

## Article Tagging Project progress

To support implementation of voluntary content sharing principles by publishers and scholarly collaborative networks, a subset of the STM Working Group on Scholarly Collaborative Networks (SCNs) was tasked with demonstrating a technical solution based on tagging XML metadata in scholarly articles.

In the absence of a simple technical method to enable publishers and SCNs to easily identify articles versions and access rights, the Article Tagging Pilot Project proposes a set of metadata in journal article XML identifying article versions, license types and embargo periods, all of which could be used to automatically determine access based on policies of SCNs and publishers. The solution is based on proposed NISO standards and would complement existing efforts on expanding reporting of other activity around journal article usage being led by COUNTER and CrossRef, among others.

An initial group of publisher and SCN participants is being drafted, and a project kick-off meeting is expected to take place in September 2015 in London, UK. Those interested in joining the effort are invited to contact project co-chair Nicko Goncharoff at [nicko@digital-science.com](mailto:nicko@digital-science.com), or Wouter Haak at [w.haak@elsevier.com](mailto:w.haak@elsevier.com)