Report from the
Europe Representative to the RSC
EURIG Annual Meeting, 2023

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Annual meeting Oct 2022

The RSC at its virtual meeting, October 2022.
(Left to right, top to bottom) Kathy Glennan, Ahava Cohen, Linda Barnhart, James Hennelly, Bob Maxwell, Renate Behrens, Charlotte Christensen, Elisa Sze, Honor Moody, Szabolcs Dancs, Daniel Paradis, Charlene Chou, Damian Iseminger, Anne Welsh
RSC Membership

• Kathy Glennan completed her term as RSC Chair and was succeeded by Renate Behrens, for a four year term (December 2026).
• Daniel Paradis completed his term as Translations Team Liaison Officer and was succeeded by Szabolcs Dancs for a two year term (December 2024).
• Linda Barnhart completed her term as RSC Secretary and was succeeded by Anne Welsh for a three year term (December 2025).
• Charlotte Christensen stepped in to replace ORDAC representative Melissa Parent. Parent’s term was due to end in December 2024; Christensen’s term was extended to December 2025.

• Kathy Glennan was appointed RSC Past Chair for a one year term (December 2023).

• Terms ending December 2023:
  • NARDAC representative Robert L. Maxwell
  • RDA Examples Editor Honor Moody
  • Wider Community Engagement Officer Charlene Chou
  • Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze
Meetings

- 3 quarterly asynchronous meetings (July, October, January)
- In person meeting (in part with RDA Board) May 2023
- Starting October 2022 meeting, synchronous component added to all asynchronous meetings, partially open to the public
Official RSC

- Fast Tracks
- Proposals
- Community Resources
- Task and Done Working Groups
Fast Tracks

• 5 Fast Tracks dealt with in 2022
• 1 Fast Track to date in 2023

Source:
• Translation WG: 2
• RSC Secretary: 3
• ORDAC: 1
Proposals

• Improve consistency in “supertype” elements
  • Approved with amendments at July meeting
• Correct the terms “multipart monograph” and “serial”
  • Rejected at October meeting
• Adjust instructions in four “restriction on” elements in Manifestation and Item
  • Approved at October meeting
• Amend and clarify instructions in Manifestation “place of” elements
  • Approved with amendments at October meeting
• Jurisdictions, governments, and courts in RDA
  • To be discussed in May meeting
Community Resources
https://www.rdatoolkit.org/node/280

Who can contribute?
A body setting cataloguing policies that apply beyond an individual institution, including:

• National libraries/institutions setting cataloguing practice on national level.
• National or international cataloging committees associated with professional organizations.
• International cataloguing/metadata groups associated with language or cultural practices and policies.
• RDA regional committees or their constituent bodies.
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• Anglo-American legacy instructions (no fees – part of 3R internationalization, no updates by RSC)
• Full translation/Policy statement partners – work within the CMS (fee based)
• Other groups – use HTML editor (no fees)
Community Resources
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Division by topic, then institution/community author.

OTHER DOCUMENTS = landing page linking to documents created in HTML editor
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RSC cannot vet every page in the CR:
• Time constraints
• Language limitations

Guidelines for content:
• Must relate or extend on the content in base RDA
• Must be compatible with RDA and LRM.
• Should be reviewed annually by creators to ensure relevance, accuracy, & compatibility
• Should meet the accessibility standard (AA) of the Toolkit.
Working Groups

- Extent Working Group
- Official Languages Working Group
- Place/Jurisdiction Working Group
- Religions in RDA Working Group

These task-and-finish groups will run through the end of 2023, can be extended
Extent Working Group

Purpose:
to support the improvement of the RDA standard for elements that use measurements, primarily extent and dimensions elements, by focusing on applying Extent in a machine-actionable way

European representation:
• Alice Robinson, Switzerland
• Gordon Dunsire, Scotland

Areas of focus:
• Application of description of “Extent” in machine-actionable way
• Tidying up & re-devising existing models like the VES for “RDA Carrier Extent Unit”
• Developing the Aspect-Unit-Quantity (AUQ) model as a SES
  • including for description of visual materials
• Pagination and Foliation; the terms “sheet”, “page” and “leaf”
Extent Working Group

Elements under review (deprecation or re-casting into super-elements):
• Work: Extent of “Representative Expression”
• Work: Duration of “Representative Expression”
• Expression: Extent of Expression
• Expression: Duration of Expression
• Manifestation: Extent of Manifestation
• Manifestation: Dimensions of Manifestation, including cartographic and
graphic resources

Latest work:
• Granularity for “Housing Format” and “Storage Medium Format” in Carrier
Type (Manifestation) description.
• Recording standard sets of dimensions (ISO, ANSI), including their
respective MARC fixed values for standard fields based on the structure of
the current element: “Manifestation: playing speed”.
• Consideration of the new modelling of ISBDM
• “Collection Extent” (collection metrics and collection content metrics) as an
area which needs attention.
Official Languages Working Group

Purpose:
to support the improvement of the RDA standard by examining the concept of “official language” for corporate bodies in RDA

European representation:
• Christel Kayser, Bibliothèque nationale du Luxembourg
• Hannes Lowagie, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR)
• Hanoch Roniger, Israel
• Valentina Sebastiani, Swiss National Library

Progress to date:
• Periodic Zoom meetings; last meeting was March 24
• Draft proposal to be sent to the WG in early May; plan to submit proposal to RSC by June 27 for discussion at July Asynchronous meeting
Place/Jurisdiction Working Group

Purpose:
to support the improvement of the RDA standard by examining the concepts of place and jurisdiction (corporate body) and their associated definitions and instructions in RDA

European representation:
• Esther Scheven, Germany, Chair
• Amit Niv, Israel

Progress to date:
• 10 asynchronous meetings (last meeting February 2023)
• Jurisdictions, governments, and courts in RDA proposal
  • To be discussed at May RSC meeting
Religions in RDA Working Group

Purpose:
to support the improvement of the RDA standard by reviewing the guidance and instructions (in all RDA entities) and making recommendations to move RDA toward unbiased and inclusive treatment of world religions. A specific and more immediate goal is to expand the non-Christian coverage in RDA. RSC concerns include the emphasis given to Christianity and books of the Bible and the lack of attention to other religious texts.

European representation:
• Guido Bee, Germany
• David Roth, Israel

Progress in 2023:
• Some discussion in the fall with no action items
• Discussion this week about the term "misleading pagination" & the possibility of working with the Extent WG on a solution for religious texts
Translations

Full translations:
- Arabic
- Catalan
- Finnish
- French
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Norwegian
- Spanish

Partial translations:
- Danish
- Dutch
- Estonian
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Latvian
- Portuguese
- Slovenian
- Swedish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese

In talks:
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
Editorial Committee – 2023

Stefano Bargioni
Heloise Lecomte - ABES
Hannes Lowagie - KBR Royal Library of Belgium
Jenny Wright - BDS (Bibliographic Data Services Ltd.)
Thurstan Young – British Library
Christian Aliverti
Renate Behrens
Ahava Cohen
Liv D’Amelio
Szabolcs Dancs
Roberto Gómez Prada
Szabina Ilácsa

June 2020 - June 2023
January 2023 – January 2026
June 2022 – June 2025
June 2022 – June 2025
June 2022 – June 2025
Ex officio – RDA Board IR
Ex officio – RSC Chair
Ex officio – EdCo Chair
Ex officio
Ex officio
Ex officio
Ex officio
From Annual 2022 Breakouts

Examples relevant to EURIG in Toolkit
  • EURIG WG?
  • RSC Examples Editor?
  • Policy/Community writers?

Music Working Group?

Proposals review and renewed activity
RDA webinar March 27, 2023
Questions? Comments?
Fast Track/Proposal ideas?
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