified list of standards prepared (coordinated) by Hanna Hedeland (now a member) and will concentrate on developing it
  - To this effect, a sample proposal for text-based formats will be prepared by Piotr Banski and Jussi Piitulainen within two weeks
- CSC needs access to the information on area expertise of CLARIN members in order to be able to request specialist assistance; the committee will prepare a sample list based on its members and submit it to the BoD for evaluation and potential CLARIN-wide implementation
- CSC will review Jan Odijk's proposal concerning a structured approach to enhancing interoperability in CLARIN, and discuss its potential further submission to the BoD
- CSC will review the PARTHENOS Standardization Survival Kit and discuss it at one of the virtual meetings

# Housekeeping matters

- The list at <https://www.clarin.eu/governance/standards-committee> needs to be updated, inactive members will be asked about their plans; the Committee intends on being maximally inclusive
- CSC will hold online meetings, the first one will be organized still in 2017 (doodle), topics:
  - Evaluation of the sample proposal of standards for text formats and decision concerning further extension
  - Evaluation of the sample questionnaire and report on members' fields of expertise; decision will be made on the submission of this template to the BoD for CLARIN-wide application
  - Evaluation of the proposal for “clarin.eu”-based namespace definition for use by ISO TC37SC4; decision will be made on whether to submit this to the BoD