

METADATA WORKSHOP
(introductory comments)

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I would like to welcome everyone to this afternoon's UDT Metadata Workshop.

Today's speakers are Mr. Terry Kuny, best-known to many of you as the moderator of IFLA's mailing lists and administrator of the IFLANET Web site. He provides consulting services to the UDT Core Programme and the National Library of Canada, among others, on a wide-range of information technology subjects including electronic publishing, digital libraries, networked resource discovery, standards, preservation and access.

He is a professional librarian with a wide range of library and information science experience, as well as over 10 years experience using network communications and Internet applications, that he brings to his research and thinking about new and emerging information technologies.

Dr. Stuart Weibel, is a consulting research scientist with the OCLC Office of Research, where he has managed projects in the areas of automated cataloging, document capture and structure analysis, and electronic publishing since 1985.

He currently coordinates networked information research projects in the Office of Research, including applications of World Wide

Web technology and Internet protocol standardization efforts. Dr. Weibel is active in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) working group on Uniform Resource Identifiers. He is also a founding member of the International World Wide Web Conference Committee.

In recent years he has spearheaded the Dublin Core Metadata Workshop series, a multi-disciplinary, international initiative to promote a common description model for electronic resources.

Again, I would like to thank you all for attending today's workshop and would like to welcome our first speaker, Mr. Terry Kuny.