



National Information Standards Organization Open Discovery Initiative Update Winter 2021

Dear Colleagues,

NISO's **Open Discovery Initiative** provides technical recommendations for the exchange of data in order to provide a way of assessing content providers' participation in discovery services and to ensure fair and unbiased indexing and linking. The updated **ODI Recommended Practice** provides a more detailed treatment of Abstracting and Indexing (A&I) content products, and supports better metadata sharing (including information about open access material) and record display, as well as improved tracking of usage statistics and authentication mechanisms. It also includes advice on systems, training, and communication for libraries that configure and upgrade their discovery systems.

To demonstrate your organization's support for the Open Discovery Initiative, we would appreciate it if your organization could review the **Conformance Statement** template for your organization type, publish a completed statement on your website, and send a link to your statement to the ODI Standing Committee.

Conformance Statement Resources for Libraries

- [Library - ODI Conformance Checklist](#)
- [Library Conformance Statements - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Conformance Statement Resources for Content Providers

- [Content Provider – ODI Conformance Checklist](#)
- [Content Provider Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [ODI Implementation Guide for Content Providers](#)

Conformance Statement Resources for Discovery Providers

- [Discovery Service Provider – ODI Conformance Checklist](#)
- [Discovery Provider Frequently Asked Questions](#)

ODI in Action

Kessler, Rachel. SSP Annual Meeting. ODI's Rachel Kessler joined 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 work. The **recording** is now available for registered users.

Morse, Jeff; Varum, Ken. NISO Webinar: Your Role in the NISO Open Discovery Initiative. ODI's Geoff Morse and Ken Varum highlighted the ways libraries, discovery service providers, and content providers support the Open Discovery Initiative, collaborating to provide the most effective and rich experience to end users. Slides, presentation notes, and links are available at on the [NISO website](#).



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Current Initiatives

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 our work:

NISO Plus 2021. Geoff Morse and Ken Varnum will present on “What You Can Do to Help Promote Transparency in Discovery -- and Why” at **NISOPlus** on February 24, 2021. This talk introduces the Open Discovery Initiative, outlines changes included in the 2020 revision of the ODI Recommended Practice, and delves more deeply into several areas: free-to-read content, fair linking, and the key elements included in the newly added library conformance statements.

CEAL. Julie is invited to present at the **CEAL 2021** annual meeting in the week of March 15th (Tuesday, March 16 - Friday, March 19), 2021. Title: Open Discovery Initiative Recommended Practice (2020): Roles for Publishers, Discovery Service Providers and Libraries.

NASIG. Julie and Teresa submitted and are accepted to present at the **36th Annual NASIG Conference** held online May 17-21. Our title is What You Can Do to Help Promote Transparency and Why. We want our audience to walk away with familiarity with the work of ODI including the newly revised RP and learn from both a library and a publisher perspective of concrete steps to take to achieve conformity as well as ways to fine tune your processes for increased discoverability of your content.

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

Thank you - The Open Discovery Initiative Standing Committee