Stable but not Unchanging: Next Steps for the Beta RDA Toolkit

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3R Project Timeframe

• Initial phase: 2016
  ▪ Some wording changes introduced

• Development phase: April 2017-April 2019
  ▪ Original Toolkit content frozen
  ▪ All RDA work focused on developing a new expression of RDA
    ◦ Implement the IFLA Library Reference Model, introducing new entities
    ◦ Move from relationship designators to relationship elements
    ◦ Make the four recording methods explicit in all elements
      ▪ Offer more flexibility in choosing how to record a piece of information
    ◦ Address other long-standing problems
      ▪ More efficient work processes, better support for translations
3R Project Timeframe

• Stabilization phase: April 2019-?
  ▪ RDA no longer under continuous revision
  ▪ Now have a baseline text for translators, policy statement writers, application profile developers, and writers of supplementary materials to start their work
  ▪ Changes may still be made, but they cannot have a significant impact on that work
    o Will correct typos and modify wording to improve consistency
    o May add additional elements
  ▪ All revisions, consolidations, additions, and other changes made to RDA only with approval by the RDA Steering Committee
    o All such changes documented
  ▪ This phase ends when the beta site becomes the official RDA
Stabilization ≠ Official

- This phase *does not* start the countdown clock on the original Toolkit
Getting to Official

• RSC work largely complete
• Next pieces to be developed
  ▪ Translations
    o Translation teams active for many different languages
    o Supported by RSC Translations Working Group
  ▪ Policy Statements
    o Current policy statement creators/maintainers about to start on developing new PSs
    o Getting technical support from ALA Publishing
  ▪ Application Profiles
    o To be developed by (expert groups within) communities
    o EURIG has a draft for a general RDA AP
Getting to Official

• When?
  ▪ Timing a bit uncertain – requirements include
    o All translations complete, or nearly complete
    o Sufficient policy statement content
    o Agreement from the following bodies that the beta site is ready to be the official RDA
      ▪ RDA Steering Committee
      ▪ RDA Board
      ▪ RDA Copyright Holders
    ▪ Hoped for sometime in the 1st half of 2020

• Then...
  ▪ One year countdown clock starts on the original Toolkit
Proposing RDA Changes

• Developing the framework for proposals is a work in progress by the RSC
  ▪ Expect to retain three major means of suggesting changes
    o Formal proposals / responses
    o Discussion papers / responses
    o Fast track proposals
      (Changes that do not require community consultation)
  ▪ Overall process must be more streamlined than in the past
  ▪ Commitment to transparency
    o What is under discussion, what has been decided, etc.
  ▪ Will have interim procedures in place by August
    o Test and adjust through the end of the year
Proposals Originating with ALA

- Submit proposal to CC:DA
- CC:DA Discussion/Vote
- ALA Representatives take to NARDAC
- NARDAC Discussion/Vote
- NARDAC RSC Representative forwards to RSC
- RSC Discussion/Vote
Responses to Proposals

• Regional responses will be required for formal proposals and discussion papers

• NARDAC will work with CC:DA, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and the Library of Congress to collect information for a response
  ▪ CC:DA will need to determine the best way to provide feedback
    o This could take different forms, depending on the issue at hand

• NARDAC formulates the final response for North America
  ▪ Does not have to be a unanimous recommendation

• RSC makes the final decisions
Questions?