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## Registry Workshop

### DGIWG statement and position

- As an international organization of close to 20 nations, DGIWG appreciates the need for linguistic adaptability and the ISO/TC 211 base standards should wherever possible accommodate this need. Registries may provide a practical means to accomplish this.
- As DGIWG community intends to implement the ISO/TC 211 base standards, it is believed the use of registries is vital for the application of the standards and the need to support interoperability.
- As a participant of the ISO/TC 211 Profiles project team it is very apparent that registries will be essential to the profiling process, in particular to facilitate management of that process.
- It is recognized that the extent/number of registries is open for debate. The DGIWG believes that registries would be required to register specific elements, as is the case for Metsdata; for specific tags as the case for XML applications; and for profile subsets and instantiations as is the case for specific catalogues and other ISO/TC 211 base standards implementations.
- The DGIWG believes this registry workshop is long overdue and supports the timely resolution of issues related to this very important function.
- The DGIWG recognizes that significant resources could be required to support development and management of registries. To minimize the resource expenditures, the DGIWG believes we should strive to limit the number of registries and keep the registry process as simple as possible.