

Greetings from Torquay!



This is the inaugural KBART update newsletter, and is being sent from the UKSG conference.

Our intent is to provide updates to the KBART Monitoring Group at least quarterly, and more often when appropriate. This message is being sent to those on the KBART Monitoring Group distribution list, and also to members of the Working Group. We weren't able to include absolutely everyone who expressed interest on the Working Group, but we very much welcome and anticipate input from those monitoring our progress.

Meeting schedule

The Working Group started meeting in March. We have a conference call once a month, and have put together constituent-based groups to ensure coverage of all relevant issues. Constituent groups will meet as necessary between monthly calls.

UKSG and NISO sponsorship

KBART is a joint UKSG-NISO committee. To that extent, we need to follow approval guidelines for both groups. We've received UKSG approval, as well as final approval from the NISO Discovery to Delivery Topic Committee, which oversees this project. You'll find a list of current members at the bottom.

Progress to date

So far, the committee has worked to create a list of definitions, with specifics for various groups, to ensure the entire group is working from the same set of terms. In addition, the terms will be useful for those who are less-familiar with the actions of the OpenURL and what the KBART group is working to do. Our next steps are to define workflows for the data that goes into, and comes out of, knowledgebases, so that we can identify the problems and challenges we hope to resolve.

Feel free to invite others to join the Monitoring Group. Individuals can join by sending an email to kbart_interest-subscribe@list.niso.org.

Miscellany

Other items of note:

- Charlie Rapple has created a draft KBART logo, which other members of the committee are assisting in modifying and improving.
- Charlie will be presenting two sessions on KBART at the UKSG conference in Torquay, UK, this week. Several members of the Working Group also gathered for drinks, and to connect names and faces, on the first evening of the conference.
- Charlie recently had an article published about these challenges; the title is "Knowledge bases: Improving the Information Supply Chain", in *Learned Publishing* Vol. 21, no. 2 (April 2008): 110-115. The article is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1087/095315108X288947>.
- UKSG currently maintains an informational website about KBART at <http://www.uksg.org/kbart>, and a NISO site is coming soon.

Working Group Committee Membership

Co-chair: Peter McCracken, Director of Research, Serials Solutions

Co-chair: Charlie Rapple, Head of Group Marketing, Publishing Technology

Adam Chandler, Information Technology Librarian, Cornell University

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If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the KBART project and its group and goals, please don't hesitate to contact Charlie and/or Peter.

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