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C5.54 MoU(s) ready to be proposed to directors

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For improving collaboration and integration of IST departments within EDIT, two institutional MoUs (approved by the BoD in January 2008) have been now developed and are available up to now. They are based on the same template, i.e. identical except for the understandings or agreements stated in Paragraph 4.

- 1) [Content management system for websites with taxonomic data](#)
- 2) [Data transfer standard for collection unit data](#).

EDIT partners have been invited to sign up to whichever MoU they can, facilitating an agreement between partners and EDIT. Up to date 10 institutions have signed overall 16 MoUs (tab.1), whereas the MoU “*Data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)*” was signed nine times, the MoU “*Content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)*” only 7 times. Further signatures from e.g. SMNS and MFN are in process.

Table 1: MoUs signed by IST departments

Title	signed by	Date
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	NHML	29th February 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	NHML	29th February 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	NHN	14th May 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	NHN	14th May 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	BGBM	23rd May 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	BGBM	23rd May 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	CBS	19th May 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	RMCA	13th May 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	RMCA	13th May 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	MNHN	16th June 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	MNHN	16th June 2008
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	ETI (UvA)	9th July 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	UvA (ZMA)	3rd June 2008
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	NNM	2nd February 2009
MoU content management system for websites with taxonomic data (DRUPAL)	RBGE	10th February 2009
MoU data Transfer standard for collection unit data (ABCD)	RBGE	10th February 2009

A list of submitted and proposed MoUs was distributed at the 5th BoD (3-4 February 2009).

A new MoU “*Cooperation between the libraries of EDIT Partner institutions*” (component C5.63) was circulated for information at the 5th BoD (3-4 February 2009) and will be circulated for approval by the Network Office shortly.

MoU Proposals in Discussion

1. Implementing 'mirror services' of open data stores between EDIT member institutions

⇒ Concrete proposals have to be elaborated to advance this action

2.-10. Technical cooperation for maintaining the EDIT Cyberplatform components

(1. CDM-library open source management, 2. Data Portal, 3. ViTaL, 4. Geographic Components, 5. Specimen Explorer, 6. Editor, 7. Descriptive user components, 8. BD-Tracker und 9. Cybergate)

⇒ This will be discussed by the ISTC in preparation for the Sept. 2009 meeting

11. Shibboleth federation with EDIT institutions

⇒ Has already been discussed in ISTC 2008

⇒ Technical details have to be clarified first before an agreement can be developed

12. Utilization of available global name and classification services

⇒ Has already been discussed in ISTC 2008 and was to be modified

⇒ Will be discussed again.