RDA in Europe: Making it happen

Summary of presentations by European countries on plans for moving to RDA
Introduction

• The following slides summarise the verbal presentations given during this session.
• The slides summarise the current cataloguing standards and the plans and intentions with respect to RDA.
Denmark

- **Current situation**
  - Rules based on AACR2
  - National Format based on UKMARC with additions from MARC 21.

- **RDA**
  - Current rules and format need to be evaluated
  - Translation into Danish would be necessary
  - Wait and see outcome of US National Testing
Norway

- Current situation
  - AACR2 used in translation
  - Translation includes national policies
  - No analysis of RDA undertaken

- RDA
  - Norway contributed to constituency review of full draft
  - Translation into Norwegian is daunting
  - Collaboration with Sweden and Denmark desirable
  - Wait and see
Sweden

- Current situation
  - KRS is translation of AACR2

- RDA
  - Sweden contributed to constituency review of full draft
  - Early adoption is the objective
  - Translation into Swedish
  - Formal decision dependent on outcome of US National Testing
Finland

- Current situation

- RDA
  - Very interested in RDA
  - National Digital Library programme recommends RDA for standards portfolio
  - RDA in functional requirements for future LMS
  - RDA Working Group established at National Library: Chair Marietta Autio-Tuuli
Switzerland

- Current situation
  - AACR2/MARC 21

- RDA
  - Switzerland needs RDA in French, German and Italian
  - Collaboration with France and Germany
  - Wait and see outcome of US National Testing
Italy

- Current situation
  - New rules published in 2009

- RDA
  - Personal view of Mauro Guerrini, University of Florence, “RDA is the new way for cataloguing”
  - Italian translation would be useful for academic purposes, but there is no funding
Portugal

Current situation
- National rules need to be updated.
- UNIMARC format

RDA
- Group to be established to evaluate RDA during 2011
- Portuguese version or national application policies would be required.
- UNIMARC mapping would be useful
Summary

• Interest in RDA remains high
• Enthusiasm is tempered by the challenges of translation and implementation
• Some concerns about national practices
• Libraries are cautious pending outcome of US National testing
Discussion

• Alan Danskin encouraged agencies to report national practices that cannot be reconciled with RDA.
  – JSC will discuss how to resolve them
  – Email jscsecretary@bl.uk

• New Toolkit functionality enables explicit links to policy documents.
  – Released soon for LC Policy Statements (LCPS)
  – Other national policies can be incorporated given reasonable lead time for coding and development