ICIS Project #5
International requirements for BIM object libraries

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During ICIS DA 2015, some members (or respective governments/national organisations) were investigating national BIM object libraries. NBS National BIM Library was seen as an example of what has been achieved and it was clear that NBS and ICIS members could work towards standardisation for BIM object libraries which would permit international use of objects.

Initial project committee was held in Brno
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<td><strong>Topic of the project</strong></td>
<td>Working together to standardize the principles and fundamental requirements of a national BIM object library to make it suitable for international use.</td>
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<td><strong>Main focus - 3 Keywords</strong></td>
<td>BIM objects, international, standards</td>
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<td><strong>Duration of the project (2 years are recommended)</strong></td>
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• Sub-project #1: Towards an International Standard for BIM Objects
• Sub-project #2: International Requirements for BIM Object Libraries
The NBS is set to partner with Australia’s not-for-profit NATSPEC specification body and New Zealand’s Masterspec specification system to establish standards for BIM objects in those countries.

In Australia, NATSPEC is owned by a wide range of professional associations and government property groups, while in New Zealand the RIBA-owned NBS will be working with Masterspec, a specification company owned by the New Zealand Institute of Architects and the Registered Master Builders’ Association.

The NBS launched its BIM Object Standard in the UK in September 2014, creating a benchmark for manufacturers and designers on the format and properties of BIM objects.
International efforts - libraries

NS 8360
BIM objects – Naming and properties for BIM objects and object libraries for construction works

SCOPE – NS 8360

1. Discipline
   - ARC
   - STRUC
   - HVAC
   - EL

2. Phases
   - Pre-Design
   - Conceptual
   - Detail
   - Construction
   - FM

3. Libraries
   - Because it all starts here
   - Deliveries
     - It is the BIM-delivery (IFC-file) that opens user cases

4. User cases
   - 12 specific use-cases covering most of today's needs