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On 5 June in Madrid, the National Library of Spain hosted a Seminar on the "Application of the Dublin Core Metadata Model in Spain". This important meeting for the Spanish digital information world was co-organized by the Research Institute of Information Science andInformation Management "Agustín Millares" of the Carlos III University in Madrid; SEDIC, the Spanish Society of Information Science and Scientific Information; and the National Library of Spain.

The seminar comprised three main sessions (each of which was conceived as an open forum workshop) about metadata and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI). The purpose of the seminar was to articulate the approach toward a Spanish national policy on digital content organization and retrieval. The most relevant session included the DCMI Spanish Mirror presentation and concerned the implementation of Dublin Core in Spain. (The Agustín Millares Institute is the host for the DCMI mirror.) The mirror presentation was inaugurated by the Spanish Ambassador on Special Mission for New Information Technologies, and the three sessions were chaired by the current director of the DCMI, Makx Dekkers. Seminar attendance numbered 160 people, and many more from digital libraries and the electronic information community in Spain and Latin America were able to view the seminar via Internet broadcast on the UC3M-TV service. The event marked one step forward in the process toward semantic web research and development in the Spanish language. For more information about the seminar, please see the following web sites: <http://www.uc3m.es/uc3m/inst/IAM/seminarios.htm> <http://es.dublincore.org/es/eventos/dcmi-es1> <http://es.dublincore.org>.