Ongoing RDA Development: What’s Next for the RSC?

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3R Project Nearly Complete

• September RDA Toolkit release
  ▪ More policy statement samples from Library of Congress and British Library
  ▪ Partial translations published in Finnish and Norwegian
    ▪ And the site language too (menus, navigation, searching)
  ▪ Mapping of RDA elements to LRM elements
  ▪ New guidance chapters on Entity boundaries and Well-formed RDA
  ▪ New examples

• December RDA Toolkit release
  ▪ More policy statement examples from Library of Congress and British Library
  ▪ Further refinement of the Community Resources content
    (Part of improving RDA’s international focus)
      ▪ Revision and reorganization of content relating to abbreviations, capitalization, and terms of rank
Switchover: 15 December 2020

• Beta Toolkit becomes the authorized version of RDA
  ▪ Repurposing the existing URL: access.rdatoolkit.org
    o Retiring beta.rdatoolkit.org
  ▪ Formal process has already resumed for proposing changes

• Original Toolkit still available
  ▪ Through 2021, and into 2022
  ▪ New URL to be established: original.rdatoolkit.org
    o Content remains frozen
  ▪ Will retire this site eventually
    o A one-year countdown clock will start at a date yet to be determined by the RSC, the RDA Board, and the Copyright Holders
Timeframe for Implementation

• No expectation that anyone will implement on the Switchover date

• Up to communities, based on
  ▪ Availability of their own application profiles, policy statements, best practices, etc.
  ▪ Completion of local training initiatives
  ▪ Possibly: implementation of additional RDA-related content designation in MARC 21, BIBFRAME, or other encoding standard

• There may be a coordinated implementation date among some national libraries world-wide
  ▪ This happened with the original RDA
Updating RDA Content

• RSC has streamlined the pre-2017 procedures
  ▪ Submissions accepted anytime – no longer an annual cycle
  ▪ Submissions in English; changes applied to other languages after approval

• 3 different types of change recommendations
  ▪ Proposals
    o Formal recommendations to change, enhance, or delete RDA content
  ▪ Discussion papers
    o Topics for RSC consideration before creating a formal proposal
  ▪ Fast track changes
    o Suggestions for improving consistency in wording, additions to vocabularies, and other changes without wider impact
Who Can Suggest Changes?

• RSC members
• RDA regional representative bodies
• RSC Working Groups
• RDA users
   Via their regional representative body (e.g., EURIG, NARDAC, ORDAC)
   Via the RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer, if they are not represented by a regional representative body

• Note: Change recommendations must be in harmony with the [Objectives and principles governing RDA](#)
RSC Operations Post 3R

• Will continue to meet quarterly
  ▪ Three week-long asynchronous meetings (January, April, July)
  ▪ Hoped-for in person meeting in October 2021 in New Zealand
    o Can convert the October meeting to virtual if necessary
  ▪ Agendas include
    o Change proposals and discussion papers
    o Reports from members
    o Action plan updates and/or development
      • See RSC/Chair/2020/1 for the current 3-year rolling plan
October 2020 RSC Meeting

• October 2020 meeting changed from in-person to virtual
  ▪ Expanded from one week to two weeks
    o 12-15 October and 20-23 October
  ▪ Will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous meeting styles
    o Will hold 4 two-hour synchronous meetings at different times to accommodate the different time zones of RSC members
    o Investigating how to accommodate observers
    o Agenda items may cross over between both meeting styles
  ▪ Papers, reports, and other documents for this agenda will be posted on the RSC website soon
Future RSC Work

• Ongoing tasks include
  ▪ Direct RDA development to ensure continued alignment with the governing objectives
    o Responsiveness to user needs, cost efficiency, flexibility, continuity, and internationalization
  ▪ Ensure an international focus for RDA instructions and examples
  ▪ Provide content updates for four releases of RDA Toolkit per year
  ▪ Be responsive to user feedback
  ▪ Continue editorial cleanup and development of guidance chapters
  ▪ Review membership, tasks, and progress of all working groups
  ▪ Provide expertise and support for RDA orientation and training
Future RSC work: 2020-2021

• Continued collaboration with MARC/RDA Working Group
  ▪ More proposals and discussion papers related to new RDA elements expected for MARC Advisory Committee meeting in January 2021

• Implement decisions on
  ▪ String Encoding Schemes
  ▪ Expression excerpts issues
  ▪ Community resources section of the Toolkit

• Create a self-service checklist of conformance conditions

• Consider proposals from RDA communities as they arise

• Investigate issues raised in user feedback

• Begin BIBFRAME mapping
Future RSC work: 2020-2021

• Receive and act on initial recommendations from RSC’s Application Profiles Working Group

• Create working groups to work on
  ▪ Extent
  ▪ Place/Jurisdiction
  ▪ Collective agent
  ▪ Official language
  ▪ Religious works

• Recruit or reappoint the following RSC position holders
  ▪ Examples Editor, Secretary, Translations Team Officer, Wider Community Engagement Officer

• Support new RSC member representing Latin America and the Caribbean (anticipated in 2021)
RSC work in 2022

• Anticipate working on
  ▪ Implementation of final recommendations from the Application Profiles Working Group
  ▪ Further development of Nomen and Timespan instructions
  ▪ Tracking changes to the ISSN and ISBN standards and their impact on harmonization with RDA
  ▪ Treatment of archival resources in RDA
    o Form an Archives Working Group
Task & Finish Working Groups

• Membership
  ▪ Goal: 7-15 members, with representatives from each region
  ▪ Members nominated by RSC based on the individual’s knowledge, expertise, and the contribution they can make to the group
    ○ May include RSC members, RSC community members, representatives of external groups, or individuals from other communities
  ▪ RSC approves final membership
  ▪ RSC normally selects Chair from among the membership

• Tasks
  ▪ Specific set given, with deadlines

• Duration
  ▪ Normally 2 years
  ▪ Possibility of extension, if needed
Stay Informed

• RSC website: [http://rda-rsc.org/](http://rda-rsc.org/)
  - News and announcements: [http://rda-rsc.org/news](http://rda-rsc.org/news)
  - Documents released, by year: [http://rda-rsc.org/documents](http://rda-rsc.org/documents)
    - Minutes: [http://rda-rsc.org/RSCminutes](http://rda-rsc.org/RSCminutes)
  - RSC presentations, by year: [http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations](http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations)

• RDA Toolkit site: [https://www.rdatoolkit.org/](https://www.rdatoolkit.org/)
  - Toolkit news: [https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news](https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news)

• RDA Toolkit YouTube channel
  - [https://www.youtube.com/c/RDAToolkitVideo](https://www.youtube.com/c/RDAToolkitVideo)
    (contains instructional videos on how to use the RDA Toolkit and recordings of RDA-related presentations)
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