In 2017, we are carrying forward our organizational objectives into the new year, with three significant additions: we are planning to develop and release v2.5 of the RIXML schema, and we’re launching our Interactions and Entitlements work streams.

### v2.5 Schema Release
The v2.5 schema release will cover change requests we’ve received from both members and nonmembers since our v2.4 release in February 2013. We will also address social media messaging, spot tags, updates to our side-car schemas, author identity management, and other items in the queue.

### Interactions
With MiFID II unbundling requirements effective January 2, 2018, RIXML has an opportunity to create a standard for describing sell-side/buy-side interactions. Our goal is to cover all services rendered, received, consumed, and valued – e.g. research content, meetings with experts, one-on-one meetings, conference calls, phone calls, corporate access, conferences, NDRs, and more.

### Componentization
Our goals include finalizing and productizing our documentation detailing the guidelines for componentization agreed by our working group. Additionally, we plan to complete a pilot program to illustrate and exercise our ideas.

### Link-Back Landscape
With many research publishers broadening their platforms to embrace various forms of digital content delivery, issues around Identity & Access Management (IAM) and workflow support arise between publishers, consumers, and aggregators. RIXML will continue our conversations about how to add value in this space.

### Entitlements
RIXML will be creating a working group to examine the feasibility of standardizing the authentication and entitlement process across providers. The addition of entitlement controls at the content element level of the specification will enable the appropriate content elements to be displayed to different user groups, facilitating a personalized experience. As an open standard, the RIXML specification is able to address one of the key challenges - entitlement synchronization across all distribution platforms to ensure a consistent user experience based on level of research access.

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