

Workshop #7 Summary

When: September 22-26, 2003

Where: Crowne Plaza Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, CA

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Workshop Objectives:

1. Reports from the Focuses and Cross-domains
2. Conduct research activities within each research unit
3. Modeling of case study as example
4. Conduct a joint meeting between the Modeling and Description Cross-domains
5. Review and approval of new case studies
6. Review activities of the Project and provide administrative direction

Summary:

Workshop #7 began with reports by each Focus and Cross-domain on the progress of their work. The Terminology Cross-domain report led to discussion on the format and content of the database that had recently been created. There was also an invitation to the rest of the group to make use of these tools in the course of their own research.

The entire group of researchers saw a presentation on the model from the Antarctic Treaty Searchable Database case study. This led to discussion on the purpose of modeling and how it would be useful to the researchers. A model from the Stelarc case study was also presented to the group.

The Modeling Cross-domain worked out its objectives and established a timeline for working on the models. The group also selected case studies from each Focus to be used for the walkthroughs of the models.

Focus 1 heard a presentation on the Variable Media Network case study. The group sought to clarify what work was to be done on the Focus' bibliographies. They also discussed the role of the "Reporting Framework" and discussed revisions to this document. Considerable time was spent discussing the progress of each case study within

the Focus. The group also discussed the creation of a plan for the Advisory Board and how the group could be more effectively involved in disseminating the work of the project.

Focus 2 also spent considerable time on the progress reports of all their case studies and bibliographies. The group also discussed information objects and metadata including examples from the case studies. The Focus reviewed the work that was being done within the focus and the related work by other research units to determine if there were any gaps in the research. The group also considered the inclusion of one new case study and the acceptance of new researchers. In addition, the Focus discussed the types of dissemination activities that were being conducted by its researchers.

Focus 3 reviewed the survey report on government websites and discussed the progress of its case studies. There was also discussion on how the group was different from the InterPARES 1 government focus. The membership of this Focus was reviewed in terms of new members and the group also assessed to what extent Focus 3 was being represented in the cross-domain groups. Dissemination activities were discussed with suggestions of conferences at which researchers could participate. The Focus 3 meeting concluded with a review of the “Milestones” document to determine any outstanding activities.

The Description Cross-domain met to discuss how to analyze case studies, to hear reports on case studies in progress, to review its “Research Design Statement” and the activities, which still needed to be assigned. The Cross-domain heard a presentation on the XML Registry including a description of its functions and purpose. The group also discussed several opportunities for dissemination. In addition, the group met jointly with the Modeling Cross-domain to discuss the possibility of working together on Activity 5 from the Description Cross-domain’s “Research Design Statement.” H. Hofman gave a presentation on the Modeling Cross-domain’s model, and the participants of this meeting also discussed walkthroughs of case studies from each Focus.

The Modeling Cross-domain meeting reviewed its research activities to date and determined how its activities were meeting the Cross-domain’s objectives. The group discussed the work that was being done on the Grand Unified Model (GUM) and how to proceed on other modeling work using GUM.

The Policy Cross-domain reviewed the issues they should be looking at and decided to research these issues independent of the case studies of other research units. They also reviewed the status of the work done to date and reassigned areas where the objectives of the Cross-domain were not being met. Liaisons between the Cross-domain and each Focus provided reports on the activities of each Focus and the entire group discussed how work from these units would fit within the Policy Cross-domain’s research.

The Terminology Cross-domain continued to work on the terminological instruments that were created earlier in the year. In particular, the researchers discussed the mix of definitions and quotations in the terminology database, and the issue of receiving separate

glossaries from individual researchers. The group also heard a report on the database and suggested changes in the format and navigation of the database. There were also specific reports on the glossary, thesaurus, and dictionary, and a discussion on the issues, which had developed in the course of creating and refining these tools. The group also discussed how revisions and suggestions would be handled once the products were accessible to the rest of the project.

Domain 2 focused on revisions to the authenticity, accuracy and reliability discussion document, and the information that was being collected from case studies for this Domain. The group also discussed the work of other research units and how their work related to Domain 2's research.

The International Team reviewed and approved four case study proposals. The team also discussed the participation of members and the level of contribution of various institutions.

Next International Team Research Workshop:
Bologna (December 4-6, 2003)