MINUTES
OCTOBER 2023 MEETING
OBVSG Headquarters, Vienna
17-20 October 2023

Attending: Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Charlene Chou, RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer
Charlotte Christensen, RSC Oceania representative
Ahava Cohen, RSC Europe representative (via MS Teams)
Szabolcs Dancs, RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer
Kathy Glennan, RSC Past Chair (in person 17th and 20th; via MS Teams 18th)
James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference (RDA publisher)
Damian Iseminger, RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer
Robert Maxwell, RSC North America representative
Honor Moody, RDA Examples Editor
Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer
John Trevor-Allen, RDA Board Chair
Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Apologies: Kathy Glennan was unable to attend on 19th.

Observers: Barbara Pfeifer attended the Public Session on 17th ; other observers attended online.

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Executive Session 1
Tuesday 17 October, 9-11am.

413   Welcome; housekeeping; catching up and review of previous action items
Renate Behrens welcomed everyone, especially Ahava Cohen, who joined from Israel via MS Teams. All action items from the last meeting have been completed or are in progress. Renate Behrens thanked RSC members for their actions since July.

414   Review of Training and Outreach Day on 16 October
A news item has been posted sharing the presentation slides. Renate Behrens provided a brief summary. She echoed Damian Iseminger's point that communities can build their own element set, referencing his presentation.There was general discussion of the economic pressures faced worldwide by libraries and the implications within different communities. RDA is a tool for people across different communities to facilitate and provide a framework for cataloguing. The messaging at outreach events will continue to be showing how people are implementing RDA.

James Hennelly pointed people to the webinars that Charlotte Christensen gave this year: Finding Your Way with RDA (Session 1 ; Session 2 ; Session 3).

415   Soft-deprecated Terms
Damian Iseminger shared the findings. One of the clear outcomes of the survey was the need to publicise the soft-deprecated terms. It was clear from the survey results that the wider cataloguing community is not yet ready to deprecate the terms. He had therefore prepared and circulated RSC/TechnicalWG/2023/2 and asked voting RSC members to make a decision on his suggestion that any decisions to deprecate terms be deferred to a future date. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Public Session
Tuesday 17 October, 11am-1pm

416   Welcome
Verena Schaffner gave a warm welcome on behalf of our host, OBVSG, to community members attending in person and online. Renate Behrens welcomed everyone on behalf of the RSC. The members of the RSC and John Trevor-Allen, RDA Board Chair, introduced themselves and welcomed members of the wider RDA cataloguing community as observers.

417   Soft-deprecated Terms
Damien Iseminger provided a summary of the responses received from the RDA cataloguing community to the survey. One key finding was that 19 respondents were not

aware of the soft-deprecated terms and 21 had not started to make planning for deprecation. 26/40 elements received responses that they were under consideration in planning. It is not possible at this time to draw conclusions that would allow the making of a definitive decision. The RSC has, therefore, decided to defer decisions to a future date (see Item 415).

418   RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction of
Proposal and its responses published on the RSC website ; links to URI provided in appendix. Renate Behrens welcomed Esther Scheven, the Chair of the Places/Jurisdiction Working Group to introduce the proposal. The Working Group is happy to change "of" to "by" per the official responses. Damian Iseminger was asked to comment as he is an *ex officio* member of the Working Group. He confirmed that the Technical Working Group has no objection to changing the "of" to "by".

Ahava Cohen shared EURIG's comment that it appreciated that the proposal "allows for governance not based solely on laws formulated by governments but gives scope to other forms of received authority, such as religious corporate bodies". She also shared a query on how to determine when elements have been used, and suggested a wider discussion on metrics for a future RSC meeting.

Honor Moody asked whether metrics for impact requires a Task and Finish Working Group. Damian Iseminger answered and highlighted that the current system is working and the Technical Working Group is consulted by proposal writers and the RSC Secretary.

The proposal was approved by the RSC. Renate Behrens thanked Esther Scheven and the Working Group for their work.

418.1   ACTION ITEM: Secretary to prepare RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/decisions to include the editorial change to "by"

418.2   ACTION ITEM: Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/decisions.

418.3   ACTION ITEM: Chair and Secretary to add impact statements to January agenda.

419   RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2 – Proposal to Revise Term of Rank or Honour or Office
Proposal and its responses published on the RSC website ; links to URI provided in appendix. Renate Behrens asked the Co-chair of the Working Group, David Roth, to introduce the proposal.

419.1   Use of the word "civil"

Robert Maxwell raised the introduction of the word "civil" as an issue for NARDAC. David Roth provided a specific example of the title conferred on a rabbi's spouse, rebbitzin. Ahava Cohen expanded on this example as one that is a "grey" area of a title between religious and civil titles. She highlighted that the term "Rebbetzin" may be used to state that a woman is married to a rabbi, or to state gender and also a level of spiritual authority. She cited Esther Jungreis (Wikipedia | authorities.loc.gov) as an example of an author who was a Rebbetzin. Kathy Glennan noted that the only use of "civil" in the Toolkit is in relation to court proceedings. Charlotte Christensen asked if the introduction of the word "honour" helps. Robert Maxwell highlighted the importance of the word "simply" in the existing instruction: "excludes terms of address that simply indicate gender or marital status." Damian Iseminger stated that the issue can be covered in an application profile. Honor Moody suggested the removal of the entire clause, and this was approved by the voting members of the RSC:

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term of rank or honour or office
A word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, rank, honour, or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation.

A term of rank, honour, or office, includes initials or abbreviations representing an academic degree, or membership in an organization.

419.2 Inclusion of the word "honour"
NARDAC noted that "although the name of the element is 'term of rank or honour or office', the word 'honour' is not used in the first sentence of the definition" (in the Toolkit or Registry). Robert Maxwell asked if it can be included. The voting members of the RSC approved this decision and requested it be carried into other clauses of this kind. (Already retrospectively applied to the clean copy at Item 419.1).

419.3 Splitting Recommendation 3 into 3 options
As outlined in Notes 4 and 7 of RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/summary, EURIG, the Translations TLLO, the TTWG, the WCEO and the RDA Examples Editor suggested that the CONDITION OPTION for Persons of religious vocation (RDA 94.60.81.35) be split in three:

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CONDITION
A person is of a religious vocation.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a term of rank, honour, office or address in a language in which the term was conferred.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a term of rank, honour, office or address in a country in which the person resides.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a term of rank, honour, office or address in a language preferred by an agent who creates the metadata.

419.4 Agent who creates the metadata

As outlined in Note 5 of RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/summary, NARDAC noted that "the phrase 'an agent who creates the metadata' should be used as this is the convention in the Toolkit." The voting members of the RSC approved this change. (Already retrospectively applied to the clean copy at Item 419.3).

419.5 Place: name of place

As outlined in Note 5 of RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/summary, NARDAC noted that in the condition for the value of Place: name of place, "the phrase 'term of rank, office, or address' should be in full in both the Condition and the Condition Option." This was agreed by the voting members of the RSC, who commented on the relevance of the decision at Item 419.2:

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CONDITION
A person of religious vocation has a term of rank, honour, office or address that includes a value of Place: name of place.

CONDITION OPTION
Add to the term of rank, honour, office, or address a value of Place: name of place.

419.6 Examples in text agreed for deletion

Charlotte Christensen and Robert Maxwell suggested that some of the examples in sections that have been agreed for deletion be retained as illustrative. It was agreed they be referred to the Examples Working Group. Honor thanked them for this suggestion, which will be a great learning experience for the Examples Working Group. Ahava Cohen suggested that the Examples Working Group contact the Religions in RDA Working Group for examples from other religions.

419.7 Consultation with Examples Working Group to be added to charge documents

Now that the Examples Working Group has been established, Honor Moody asked that consultation with it on the redeployment of examples from text that is proposed to be deleted be added to the charge documents for other Working Groups. This was agreed by voting members of the RSC.

419.7.1   ACTION ITEM: Chair and Secretary to update charge documents in consultation with Working Group chairs.

419.8 Thanks

Renate Behrens thanked David Roth and the rest of the Working Group.

419.9 ACTION ITEM: Secretary to prepare RSC/ReligionsWG/2/decisions to reflect the decisions of the meeting.

419.10 ACTION ITEM: Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/ReligionsWG/2/decisions.

420   Update from ALA Digital Reference

420.1 Toolkit releases.

James Hennelly shared that there were 4 releases of the Toolkit this year. See his annual report (Appendix 424) for the details. The schedule for 2024 has been devised to give space between two of the releases in order to allow for focus on some long-term development projects. There will now be two 'main' updates and two less busy updates in the year.

420.2 ALA Digital Reference Webinars

Webinars have been less consistent in the last year due to staff changes. James Hennelly would be delighted to hear from members of the RSC and the wider community who would like to volunteer a webinar. They can be in any language. They can be in any language. (Previous webinars have included Spanish and French language). Contact jhennelly@rdatoolkit.org if you would like to volunteer a topic.

420.2.1   Transcription of webinars

Honor Moody asked about the automated transcription on webinars. James Hennelly said that this is something he will look into. There is no budget for professional transcription but perhaps speakers could edit the automated transcription before publication.

420.2.2   Support for dual-language resources

Renate Behrens asked for support to produce bilingual English and another language in order to encourage volunteer webinar presenters. James Hennelly said he is keen to explore this. He is happy to support initiatives from the Regions to spread the word about RDA. He reiterated the importance of the current mission to build up a network of people who are experts across different languages. He gave the example of the excellent training that was presented at the meeting in Mexico.

420.3 Spanish translation

This week [ABINIA](#) will be discussing the translation of RDA into Spanish. James Hennelly spoke warmly of the meeting Renate Behrens John Trevor-Allen and he attended in Mexico and his pleasure at the enthusiasm from the communities present at that meeting.

420.4 Community Resources

The intent is for Community Resources to be updated from the March release with content from partners.

420.5 Site architecture for dual language display

The implementation of the French translation for Canada is driving further development work on the site architecture to allow content to be displayed with English RDA text and French Policy Statements. Another current preoccupation is developing the way in which ALA Digital Reference can enhance support for examples in different languages in the Toolkit. The Translations Team is starting to add examples in different languages (not translations of English examples, but newly created in the actual language in which they are working) and that will lead to further developments.

420.6 Website development

The public website for the Toolkit, RSC and Board is being updated and enhanced. Look out for announcements of changes in the new year.

Executive Session 2
Tuesday 17 October – Friday 20 October

421   Action Plan
Current plan: [RSC/Chair/2023/1](#)
Current RDA Board Strategic Plan: *[Strategic Plan for RDA 2023-2025](#)*

421.1 Update from the RDA Board
John Trevor-Allen provided an update from the Board, based on its latest meeting in September. The headline is internationalization and flexibility and for the Board this

means focusing on helping people to see how the standard can help them meet their needs.

421.2 Updated Action Plan (RSC/Chair/2023/12)
The current Action Plan (including the Education and Orientation Officer role as permanent) was approved for publication.

> **421.2.1**   **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to publish RSC/Chair/2023/12 as soon as possible.

421.3 Advocacy
The RSC picked up its discussion on advocacy which was started in May.

John Trevor-Allen highlighted the Board's Strategy "1.3 fostering an environment which builds confidence for users and potential users" which he feels provides scope for advocacy.

422   Chair's Report
Published in the Appendix. Renate Behrens highlighted again the importance of internationalization and stressed the importance of the Working Groups with regard to this (as well as their individual topics). Working Group Chairs and members are in the wider cataloguing community and in touch with their specialist communities. Renate Behrens is always keen to support Working Group members in their activities. We will discuss their work later, but she wanted to highlight their importance at the start. She also spoke warmly of her visit with the Chair of the Board and the Director of ALA Reference to Mexico. The significance of making that trip has been longer-lasting than the three days they were there – communication between colleagues met in Mexico and the Chair are ongoing. When we are talking about partners for the community resources section, this is meaningful, not just a word – partnership is vital for maintaining and developing RDA. Finally, she highlighted the importance of our relationship with other standards. We will discuss this in depth later, but, again, she wanted to lead with stressing the importance of cooperation with both library and wider GLAM sector bodies. Elisa Sze asked about the potential for protocols with specific organizations and Renate Behrens asked her to discuss this further at item 434.

423   Report from the RDA Board
Published in the Appendix. John Trevor-Allen referenced that events at IFLA have overtaken one of the points in his report (on Proposed Outreach IFLA 2024 WLIC in Dubai). He highlighted again the value of the joint RSC/Board meetings in Chicago, and would like joint meetings to repeat broadly in line with the cycle of appointments to the Board and the RSC. He echoed Renate Behrens's statements about the importance of their visit to Mexico. He highlighted the difference in being there in person in terms of relationship-building. The Board is constituting a joint Board/RSC working group on

machine learning to keep abreast of the impact on the field. Charlene Chou asked whether the machine learning group will look towards publishing a paper? This is something that is on the horizon.

424 **Report from ALA Digital Reference**
Published in the Appendix and discussed under Item 420.

425 **Secretary's Report**
Published in the Appendix. Anne Welsh reported that we are behind with the Fast Track schedule. Kathy Glennan suggested that some could be dealt with at a meeting of the RSC.

425.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to schedule Fast Tracks including scheduling some for the January meeting.

426 **Example Editor's Report**
Published in the Appendix. Charlotte Christensen asked for clarification of the line in the report about String Encoding Schemes. Honor Moody explained the current activities and how it is working as an ideal training ground for the new Examples Working Group members.

427 **Education and Orientation Officer's Activities**

427.1 **Annual Report of Activities.**
Published in the Appendix. Damian Iseminger asked how Elisa Sze felt that the activities were received. Elisa Sze stressed the impact of one-to-one conferences in terms of information gathering. (In this she is following up on the survey work she has done).

427.2 **Work in progress**
Elisa Sze shared the latest draft of a handout she is creating. The RSC approved its contents, so it will now move to final design stage with a view to its final version's being approved at the January meeting for publication.

428 **Wider Community Engagement Officer's Report**
Published in the Appendix. Charlene highlighted the work she is doing with Hong Kong at the moment. She is also focusing on her outreach strategies, as discussed in the May Meeting. The East Asian community is very technology-focused, so she welcomes the news that the Board is establishing a joint Board/RDA Working Group on machine learning. There was discussion of wider participation in the Examples Working Group and Honor Moody welcomed input from Charlene Chou in reaching out to cataloguers with experience in different scripts. Renate Behrens thanked Charlene Chou for her hard work in such a huge Region.

429   Technical Team Liaison Officer's Report

Published in the Appendix. Damian Iseminger highlighted the discussion on Data Provenance. He mentioned that he hears from members of the wider community who want to create more refined elements and the outreach work that needs to be done on getting the message out that it is OK to have more refined local implementations of RDA elements. He thanked the RSC Chair for her liaisonship with IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards (IFLA CoS) which has been of real value to the work of the Technical Working Group. He also shared that there is some wider community demand for a SPARQL endpoint to the Registry. Investigations of this are underway in conjunction with the Director of ALA Digital Reference. The Technical Working Group continues to watch with interest the developments within the BIBFRAME international community. Renate Behrens thanked Damian and the Working Group for their continuing work.

430   Translations Team Liaison Officer's Report

Published in the Appendix. Szabolcs Dancs has reached out to colleagues in the Working Group for updates on the status of the various translations that are underway. He shared an interim report.

430.1   ACTION ITEM: Translations Team Leader to raise the discussion of a possible document outlining the benefits of different kinds of translations (Full, Reference, FAQ) and feedback to the wider RSC at an appropriate future meeting.

431   Europe Representative's Report

Published in the Appendix. Ahava Cohen highlighted the appreciation that EURIG members have for the internationalization of RDA and the stability of the standard (including its business plan). EURIG is working to raise awareness of RDA beyond libraries, e.g. Renate Behrens's recent presentation to VIAF. By keeping RDA in Europe as a virtual meeting, this has the benefit of members from other regions being able to attend.

432   North America Representative's Report

Published in the Appendix. Robert Maxwell highlighted the overlap between NARDAC and PCC membership. Guidelines for evaluation and treatment of non-Latin script references in NACO authority records for non-roman scripts are being worked on by a PCC Task Group at the moment, and it includes several NARDAC members, including Robert. He brought this up in the RSC meeting as obviously relevant and of interest to the RSC and its other Regional groups. Other NARDAC members are involved in PCC work for the Metadata Guidance Documentation, including String Encoding Schemes.

433   Oceania Representative's Report

Published in the Appendix. Charlotte Christensen highlighted that ORDAC has changed its terms of reference and its current focus is on looking at different communities. They are preparing a discussion paper on Agent and Place. They are currently scoping the questions to ask. The focus has to be on resource description so that once people have responded ORDAC is able to make use of the answers. Damian Iseminger asked about the enthusiasm for exploring indigenous world views and their (lack of) representation in current standards. Charlotte Christensen spoke warmly of the commitment within ORDAC towards improving the situation. Place is a hugely important concept within communities' cultures.

434   Liaisons' Reports

434.1 Protocol with IFLA CoS.
RSC/Chair/2023/3/rev was ratified by members of the RSC, and will be published as soon as we hear from IFLA Governing Body.

434.2 Other liaisons
ISSN International Centre will be the next protocol on which the Chair will be working. There was discussion amongst the group as to other groups with whom we might seek to have a formal protocol in future.

435   Latest news from ALA Digital Reference – James Hennelly.
Following on from Items 420 and 424, James Hennelly shared the latest developments in the Drupal site, which is a major focus of work at the moment.

436   Orientation package
Members considered the materials that the Secretary had collocated on a Basecamp page based on the wish list drawn up in May.

437   Working Group Updates

437.1 Examples Working Group
Honor Moody shared the first meeting has taken place and the actions flowing from it.

437.2 Technical Working Group
See also Technical Team Liaison Officer's Report (Item 429).
Damian Iseminger and the other Working Group members are actively seeking more members. They would particularly welcome the Regional Representatives' input to this.

437.3 Translations Working Group
Covered under Translations Team Liaison Officer's Report (Item 430).

437.4 Task and Finish Working Groups

Renate Behrens provided updates from the Chairs of the Extent, Place/Jurisdiction, Official Languages and Religions in RDA Working Groups. She thanked the Chairs and other members of Working Groups for their hard work and expertise. She thanked NARDAC for the invitation to their upcoming Forum, which she will attend accompanied by representatives from each group. She will be meeting with the Working Group Chairs and members to discuss an extension to their terms, and the Secretary will prepare updates to charge documents for ratification at the January RSC Meeting.

437.4.1   **ACTION ITEM:** Chair to meet with Working Groups regarding extension of terms and Secretary to prepare updated charge documents.

438   Application Profiles – Renate Behrens
Renate Behrens introduced a wide-ranging discussion looking at the application profiles of which we are currently aware.

Damian Iseminger gave an overview of the three different ways that the Toolkit currently supports Application Profiles, *viz*.

- Policy Statements
- Prose documents via the HTML editor
- Annotations and bookmarks

Renate Behrens demonstrated RDA DACH STA, following on from Barbara Pfeifer's presentation on Monday.

Elisa Sze shared her perspective as an educator and trainer, which is that for learners, Policy Statements without *contextual* introductory material is not so helpful.

Renate Behrens summarised that it is important messaging that there are different ways to create Application Profiles and that these can be combined (as in Elisa's and Charlotte's examples of using Policy Statements and contextual information).

In terms of messaging, Honor Moody highlighted the significance of the user.

Renate Behrens suggested a multi-strand awareness raising programme in 2024: short webinar; workshop / preconference at ALA 2024; something at EURIG; special journal issue.

439   Documents for approval by the RSC

439.1   Examples Manual – Honor Moody
A vote on the publication of the manual was unanimous.

439.2 RSC/Chair/2023/11 – Translations Working Group, 2023-2024
The Secretary and Chair of the Translations Working Group updated the member roster.
Voting members of the RSC approved the document for publication.

439.2.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to publish.

439.3 RSC/Chair/2023/8/rev – Examples Working Group, 2023-2024
The members' roster was updated and the Chair of the Working Group had made an edit
to the charge. Voting members of the RSC approved the document for publication.

439.3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to add "base" before RDA and then publish.

439.4 RSC/TechnicalWG/2023/1 [Discussion Paper on] Revisions to Guidance Areas of RDA Toolkit.
Damian Iseminger presented the paper, and discussion followed. Ahava Cohen made the
point that transcription instructions are a separate category, as they refer solely to the
English version. She would be loath to see Fast Tracks come through based on
transcription in non-English language. The rest of the RSC agreed that transcription will
be regarded as a special category. A vote resulted in 7 votes for Option 2 and 2 votes for
Option 3.

439.4.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Past Chair to update Operations 4 and Secretary to
publish.

439.5 Update to RSC/Operations/1
The Secretary presented a draft that contained the text approved in principle in July
regarding the extension of the Education and Orientation Officer post; an updated
organization chart; and text in support of the new Examples Working Group. Voting
members of the RSC approved the document for publication.

439.5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to publish.

439.6 Update to RSC/Operation/2
The Secretary presented a draft that contained the text approved in principle in July
regarding the extension of the Education and Orientation Officer post; and new
amendments in support of the new Examples Working Group. Voting members of the
RSC approved the document for publication.

439.6.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to amend "Standing Working Group on
Examples" to "Examples Working Group" and then publish.

440 Dates of 2024 meetings – Renate Behrens
Renate Behrens and James Hennelly shared the dates for 2024, *viz.*:

440.1 **January** asynchronous meeting, 29 January to 1 February 2024, with Public Session on 30 January, 9-11pm CET.

440.2 **April** asynchronous meeting, 15-18 April 2024, with Public Session on 16 April, 9-11pm CEST.

440.3 **July** asynchronous meeting, 15-18 July 2024, with Public Session on 16 July, 9-11pm CEST.

440.4 **November** in-person meeting, 11-15 November 2024, with date of Public Session to be agreed with host institution.

440.5 **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to post call for host institutions by 15 January 2023.

440.6 **Dates of other meetings and presentations**
Renate Behrens asked members of the RSC to share the dates of any upcoming presentations they have agreed to give. These include a Lectio Magistralis in Florence in March 2023, and presentations and workshops in Taiwan and Hong Kong, as well as the NARDAC Forum, EURIG's meeting in Helsinki in May, and RDA in Europe (which will remain an online event to enable participation from outside the Region).

441 **Thanks to those leaving the RSC**
Renate Behrens gave official thanks to Melissa Parent (former Oceania Regional Representative), Honor Moody (outgoing RDA Examples Editor), Kathy Glennan (outgoing Past Chair) and John Trevor-Allen (outgoing Chair of the RDA Board).

442 **Any Other Business and Review of Meeting**

442.1 **String Encoding Schemes – Damian Iseminger**
Damian Iseminger asked if it is desirable for the Registry to provide a space for String Encoding Schemes.

442.1.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Technical Team Liaison Officer and the Director of ALA Digital Reference to investigate possibilities.

443 **Thanks from Chair**
Renate Behrens gave thanks to everyone, especially Ahava Cohen who attended via MS Teams due to the last-minute cancellation of all flights from Israel. The RSC gave a vote of appreciation for OBVSG. The Secretary thanked the Chair, on behalf of the RSC.

APPENDIX

418   RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction of

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RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20226

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/EOO – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20351

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/EURIG response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20356

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/NARDAC response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20359

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/ORDAC response – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20353

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/RDA Examples Editor response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20363

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/TranslationsTLO - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20367

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/TTWG response – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20349

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/WCEO response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20362

RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/summary - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20373

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RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2 – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20219

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/EOO – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20352

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/EURIG response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20355

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/NARDAC response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20360

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/ORDAC response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20354

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/RDA Examples Editor response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20375

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/TranslationsTLO - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20357

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/TTWG response – http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20350

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/WCEO response - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20361

RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/summary - http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20376

422   Chair's Report

28 September 2023

Report of RSC Chair
Prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC chair.

The RSC Chair works continuously with all members of the RSC and in particular with the RSC Secretary Anne Welsh, the Past Chair Kathy Glennan and the Director of ALA Digital Reference James Hennelly.

Meetings

- Asynchronous meeting in January 2023, with a public session
- In-person joint meeting with the RDA Board and a RSC meeting with a virtual public session in May 2023 in Chicago, US
- Asynchronous meeting in July 2023, with a public session in August
- Participation in the monthly meetings of the Dev and the Admin Team, as well as numerous other meetings with RSC colleagues as required.

RSC Membership

- The extension of the Education and Orientation Officer role to a permanent
- Appointment of the Wider Community Engagement Officer for a second term
- Recruitment of an Examples Editor. The deadline for application is 15 October. The interviews will be held at the end of October.

Working groups

- Continuous monitoring of the working groups. Discussions with all chairs of the working groups about the goals and tasks.
- Report of the work of the working groups at the NARDAC Forum in November 2023
- Setting up an Examples Working Group

Other activities

- Working on the RSC Action Plan according to the RDA Board's Strategic Plan
- Working on the update of the RSC Operation Documents
- Working on an Orientation package for new members in the RSC and the RDA Board together with a working group (Anne Welsh, Kathy Glennan, and James Hennelly)
- An official protocol between the RSC and the IFLA Committee on Standards was adopted by the IFLA Governing Board in August and will officially be announced soon on the RSC website.
- The next protocol to be updated will be with the ISSN IC.
- The annual RSC in-person meeting in October will be held in Vienna, Austria and will be opened with a hybrid outreach event for the local community.
- A new item on the agenda for the October meeting will be a strategic brainstorming part. Topic for this year will be Application Profiles and how the RSC can support the different approaches from the communities.

Outreach and communication

- Participation in the Festschrift for Mauro Guerrini, a long-time expert and advocate of RDA in Italy, who will retire at the end of October.
- Participation in the IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Presentation at the meeting of the Audiovisual Media Working Group in DACH in July 2023
- Presentation at the „XII Encuentro de Catalogación y Metadatos RDA" in Mexico City from 6-8 September 2023
- Presentation at the annual VIAF meeting on 28 September 2023
- Recorded presentation for the 6th. RDA Colloquium in Latin America on 18 October 2023 in Brazil
- Participation in the Swiss Library Congress in November with a presentation about the relationship of RDA with other standards

423   Report from the RDA Board

29th September 2023

Report of RDA Board
Prepared by John Trevor – Allen, RDA Board Chair

Board Review of the Joint RDA/RSC Meeting
The Board wishes to thank the RSC for their attendance at and participation in the joint meeting in Chicago in May: the feeling of the Board is that this was an extremely valuable event and enabled closer collaboration with the RSC. It was also felt that such a joint meeting offered an important opportunity to ensure that the vital close links between the Board and RSC are maintained, and that there is a key strategic value in continuing to arrange periodic joint meetings, perhaps every two-three years, so that members of both the Board and RSC have this chance for coworking collaboration as their members change over during the course of their terms.

Latin American Outreach and Spanish Translation
The Board, as well as the RSC, was represented at the XII RDA Cataloguing and Metadata meeting which took place in Mexico City in September. In addition to liaison and networking, the presentation from the Board Chair emphasised the Board's strategic objective to build closer dialogue between regional organisations and the RDA Board / RSC, particularly in order to ensure that any friction in the application of the standard is made clear, and can be resolved.

The presentations were well-received, and copies have been requested for translation into Portuguese ahead of the upcoming 6th RDA Colloquium in Latin America which is taking place this October.

Additionally, Jamie was able to hold a productive meeting during the event, and as a result of this work the Board anticipates that progress on the Spanish translation of RDA will soon resume, which we hope will bring substantial benefits to the adoption of RDA in Spanish-speaking regions.

Proposed Outreach IFLA 2024 WLIC in Dubai
The RDA Board met in the last week of September, and during the live video call discussed the possible opportunities for outreach at the 2024 IFLA WLIC in Dubai. At least two of the current members of the Board have confirmed they expect to be able to attend the congress, and are willing to run an outreach meeting to take advantage of this opportunity to promote RDA across the MENA region.

Proposed Joint RDA Board / RSC Study Group on Machine Learning

A further suggestion during the Board's meeting was that we should establish a joint Study Group consisting of members of both the RSC and the RDA Board, to investigate the probable impacts of machine learning on the cataloguing sector, and possible mitigations we may need to undertake.

The Board is currently seeking volunteers from among its own membership, and has suggested that this should be a joint group comprised of members of both the Board and RSC to ensure that we are able to draw on the strategic expertise and insights from all sides of RDA's governance model.

Board Confirmation of RSC Appointments

Following the Board's verbal agreement to the RSC's two proposals at the joint meeting in May, first to reappoint Charlene Chou as Wider Community Engagement Officer, and second to confirm the permanent appointment of Elisa Sze currently in a temporary role as the RSC Education and Orientation Officer, the Board has confirmed this through a formal written vote during their September meeting.

424   Report from ALA Digital Reference

06 October 2023

Report from ALA Digital Reference
Prepared by James Hennelly, Director

Activities since October 2022
- RDA Toolkit Releases in December, March, July, and September
  - Publication of complete French language translation of Official RDA
  - Implementation of locked header and alternate guidance menu
- Free RDA webinars held in November, December, February, March, April, and June
  - Included presentations by NARDAC, the EO Officer, the ORDAC representative and the Past Chair of the RSC
  - Webinars included one in French and a Spanish translation of an earlier webinar was posted to the YouTube Channel
- 5 presentations by Director
  - Recorded presentations to UKCOR and ABINIA
  - Live presentations to NARDAC, RDA Mexico and a scheduled presentation in Vienna
- Transitioned RSC Google-based data to ALA Corporate Account (Though a complicated process, this move provides the RSC with more data storage capacity and reduces costs)
- Organized logistics for May Joint meeting of RDA Board and RSC
- Negotiated new translation and distribution agreements for a Spanish language version of official RDA

- New reference translation templates for Latvian, Turkish, and Traditional Chinese
- Monthly newsletters
- Kick-off of project to redesign RDA-related drupal sites
- Planning for Community Resources development

Goals for Coming Year
- Return to regular monthly schedule of free webinars, and continue monthly newsletters
- Complete RDA Toolkit releases in January, March, July and September
- See the publication of new Official RDA translations in Arabic, Catalan, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish
- Implement Community Resources infrastructure in January, with new CR content added in March or July
- Expand production of Examples in the Toolkit
- Improve Toolkit multilingual functionality in support of new policy statements coming from Library Archives Canada
- Transition to new RDA-related drupal sites (e.g. RDa Toolkit, RSC, and regional committees)
- Collaborate with RDA Board on investigating new business models and revenue streams

425   Secretary's Report

6 October 2023

Report of RSC Secretary
Prepared by Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

The RSC Secretary works continuously with all members of the RSC and reports to the RSC Chair, Renate Behrens, and the Director of ALA Digital Reference, James Hennelly. As such, this report is divided into two areas: RSC Support and *RDA Toolkit* Updates. The RSC website falls between both areas, as it is maintained by ALA Digital Reference on behalf of the RSC. The report covers the period October 2022 - October 2023 (which is significant particularly with regard to the sections on 'Proposals Implemented' and 'Fast Tracks Implemented')

RSC Support

RSC Meetings
Supported the Chair in organising, set up the Basecamp areas, participated in, drafted and published agenda, minutes and papers for:
- October 2022 asynchronous meeting, including Public Session on 20 October (supported outgoing Secretary Linda Barnhart)
  - RSC/Minutes/344-361, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19744

- o Proposals discussed:
    - RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/2: Proposal to correct the terms "multipart monograph" and "serial" (rejected)
    - RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/3: Proposal to adjust instructions in four "restriction on" elements in Manifestation and Item
        - RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/3/rev/RSC Decisions
    - RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/4: Proposal to amend and clarify instructions in Manifestation "place of" elements
        - RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/4/rev/RSC Decisions/rev
  - o Organised registration for observers of the meeting, corresponded with them before and after the meeting, and monitored the chat.
- January 2023 asynchronous meeting
  - o RSC/Minutes/362-372, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19738
  - o No proposals were discussed
  - o Revisions to Operations Documents prepared by Past Chair Kathy Glennan were approved and later posted to the website and archived by the Secretary:
    - RSC/Operations/1: Policies and Procedures for RSC Operations, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19758
    - RSC/Operations/2: RSC Position Responsibilities, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19759
    - RSC/Operations/3: General Terms of Reference for RSC Working Groups [links only updated, no substantive changes to February 2021 edition], http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19764
    - RSC/Operations/4: Policies and Procedures for Updating RDA Content, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19760
    - RSC/Operations/5: Guidelines for Discussion Papers, Proposals, and Responses to Them [links only updated, no substantive changes to 2022 edition], http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19761
    - RSC/Operations/6: Policies and Procedures for RSC Meetings, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19762
    - RSC/Operations/7: Information for new RSC members and backups, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19763
    - RSC/Operations/8: Incoming and Departing RSC Members, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19757
  - o The RSC Action Plan 2023-2025 was drafted by the Chair ahead of this meeting, and published by the Secretary following approval in this meeting:
    - RSC/Chair/2023/1: RSC Action Plan 2023-2025, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19740
  - o Agreement with IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards was discussed and added to the Chair and Secretary's task lists for 2023.

- May 2023 RSC Meeting, including Public Session on 18 May, and Joint Meeting with the Board, ALA Headquarters
  - o Huge thanks to James Hennelly and Jennifer Gongorek for organizing all the physical aspects of both these meetings at ALA Headquarters, including meeting rooms, accommodation and meals.
  - o RSC-RDABoard/Minutes/000-009, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19822
  - o Following discussion at this meeting of the need to create more examples in English, drafted a formal request for the Chair to submit to the Board:
    - RSC/Chair/2023/2: Approval of the creation of a Standing Working Group on Examples, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20368
  - o RSC/Minutes/373-392, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19823
  - o Proposal discussed:
    - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1: Jurisdictions, Governments, and Courts in RDA
      - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/Decisions, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19882
  - o Ahead of this meeting, the Secretary reviewed all outstanding action items from meetings before 2023, with assistance from RSC members responsible for them.
  - o At this meeting, it was agreed that a formal request be made to the Board for the Education and Orientation Officer role to become permanent, and the paperwork for this was tasked to the Chair and Secretary.
  - o Organised registration for online observers of the meeting, and corresponded with them before and after the meeting.
    - Thanks to James Hennelly and Kathy Glennan for managing the Q&A from observers during the Public Session.
- July 2023 asynchronous meeting, including Public Session via Zoom on 2 August
  - o RSC/Minutes/393-412, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20212
  - o Proposals discussed:
    - RSC/LanguagesWG/2023/1: Preferred names and official languages of corporate bodies, governments and places in RDA
      - RSC/LanguagesWG/2023/1/Decisions, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20225
    - RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/1: Religious Titles
      - RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/1/Decisions, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20218
  - o Ahead of the meeting, drafted RSC/Chair/2023/6 to seek approval from the Board for the Education and Orientation Officer role to be made permanent and, in collaboration with the Education and Orientation Officer and the Chair, drafted updates to other key documents impacted by the creation of this permanent role.
    - RSC/Chair/2023/6, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20369
  - o Ahead of the meeting, drafted the following updated charge documents, which were approved:

- RSC/Chair/2023/4: Religions in RDA Working Group, 2023, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20064
- RSC/Chair/2023/5: Official Languages Working Group, 2023, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20066
- RSC/Chair/2023/7: Extent Working Group, 2023, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20069
- Following the Executive Session and ahead of the Public Session, drafted the following updated charge documents, which were approved:
    - RSC/Chair/2023/8: Examples Working Group, 2023-2024, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20183
    - RSC/Chair/2023/9: Technical Working Group, 2023, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20210
    - RSC/Chair/2023/10: RDA/MARC 21 Alignment Task Force, 2023, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20209
- Prepared a first draft of the survey on soft-deprecated terms, implementing the Technical Team Liaison Officer's design
- Organised registration for observers of the meeting, corresponded with them before and after the meeting, and monitored the chat.

Other Meetings

- Admin Team (monthly), including supporting the Chair in drafting the agenda
    - Thanks to James Hennelly for setting the meetings up on MS Teams and recording the meetings.
- Development Team (monthly)
- Policy Statement Writers (every 2 months)
- 1:1 with the RSC Chair (at least once a month), as required
- 1:1 with the Director of ALA Digital Reference (occasional), as required
- *Ad hoc* meetings with Chairs of Working Group and RSC members to support them in their work (occasional), as required
- Meetings with hosts of the October meeting (3), as required
- *Ad hoc* meetings to support the Chair in her work (re-)negotiating the protocols with other bodies (very occasional), as required.

RSC Website

The Director of ALA Digital Reference is working on a refresh of the website, which includes an upgrade to the latest version of our content management software.

As Secretary, I update the website with content several times most weeks. RSC documents (proposals, discussion papers, and occasional papers) are listed in the 'Recently Posted

Documents' page. All changes and additions to the website are listed in the 'Additions and Changes to Website' page. News is posted regularly to the 'News and Announcements' page, posted to RDA-L and circulated via the Regional representatives and WCEO.

Archiving

Following negotiations between the Director of ALA Digital Reference and the ALA Librarian and Archivist, the RSC now has a public archive within the American Library Association Institutional Repository (ALAIR): https://alair.ala.org/handle/11213/19728. Previous RSC Secretaries Linda Barnhart and Judith Kuhagan had preserved their archives on memory sticks (thumb drives) and these are being processed separately on our behalf by ALA, with many thanks.

From January 2023, we have been able to submit public documents within the following collection structure set up by the ALA Librarian and Archivist, with many thanks:

- Agendas
- Annual reports
- Chair Documents
- Meeting Outcomes [not used – Minutes and Decisions Documents are issued in a timely manner. However, it may be useful for previous years when Meeting Outcomes documents were produced]
- Minutes
- Operations and Policy Documents
- Papers and Reports [which includes proposals]

We do not currently have a place to archive articles, presentations and news announcements, although this has been requested. In the meantime, Google Drive is being used as a backup for such materials posted to the website.

We do not currently have a place to archive Restricted documents, although this has been requested. In the meantime, Google Drive is being used to store such materials (e.g. Restricted Minutes) and Basecamp is being used as a backup.

ALAIR provides us with stable URIs for materials, which is particularly useful with the redesign and upgrade of the RSC website that the Director of ALA Digital Reference is working on at the moment. We are very grateful to the ALA Librarian and Archivist for providing us with collection space on ALAIR.

RDA Toolkit Updates

Proposals Implemented

- [RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/3/rev/RSC Decisions](#) (December 2022 Toolkit Release)
- [RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/4/rev/RSC Decisions/rev](#) (December 2022 Toolkit Release)
- RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/Decisions, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/19882 (July 2023 Toolkit Release)

Fast Track Implemented
- FT2023-01: Definitions of "designation" and "designation of versions" (July 2023 Toolkit Release)

Feedback Implemented
The wider RDA community submits some change requests via the feedback button in the Toolkit. Sometimes these lead to proposals or fast tracks, but where they are reporting a typo or other similarly small editorial issue, changes are made by the RSC Secretary. The September Toolkit release included a batch of these, and we would like to thank community members for their diligence in reporting them to us.

426   Example Editor's Report

02 October 2023

Report of the RDA Examples Editor
Prepared by Honor Moody, RDA Examples Editor

Activities
Participated in admin team, dev team, and policy statement writers group meetings.
Provided new examples for the RDA Toolkit.
Assessed examples in the Original RDA Toolkit, transferring examples as is or modifying as needed to the RDA Toolkit.
Provided feedback on RDA Toolkit content.
Ongoing review of existing RDA Examples Guide and CMS Guide: Examples.
Assisted in planning for new RDA Examples Editor.
Assisted in planning and implementation of the Examples Working Group
Consulted with RDA translators about the development of examples in RDA translations.
Examples in the RDA Toolkit, presentation at the North American RDA Committee Update Forum, April 3rd, 2023.

Goals
General goals provided by Honor Moody, subject to change by incoming RDA Examples Editor.

- Continue to transfer existing examples to RDA and provide examples for new elements.
- As new policy documents are added to the Toolkit or made publicly available, develop examples for RDA elements covered in these documents in order to assist those user communities with training.
- Chair Examples Working Group, with a focus on
  - Assessing CMS and stylesheet functionality for areas of improved display of examples in the RDA Toolkit
    - Wireframing of entity boundary examples
  - Assess the ongoing need for 'Recording Methods' as a specific category of examples in the RDA Toolkit
  - Develop guidelines for specifying String Encoding Schemes (SES) used in examples and explanatory notes

427   Education and Orientation Officer's Report

29 September 2023

Report of the Education and Orientation Officer
Prepared by Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer

Activities since October 2022
- October 2022-September 2023:
  - Responded to RSC proposals and fast tracks.
  - Continued to schedule and meet with educators and trainers virtually to exchange ideas about teaching RDA.
  - Locally, continued to contribute my RDA knowledge to the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing as a member-at-large.
- October-February 2023:
  - Recruited new and existing instructors from Canada for a pre-conference RDA Workshop at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference 2023, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Participated in developing training materials and teaching. Workshop took place on February 1, 2023.
- February 2023:
  - Presented the webinar "Teaching RDA in the LIS Classroom" on 24 February. Out of the total number of registrants, over 100 participated in the live webinar. At the time of writing this report, the recording has accumulated over 490 views on YouTube and resulted in follow-up email exchanges with 14 individuals.
- May 2023: Attended the Joint Board/Steering Committee meeting in Chicago.
- July 2023:

- o Met with the WCEO to identify potential collaborations, such as developing a basic RDA orientation slide deck that individual communities can adapt and customize to their training needs.
  - o Collaborated with May Chan, Head of Metadata Services at University of Toronto and Chair of PCC SCT RDA Training on Monographs Working Group, to develop an optional "Orientation view" of the RDA Toolkit Guidance menu. The Orientation view of the Guidance menu option is being launched with the September 2023 release of the Toolkit.
- July-September 2023: Created the "RDA Teaching and Training Tips" handout, which has been provided to the RSC for review at the October 2023 RSC meeting.

Activities planned for the coming year

- Continue engaging in outreach and orientation activities for LIS education and training communities.
- Continue to support educators and trainers in their transition from the original RDA Toolkit to the official RDA Toolkit through presentations, and find ways to connect educators and trainers with others who have made the transition.
- Participate in development of a clearinghouse of links to education and/or training materials that have been produced by different RDA user communities, as discussed at the May 2023 RSC meeting.
- Participate on the Examples Working Group as an ex-officio.
- Collaborate with the WCEO in developing a basic set of orientation and training slides that RDA trainers can adopt, customize, and use in their local presentations.

428   Wider Community Engagement Officer's Report

2 October 2023

Report of Wider Community Engagement Officer
Prepared by Charlene Chou, Wider Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)

Summary

I would like to report my activities in four categories: outreach activities, collaboration with EOO, MARC Advisory Committee meetings and Religions in RDA Working Group. This is my second report and I plan to reach out to more libraries and communities in the coming year.

Outreach activities, plans and strategies

WCEO (Charlene) reached out to the JULAC (Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee), Bibliographic Services Committee in July 2023 and we agreed to hold a RDA webinar on December 15, 2023.

Charlene collaborated with a colleague from the University of Hawaii to reach out to the National Library of Korea (NLK) and the National Assembly Library of Korea. We got an answer from NLK. Korean libraries are not adopting RDA itself fully and they follow their own rules and adopt RDA as needed. They are using RDA for foreign materials currently. And the Korean Library Association is revising Korean cataloguing rules now, but not fully adopting RDA. They are using RDA as a base for revision. For cataloguing foreign materials and using RDA as a reference, they would subscribe to the Official RDA Toolkit.

Charlene received an invitation from NCL, and will teach "Cataloguing e-resources in RDA" on October 27, 2023. This is part of the RDA training webinar series, organised by the National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan.

Charlene received an invitation to present my Share-VDE experience at NYU at the Linked Data Conference on October 5, organised by the National Taiwan University. My presentation contents will cover the SVDE ontologies and SEI, an entity working group and its work includes LRM/WEMI mapping.

Per the RSC Chair's invitation, Charlene coordinated a planning meeting for the RSC panel, to be held on October 16, 2023 and organised a planning meeting on September 11, 2023. During the 9/11 planning meeting, individual presentation titles were decided. The theme of the program is "Think globally, act locally."

Charlene presented "RDA Updates" at the CEAL (Council on East Asian Libraries) Cataloging Workshop in March 2023.

Charlene communicated with the National Central Library (NCL) and Jamie (ALA) to respond to their questions about translating RDA Reference into Chinese traditional scripts. Jamie has shared the template for NCL to translate RDA Reference into Chinese traditional scripts.

At the RSC/RDA Board joint meeting in May 2023, the RSC Chair asked WCEO/Charlene to provide an update on my recent activities. I shared the outreach principles/strategies. For example, RDA is a framework. It's not a top-down approach. It's a community that their local communities can join. Learning works in both ways – local communities have so much to contribute to our global community of cataloguing. Moving forwards, Charlene is keen to work in closer collaboration with Elisa as Education and Orientation Officer.

Charlene was delighted to meet in person with Haliza Jailani (National Library Board Singapore) and Rania.Osman (Bibalex), and meet online with Catalina Zavala (BNP). This would be very helpful for the planning of future outreach activities.

After RSC/RDA Board joint meeting in May 2023, WCEO emailed Judith Cannan to see if she can help put in contact with any Library of Congress Field Offices for RDA outreach activities. Judith responded to my message and provided contact information.

On December 6, 2022, Charlene had a Zoom meeting with Haliza Jailani of the National Library Board of Singapore, who is the RDA Board rep for Asia. Our meeting theme is about RDA in Asia. Below is the summary of our meeting minutes.

Proposal for 4 sub-regions: Haliza sent Charlene a brief written proposal for covering the 4 sub-regions for Asia (East Asia, South Asia, SEA & Central Asia). An outcome is to find representatives for these sub-regions who we can work with, towards the objective of getting feedback on RDA adoption by libraries in Asia and how this can be supported and increased. Support by RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee (RSC): Charlene sent Haliza the RSC outreach spreadsheet with some contacts in Asia that Charlene currently uses. It may be possible to align the contacts to the proposed sub-regions. A question that Charlene raised was how to reach out to regions in the Middle East.
Survey of RDA use in Asia: HalizaI sent Charlene the RDA survey results (survey was done in May 2022).
Charlene's RDA webinar at the CALIS (China Academic Library and Information system) was postponed from December 2022 to 2024.

Collaboration with EOO

On July 24, WCEO and EOO had a meeting to brainstorm about collaboration ideas and the key points can be summarised in the following three categories.
Generic set of presentation slides, intended for individual communities to adapt to their needs.
Identifying educator outreach in non-conventional education settings
Non-Latin script communities

MARC Advisory Committee meetings

Charlene attended the MARC Advisory Committee meetings from June 28-29 and posted RSC responses to proposal and discussion papers on the MARC listserv prior to the MAC meetings. For the proposals and discussion papers, go to MAC Annual 2023 Agenda (Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress) (loc.gov).
Charlene attended the MAC meetings from January 31 to February 1, 2023. For the proposals and discussion papers, go to MAC Midwinter 2023 Agenda (Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress) (loc.gov).

Religions in RDA Working Group

RSC appointed a new co-chair, David Roth, to lead the group.
Thanks to David's leadership. The group submitted a proposal to revise instructions for religious titles in July and the proposal was approved by RSC. The second proposal is for revision of Person: term of rank or honour or office and this will be reviewed by RSC at the October meeting.

429   Technical Team Liaison Officer's Report

1 October 2023

Report of the Technical Team Liaison Officer

Prepared by Damian Iseminger, Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group

The Officer attended the monthly meetings of the RDA Administrative Team and of the RDA Development Team, where he prepared updates on technical issues related to the maintenance of RDA Reference and its interactions with RDA Toolkit and helped identify future directions for technical development of RDA Toolkit.

Technical advice and support has been given to members of policy statement agencies, the Translations Working Group, and to members of the cataloguing community.

The Technical Team Liaison Officer participated in the following during the past year:

Panellist for an aggregates presentation and discussion at the "RDA in Europe" webinar on 17 November 2022
Presentation on mapping from RDA resource entities to BIBFRAME entities to the ALA CORE Bibliographic Conceptual Models Interest Group on 14 August 2023

The Technical Team Team Liaison Officer prepared the following responses to proposals made by members of the RSC:

October 2022 meeting
RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/2/TechnicalTLO Response
RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/3/TechnicalTLO Response
RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/4/TechnicalTLO Response

May 2023 meeting
RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/TechnicalTLO Response

July 2023 meeting
RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/1/TechnicalTLO Response
RSC/LanguagesWG/2023/1/TechnicalTLO Response

The Technical Team Liaison Officer participated in the following activities during the past year:

Updated the Staff Registry and RDA Reference to incorporate all changes resulting from proposals considered and approved by the RSC.
Worked with the ALA Liaison Officer and Dakota to resolve long-standing bugs in the generation of RDA Reference.

Participated in the work of the Places and Extent Working Groups.
Reviewed potential proposals from RSC constituents.
Reviewed fast track proposals.
Reviewed proposed changes to the IFLA LRM.
Reviewed a draft release of LRMoo.
Prepared changes for the Data Provenance Guidance areas of RDA Toolkit.

The Technical Working Group plans to clear its remaining action items going into 2024. These would include submitting changes for Data Provenance guidance, preparing guidance for Collection Level Description, and providing a FAQ for developers on what constitutes RDA conformant metadata.

430   Translations Team Liaison Officer's Report

4 October 2023

Report of the Translations Team Liaison Officer
Prepared by Szabolcs Dancs, Translations Team Liaison Officer and backup EURIG representative at RSC

Outreach activities

Corresponded with representatives of languages (Ukrainian, Turkish, and Romanian) showing interest in translating RDA, encouraged them to join the group of RDA users.
Contacted representatives of institutions which could provide venue for the next RSC meeting(s). (Both Slovenia and Romania have been proved to be open.)
Sent out information about useful materials (other than RDA content) to be translated, including RDA FAQ, and materials compiled by RSC Education and Orientation Officer.

Liaison activities

Attended meetings of the Admin and Dev teams and of RSC via conference call. Attended the RSC meeting in May in ALA Headquarter.
● Answered queries from translators via email. Created difference reports and templates.
● Chaired via conference call the RDA translators' meeting held on May 4, 2023, in conjunction with the 2023 EURIG members' meeting.
● Prepared and submitted fast track proposals.
● Provided responses to proposals.
● Updated the content of the RDA Translations wiki, including the Status of translations. Adjusted the member list on Basecamp, and information on the teams at the Translations working Group's charge document.
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Goals for the coming year

Reaching out for new possible translation teams.
Taking steps towards harmonizing terminology use across RDA and IFLA products.
- Contributing and mediating between RSC and countries open to provide venue for RSC meetings in the future.
- Organizing online meetings for the teams to refresh their knowledge regarding translation procedures. It is partly justified by changes in membership and prolonged translating activities.
- Considering organization of more translators' meetings apart of the one in the framework of EURIG annual meeting.

431   Europe Representative's Report

01 October 2023

Report of the Europe Region Representative 2022-2023
Prepared by Ahava Cohen, Europe Region Representative

EURIG
The Europe Region is represented by the European RDA Interest Group (EURIG). EURIG has 52 member organizations in 31 countries.

RDA in Europe 2022
Despite the IFLA WLIC conference being held in person, the EURIG Executive Committee decided to continue to hold its "RDA in Europe" conference online. The 2022 conference was held on November 17th. The morning session focused on planned implementations of 3R and in the afternoon RDA experts from Europe and North America raised issues about the Official Toolkit's handling of aggregates, with members of the former RSC Aggregates working group answering the questions raised.
Presentations from RDA in Europe 2022 are available on the regional website: http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/725
Planning is currently underway for a virtual RDA in Europe session this fall.

Annual Meeting 2023
This year's annual EURIG meeting was held in May 2022 at the National Library of Greece, marking our first in-person meeting after three years of virtual conferences. This year the meeting focused on change: changing standards, the challenges non-Latin scripts present to cataloguing with RDA, new implementations, and new arenas for cataloguing. Members also

brainstormed ideas for future strategic development of the Toolkit and its business model; the European position generated from the discussions was presented to the RDA Board and the RSC at its joint meeting later that same month.

Presentations from the Annual Meeting are available on the regional website: http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/739

During the Annual Meeting one new member of the Editorial Committee was elected to replace a member who rotated off. The current Committee consists of:

- Hannes Lowagie (KBR Royal Library of Belgium)
- Heloise Lecomte (ABES - Agence bibliographique de l'enseignement supérieur)
- Mélanie Roche (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
- Thurstan Young (British Library)
- Ahava Cohen (National Library of Israel)
- Christian Aliverti (Swiss National Library)
- Jenny Wright (BDS - Bibliographic Data Services Ltd.)
- Liv D'Amelio (National Library of Sweden)
- Renate Behrens (RSC Chair)
- Szabolcs Dancs (National Széchényi Library)

Translations

EURIG members continue to be the largest group of full and partial translators of the Official Toolkit, under the guidance of the Translations Working Group Chair, EURIG representative for the National Széchényi Library Szabolcs Dancs. Therefore it is only natural that the annual Translators' meeting was held, as it usually is, in conjunction with the EURIG annual meeting.

Additional Presentations

As in previous years, EURIG members have brought their interest in RDA and IFLA-LRM in to conferences and presentations held under other auspices, including the European BIBFRAME Workshop and the VIAF Council annual meeting.

Branding

EURIG has begun work on revising its logo, created over a decade ago, to more closely match the design scheme employed in the Official Toolkit and in the NARDAC and ORDAC logos.

432   North America Representative's Report

29 September 2023

Report of North American RDA Committee

Prepared by: Robert L. Maxwell, NARDAC Representative to RSC

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) is the entity that represents the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), comprising representatives from the American Library Association, the Canadian Committee on Cataloging, and the Library of Congress. NARDAC's membership, as of September 2023, consists of:

- ALA Representatives:
    1. Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University, 2021- ; NARDAC representative to RSC
    2. Adam Schiff, University of Washington, 2022-
- Library of Congress (LC) Representatives:
    1. Melanie Polutta, 2019- ; NARDAC Coordinator of Web Content; back-up NARDAC representative to RSC
    2. Clara Liao, 2021- ; NARDAC chair (2022-)
- Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives:
    1. Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library, 2018-
    2. Hong Cui, Library and Archives Canada, 2023-

Hong Cui, Library and Archives Canada, joined the committee this year.

NARDAC met monthly, virtually, and had occasional special meetings.

Committee Work

NARDAC activities included:

- Presented a preconference workshop at the ALA Core Forum "The new and official RDA Toolkit: a practical approach", held at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 13, 2022. Robert Maxwell, NARDAC member and representative to RSC, led the workshop and presented one of the sessions; three others presented virtually: Kathy Glennan, RSC Chair, and Thomas Brenndorfer and Melanie Polutta, NARDAC members.
- 3 NARDAC members were involved in RDA Test evaluation work. The evaluation concluded in February 2023 and PCC RDA Test Committee is working on data analysis for the final report.

- 3 NARDAC members and the RSC Chair presented a the ALA Core Forum Webinar Series (March 2023) (see https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2023/02/core-forum-webinar-series-new-and-official-rda-toolkit-practical-approach)
- NARDAC presented an ALA Preconference workshop titled "A Joint Workshop with NARDAC and PCC SCT RDA Training Task Force Group: Unlocking the power of RDA (June 23, 2023). Participants came from academic libraries (54%), government libraries (6%), public libraries (29%), special libraries (8%), others(3%)
- Several NARDAC members continued to participate in Metadata Guidance Documentation, particularly on string encoding schemes, but also other aspects of RDA such as representative expressions. Work is still ongoing.

Outreach Activities

- NARDAC presented several Update Forums, including in person at ALA (June 2023) and online (approximately quarterly). Clara Liao reported on NARDAC activities at each of these, and James Hennelly regularly reported on developments to the RDA Toolkit. Additionally,
    1. The Forum on November 14, 2022, included Ahava Cohen (EURIG Chair, Head, Cataloguing Section, National Library of Israel) EURIG's role in internationalizing RDA; and Anoushka McGuire (ORDAC Chair, Cataloguing Team Leader, National Library of New Zealand) on RDA in Oceania; and Kathy Glennan reported on the RSC Action Plan
    2. At the same Forum the PCC RDA Test Committee reported on the RDA Test
    3. At the Forum April 3, 2023 Ahava Cohen returned as a speaker to present: "Hey, you! Cataloging and grammatical gender". Honor Moody also reported on how the examples work in the RDA Toolkit, and Adam Schiff reported on the PCC SCT RDA training development.
    4. At the Forum held at ALA, Robert Maxwell gave a report on RSC activities, and James Hennelly reported on developments in the RDA Toolkit, followed by audience discussion and questions.
- NARDAC Invited Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, and RSC 4 Working Groups to join NARDAC future forums.
- NARDAC regularly communicates with other RDA regions.

433   Oceania Representative's Report

21 September 2023

Report of ORDAC
Prepared by Charlotte Christensen, Oceania representative to RSC

This year saw a handover in March from Melissa Parent, as our previous representative, to myself. Melissa has continued as a member of ORDAC, and I'm grateful to her for helping me to be ready to take this on. My new back-up is Jack Ennis-Butler who is a new member to ORDAC, who is learning about our work and about the RSC at the same time.

We have reviewed our terms of reference and are looking to expand our numbers with a particular focus on getting broader representation across types of descriptive communities as well as locations. All current members are still only from Australia and New Zealand, and while we do represent the largest descriptive communities, we would warmly welcome input from our Polynesian neighbours and others that fall within the Oceania region.

Official RDA in Oceania

At this stage, the only Oceania-based policy writing institution is the National Library of New Zealand. Internal training will occur in February-March of 2024, but there are already policy statements for communities to consider and in September there were two webinars demonstrating how those policy statements can be used in conjunction with the RDA Toolkit in order to create resource descriptions. It is expected that many of the training materials produced by the National Library of New Zealand will be made publicly available and are likely to be used extensively in New Zealand and Australia, if not always without further local modification.

There are some institutions in Australia also working on application profiles.

Outreach

ORDAC is a small group with minimal community contribution at this time. There is considerable interest in Official RDA, especially from institutions currently using Original RDA, but decreasing numbers of professionally trained descriptive staff and ongoing reductions in resourcing mean that there are limits on what can be contributed. Many institutions rely heavily on vendor supplied descriptions rather than having in-house staff who can engage meaningfully with the standards development. Often the locations with the largest complement of descriptive staff are those vendors, rather than the collecting institutions themselves, and that is simply the developing nature of the environment here. Regardless of working location, quality description still relies upon knowing your tools, and vendor-based cataloguers are as much a focus for ORDAC as those within collecting institutions.

Part of ORDAC's challenge is to smooth the learning curve by pointing to helpful resources that have been created by others, and to reinforce the understanding that descriptive work is a professional task requiring the use of standards. Advocacy for professional development time is likely to be a focus in coming years.

Main outreach for 2022-2023:
- Chair of ORDAC contributed to the NARDAC fall update, 2022
- Finding your way with RDA webinar series

Upcoming plans for 2023-2024:
- A proposal related to dual-language names
- A discussion paper exploring indigenous and first nations perspectives on Agent and Place as it is relevant to resource description
- Building a space to promote resources relevant to the Oceania community, including marketing training materials coming out of the NLNZ implementation of Official RDA in 2024