Dear Colleagues,

Summer has passed us by in a flurry of ODI activities! Much focus has been on preparing to submit a work item proposal to NISO leadership proposing revisions to the Recommended Practice in several key areas. Topics for consideration came from feedback on the recommended practice received since its original release as well as information gathering processes, like the recent surveys noted below, executed by the Standing Committee. These topics were reviewed and prioritized by the Standing Committee. More information will be shared about this proposal later this fall.

**ODI in Action**

Ken Varnum presented a brief overview of the ODI with a focus on library participation at the Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Library conference at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign on May 29, 2018. Slides from this presentation are available at https://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/handle/2027.42/143856

**Current Initiatives**

**Discovery Provider Survey**

In response to some concerns raised in the ODI survey of A&I Providers that was conducted in early 2017, a group of narrative questions addressing issues perceived as potential barriers to including A&I content in discovery services was submitted to discovery providers. All of the discovery service providers have now responded to these questions. The ODI Standing Committee members will conduct an analysis of these responses and examine the analysis in concert with the results of the A&I survey this Fall. This work will help bridge some gaps in understanding on the parts of A&I providers, discovery providers, and the library community. More information will be shared with the community when analysis is complete.

**Library Survey**

Four years have passed since the release of the ODI Recommended Practice, and in that time concerns surrounding discovery services have shifted. The Standing Committee decided to survey libraries to better understand current issues and how effective ODI efforts have been thus far. 473 responses were collected from a variety of library types, who were contacted via industry mailing lists. Two key observations came out of the results:

1. Librarians do not believe discovery services to be comprehensive and believe that content providers are to blame regardless of the source type.
2. Librarians are not using the resources provided by ODI. This result does not change when looking at respondents who accessed the survey via the ODI mailing list.

It is clear that there is still a need to build transparency on issues surrounding the content within discovery service central indexes. However, ODI needs to better promote itself in order to increase its impact.

A numeric summary of the results can be found at bit.ly/NISO-ODI-library-survey-2018

**ODI Implementation Guide to Content Providers**

ODI is finalizing a new guide for content providers. We expect this to be released in October 2018. The guide provides specific steps on how content providers, large or small, can make their content more discoverable, linkable, and accessible from library discovery services, link resolvers, and authentication tools. Major steps for content providers to undertake include:

1) Conduct an initial assessment on ODI conformance and the work needed;
2) Form a discovery service working group to tackle the needs;
3) Improve internal data quality and workflows;
4) Collaborate with library solution vendors on improving content discovery, linking, authentication and access;
5) Work with libraries to learn about library systems and improve library configurations;
6) Work effectively with the industry.

**Learn more about ODI**

Please attend these upcoming presentations by the ODI Standing Committee to learn more about the Open Discovery Initiative:

Julie Zhu will provide updates on ODI activities in the session *A spring of collaboration: A NISO Update of Strategy, Trends, & Industry Collaboration on Discovery & Interchange* at the 2018 Charleston Conference on November 8, 2018.

Please follow ODI on Twitter and keep an eye on the ODI Website!

Thank you - The Open Discovery Initiative Standing Committee