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Serials & E-Resources News

PIE-J Update and Request for Feedback

PIE-J: The Presentation & Identification of E-Journals, a NISO (National Information Standards Organization) Recommended Practice, was published just over a year ago, having been approved on March 25, 2013. In just over twelve months, the full Recommended Practice document has received well over 4500 downloads, while two PIE-J brochures have received a total of more than 2000 downloads. All three documents can be accessed from the PIE-J website at http://www.niso.org/workrooms/piej. This level of download activity suggests that PIE-J is meeting a need. For PIE-J to succeed, it is essential that librarians, publishers, and other e-journal providers be aware of its existence.

The PIE-J Standing Committee, co-chaired by Sally Glasser (Hofstra University) and Ed Cilurso (Taylor & Francis), is charged with responding to specific questions about the Recommended Practice, gathering comments for a full review of the Recommended Practice document, and promoting PIE-J. Help us gather feedback and spread the word.

We Want Your Feedback!

If you are a librarian who has written publishers and providers about PIE-J, the Standing Committee would like to hear from you, whether the result was positive or negative. Likewise, the Committee would greatly appreciate hearing from publishers and providers who have made changes to their websites based on PIE-J and user feedback, intend to make changes based on PIE-J during a future website redesign, or feel that the recommended practices are not feasible. Please write the Committee at nisohq@niso.org with the subject "PIE-J feedback."

Learn More at Upcoming Meetings

Standing Committee members have been busy making the rounds at various conferences and meetings (ALA Midwinter, ER&L, CEAL). Next up are NASIG (May 1-4, Fort Worth, TX), the Society of Scholarly Publishers (SSP) conference (May 28-30, Boston), and ALA Annual (June 28-July 1, Las Vegas). If you plan to attend any of these conferences, please look out for NISO's PIE-J presentations! Also, on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 3pm EST co-chairs Sally Glasser and Ed Cilurso will be speaking about PIE-J at NISO's monthly Open Teleconference. Dial-in information is here: http://www.niso.org/news/events/2014/telecon/

Template for Contacting Publishers & Providers

The Standing Committee recently posted a template to the PIE-J website for librarians wishing to contact publishers and providers with concerns about the presentation of e-journals on their websites. The template includes suggested wording but is completely customizable. If you (or your users) have experienced an access or display issue that is due to the way in which e-journals are presented online, use the template to let publishers and providers know how PIE-J can help.

Get it here:
http://www.niso.org/apps/group_public/document.php?document_id=12536&wg_abbrev=piej-sc.

Want More Information on PIE-J?

Regina Reynolds, who was on the original PIE-J Working Group and has continued on the Standing Committee, recently published the article, "PIE-J: Presentation and Identification of E-Journals: What's the Point?" in *Insights, The UKSG Journal*, vol. 26, no. 3 (Nov. 2013). The article provides an excellent overview of PIE-J and is freely available at
http://uksg.metapress.com/content/r432rnq607l7x1m6/?genre=article&volume=26&issue=3&spage=311&eissn=2048-7754