Dear Colleagues,

Since our last update, the world has turned upside down. 2020 has become synonymous with unpleasant surprises and disorder. Despite our personal challenges, the Open Discovery Initiative Standing Committee managed to successfully release a revision to our Recommended Practice at the end of June.

Since then, we have focused our attention on promotion and education. We’ve been brainstorming ways to ensure stakeholders are aware of the new Recommended Practice and conformance checklists; reaching out to listservs, preparing marketing collateral and planning for educational opportunities. (If you have suggestions for avenues where we could promote ODI, please feel free to reach out to odi@niso.org.)

We need your help to increase awareness and conformance with the Recommended Practice! Please work with your organization to prepare and publish your conformance checklist!

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We hope that the new Recommended Practice will go against the trend seen thus far in 2020, that it will unify stakeholders by encouraging dialog and increase order within the industry by standardizing practices.

**ODI in Action**

**Kessler, Rachel.** *NISO Annual Members’ Meeting*. This meeting is usually held as part of the ALA annual conference. This year, the meeting was held as a separate webinar on June 26, 2020. Representatives from five NISO projects presented on their recent efforts. Rachel Kessler provided an update on behalf of ODI and reviewed the changes to the recently released Recommended Practice.

**Varnum, Ken.** *ER&L*. ER&L is an annual conference dedicated to how libraries collect, manage, maintain, and make accessible electronic resources. ODI member Ken Varnum gave an overview of the then-draft Recommended Practice at Electronic Resources & Libraries (ER&L) on March 11.

**Morse, Laura.** *NISO+.* Laura Morse participated in a panel session for updates on active ODI Committee work in February. She provided an overview of the draft version of the ODI Recommended Practice, which was available for comment in January and February.

**Kessler, Rachel; Morse, Laura.** *February 10 NISO Open Teleconference*. Rachel Kessler and Laura Morse provided updates on recent Recommended Practice work and answered questions from participants.
Morse, Laura. *NISO Update at ALA Midwinter 2020*. Laura Morse provided an overview of ODI and the draft version of the ODI Recommended Practice, which was available for comment in January and February.

**Current Initiatives**

**Recommended Practice Promotion**
ODI has been seeking opportunities to educate stakeholders regarding the new Recommended Practice as well as to make sure all relevant parties are aware of its release. We invite all stakeholders (including libraries!) to complete and submit conformance statements to demonstrate participation in ODI. There are separate statement templates for discovery services, content providers, and (new with the updated Recommended Practice), libraries.

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**Signature Tagline**
We encourage readers to help us raise awareness of the Open Discovery Initiative by adding the following to their email signature. Readers who have published a conformance statement should include the line in brackets with a link to their document or webpage.

> Want to improve transparency in library discovery? Submit your Open Discovery Initiative (ODI) conformance statement and be part of the solution. [See our conformance statement here.]

**ODI Webpage**
We are actively reviewing the information on our website as well as its layout. We plan to update the content in the coming months to highlight the new Recommended Practice, encourage release of conformance statements, and provide information to support stakeholders. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

**Learn more about ODI**

Please attend this upcoming presentation by the ODI Standing Committee to learn more about out work:

*SSP Annual Meeting 2020.* ODI’s Rachel Kessler joins representatives from CRedit, MECA and Content Platform Migration to provide an overview on goals and motivation behind ODI as well as an update on recent committee week. The recording will be released August 31.

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

Thank you - The Open Discovery Initiative Standing Committee