

# Brief Report on trip to Denmark for ISO Meeting

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## Location & attendees

The first meeting of the ISO/TC / SC 4/ Data Model for use of RFID in libraries working group was held at Danish Standards in Copenhagen, Denmark on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. The participants, who met as a group for the first time at a dinner provided by Danish Standards on the previous evening, were:

<b>Expert</b>	<b>Member body</b>
Alan Butters	Australia (SA)
Leif Andresen	Denmark (DS)
Morten Hein	Denmark (DS)
Tommy Schomacker	Denmark (DS)
Juha Hakala	Finland (SFS)
Christian Kern	Germany (DIN)
Wolfgang Friedrichs	Germany (DIN)
Mats Lindquist	Sweden (SIS)
Martin Palmer	United Kingdom (BSI)
Paul Chartier	United Kingdom (BSI)
Vinod Chachra	USA (ANSI)
Evert Slot	Netherlands (NEN)
Jaap Akkermans	Netherlands (NEN)

### **Liaison**

Brian Green	EDItEUR
Olaf Winsløw	EBF - European Booksellers Federation IBF - International Booksellers Federation

### **Apologies / No reply**

Tienie de Klerk	South Africa (SABS)
Sara Aubry	France (AFNOR)
Alison Elliott	New Zealand (SNZ)
Alan Hopkinson	United Kingdom (BSI)

## Meeting

The meeting consumed the entire day with lunch provided by Danish Standards. Official minutes of the meeting will be published shortly on the project website <http://www.bs.dk/standards/rfid/> but the main discussion items are summarised below.

After a warm welcome and a range of housekeeping items, an overview of the current standards situation together with list of the major issues was presented by Danish Standards (the host organisation for the project). These included:

- Existing RFID standards and their applicability
- The use of the Application Family Identifier (from ISO 18000 –3) in libraries
- Various encoding principles & their suitability
- Appropriate operating frequencies for libraries
- Chip memory size and cost
- Privacy issues
- Existing national implementations
- Application areas within libraries for RFID
- Interaction with the library's software management system
- Handling of multi-part items (sets)
- Involvement of international companies in the project
- Future application areas

Following the above discussion presentations were given by all of the National Experts outlining the situation in their home countries. The presentations varied in length and complexity determined by how much activity in the context of library RFID standards had taken place in each country. The member from the United States provided an update from the NISO committee.

The balance of the proceedings involved planning for the next steps of the working group which included:

- The development of a set of statements or principles outlining the approach to the problem proposed by the working group.
- The use of the project website as a method of communicating information to the wider communities of interest.
- The development of a closed wiki for collaborative use by the working group.
- The next meeting and what items should be completed before the meeting takes place.

## Conclusion

The report of the Standards Australia working group was widely praised and its broad thrust was considered by the group to represent a sound basis for moving forward with the project. The members of the Australian working group can be proud of their efforts contributing to the report and the subsequent influence that it is having in the standards development process.

### **Alan Butters**

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