## <u>Vladimir Alexiev</u>

Vladimir Alexiev has a PhD in computing science from University of Alberta, an MS in computer science from Technical University Sofia, PMP certification, and a Project Risk and Quality Management diploma. He has 25 years of IT experience, including 15 years of IT PM experience and 4 years of experience with semantic technologies. He is one of the founders of Sirma Group Holding, the largest Bulgarian IT group, and the parent company of Ontotext. He is a Masters-level lecturer in IT PM at New Bulgarian University He has strong experience with ontology engineering, metadata standards, vocabularies and thesauri, RDF, RDFS, OWL2, SKOS, SPARQL, Linked Open Data, mapping, ETL, semantic web applications, project management, requirements gathering and business analysis..

In Ontotext he leads the Data and Ontology Management (DOM) group, where he works on a wide range of projects related to cultural heritage, libraries, CIDOC CRM, Europeana, linked open data management, etc. He organized a workshop on Practical Applications of CIDOC CRM (CRMEX 2013) that will be an annual event. He served in Europeana task forces on EDM–FRBRoo Application Profile, Multilingual Enrichment Strategy, and has proposed one on Semantic Repositories and Benchmarking. He has contributed to the ontology definition of the ISO 25964 standard for thesauri management and is currently working on converting the Getty thesauri to LOD. He has particular interest in the faithful representation of museum, library and archeology data to CIDOC CRM and its extensions, and practical applications with such data.

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## Thomas Hänsli

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Since 2011, Thomas Hänsli is the Director of the Digitale Diathek [http://digitale-diathek.net] network and in 2013 he was appointed Head of Digital Art History at the Institute for the History and Theory of Architecture (ETH Zurich) and the Institute of Art History (University of Zurich).

## <u>Jay Hoffman</u>

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## <u>Jutta Lindenthal</u>

Jutta Lindenthal is an independent information consultant with a focus on controlled vocabularies. She holds a degree in semiotics and biology. Since 1994 she has been working in the field of vocabulary development, especially for cultural heritage institutions. She also oversees the development of vocabulary management tools and designs exchange specifications for controlled vocabularies. Jutta is a member of the ISO 25964 standard working group and the CIDOC CRM special interest group. More recently her interest shifted has towards ontological modeling and applications in the biomedical domain.

## Chris McDowall

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# <u>Jeff Mixter</u>

Jeff Mixter is a Research Support Specialist at OCLC Research. He received Bachelor Degrees in History and German from The Ohio State University. He recently graduated from Kent State University with a MLIS degree as well as a Masters Degree in Knowledge Management. As part of his studies at Kent State, Jeff conducted research and published a master's thesis on converting the VRA 4 data model into an RDF ontology using existing popular ontologies such as Schema.org and FOAF. Jeff began working at OCLC in 2012 as a Research Assistant on the FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology) Project. While working on the project, Jeff conducted a detailed survey of FAST users that was recently published as an OCLC Report entitled *FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology) Users: Summary and Case Studies.* Since July of 2013, Jeff has been working on a MLIS funded grant project with Kenning Arlitsch to examine how to improve the SEO (Search Engine Optimization) of digital



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## Gregory Reser

Greg Reser is a Metadata Specialist at the University of California, San Diego Library where he has worked since 1997. Trained as an image cataloger and database maintenance manager for the Library's slide/digital image collection, Greg now works as an analyst for the Digital Object Metadata Management unit which provides mapping between metadata formats, functional specifications for the UCSD Libraries' DAMS, object specifications for migrating data to the DAMS, consultation on metadata creation for digitization projects, and development of digital preservation metadata.

Greg is president of the VRA Southern California Chapter, member of the VRA Data Standards Committee, and chair of the VRA Embedded Metadata working Group. For the past 4 years Greg has



been investigating how embedded metadata might be useful in cultural heritage images. He has developed two tools with the goal of making embedded metadata useful and practical: the VRA custom info panel for Adobe Photoshop and Bridge and a companion export-import JavaScript plugin for Bridge. Greg's latest project is building a custom info panel that supports the use of linked open data.

## <u>Stefan Rohde-Enslin</u>

Dr. Stefan Rohde-Enslin is member of the staff of the Institute for Museum-Research (National Museums of Berlin – Foundation Prussian Heritage). In his work he is responsible for all questions regarding digitization and digital preservation – from organizing projects, generating funds for digitization, and the full range of planning from technical requirements up to philosophical questions and considerations. Together with nearly 300 German museums he developed a project and the software to allow museums to publish museum object information in the internet in an easy and cost-effective way. This project has used linked open data for several years. Dr. Stefan Rohde-Enslin is also a member of team in the Institute that is currently translating the AAT into German.

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## <u>Richard Wallis</u>

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Her recent research projects include 1) SKOSifying various types of KOS, 2) producing LOD enabled bibliographical data from existing open access repositories, 3) developing a metadata application profile for describing and accessing KOS, and 4) connecting libraries, archives and museums (LAM) data to the unfamiliar data and metadata resources in the LOD universe through metadata alignment.