

TEI Council Report



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- The council is at work, whatever happens...
 - Technical highlight: automating the production of the guidelines
 - Editorial highlights
 - Moving ahead with genetic stuff
 - Providing a background for the proper maintenance of Tite
 - Providing support for music description
 - Bringing Epidoc every more fully aligned
 - Licensing scheme for TEI content
 - And many, many SF bug reports and feature requests!

streamlining Guidelines editing and production

- Try to manage all work through Sourceforge tickets
- We are getting wider participation in source updates (more people able to make changes)
- Two instances of Jenkins continuous integration server
- Support for deprecation of TEI elements and attributes

Tightening Tite

- This year the Council chair formed a task force on TEI Lite to align the canonical Tite in SourceForge with that used by Apex CoVantage as part of AccessTEI. The task force members are:
 - Perry Trolard (author of Tite and representative of the Mellon-funded project that created Tite)
 - Greg Spurlock (of Apex CoVantage)
 - Kevin Hawkins (of the TEI Council)
- Members of this task force and other Council members have made the following revisions to Tite during this year:
 - ODD now uses the "include" syntax rather than the "except" syntax.
 - We've removed a bunch of unnecessary elements and attributes (those not specified in the prose specification)
 - We added <handShift/> and its attributes since Apex added these to their version based on user demand. (But still need to add some prose description on how to use this element.)
 - Revised Tite's introduction, version number, and date, as well as the appendix comparing it to the Best Practices for TEI in Libraries
- Work left to be done to align canonical:
 - Describe use of <handShift/> (as above).
 - Add <add> and . (As with <handShift/>, prospective users of Tite want these.) Might also add <addSpan> and <delSpan>.
 - Add @fac to <pb>.
- Following this, Kevin would like to make additional revisions to better align Tite with TEI practice. He has lots of tickets in SourceForge for consideration by Council once we finish the things above.

Future

- (strategic?) Priorities – items for thought
 - We need to finish Genetic work
 - We will look at bringing TCP (EEBO and ECCO) texts schema into pure subset of TEI P5 by changing TEI or recommending change to TCP
 - We hope for work on improving the transcription of speech chapter
 - ... we will get out a new release before Christmas if all goes well