



OUTCOMES OF THE EURIG TECHNICAL MEETING,

Paris January 27, 2012

Introduction

The meeting was hosted by Bibliothèque nationale de France. The purpose of the meeting was to review issues which The French RDA Review Group led by the BnF (<http://rda-en-france.enssib.fr/>) and other EURIG members had identified as potential obstacles to adoption or implementation of RDA.

The meeting was attended by 36 delegates from 17 countries. It was jointly chaired by Alan Danskin (EURIG Chair) and Françoise Bourdon (BnF) together with Gildas Illien (EURIG vice Chair). Laura Peters (EURIG Secretary) acted as recorder.

Documents relating to the meeting can be found at <http://www.slainte.org.uk/eurig/meetings.htm>. These include the agenda and discussion documents. All of the issues raised for the meeting were discussed. For convenience the issues were grouped together.

1. RDA implementation of the FRBR model
2. RDA as a content standard
3. Internationalisation of RDA
4. Other issues raised by EURIG members

New EURIG Working group on aggregates

A working group was formed to look into aggregates. EURIG members agreed that a working group was needed to evaluate whether the recommendations made in the *Final Report of the Working Group on Aggregates*, FRBR Review Group, September 12, 2011 would be sufficient to address the issues raised in the meeting. The EURIG WG would also consider proposals for clarification of the treatment of aggregates in RDA.

Membership of the EURIG Working Group on Aggregates:
Miriam Säfstrom (Sweden), Verena Schaffner (Austria), Françoise Leresche and Philippe Le Pape (France), representative from DNB, British Library representative.

European RDA application profile

EURIG agreed that application profiles which are appropriate to specific types of agency or specific user group may be more realistic and appropriate than a single European profile. There is no compelling reason to limit a profile to European libraries and a natural approach for national bibliographic agencies may be to agree a profile for national bibliographies. The national libraries group within JSC is already working towards an agreed set of elements and consistency in the application of options and alternatives. EURIG will use this work as a starting point. It was

agreed that this activity would involve all EURIG members and would not be appropriate for a separate working group.

Internationalization

One of the objectives of RDA is to create an international code. This will be achieved in part by removing Anglo-American biases inherent in AACR2. Danskin, speaking for JSC, acknowledged that this objective has not been fully realised and welcomed EURIG's commitment to address these issues.

Place

There was consensus that the limitation at 16.2.2 Preferred Name of Place is not acceptable. RDA restricts precise identification of places (by the addition of intermediate jurisdictions) to certain named countries*. EURIG agreed to develop a proposal for a generalised approach.

*Australia, British Isles, Canada, Malaysia, United States, USSR, and Yugoslavia,

Different cataloguing traditions

All RDA users will face the same challenges of adapting systems, processes and policies to a new cataloguing code. RDA has demonstrated flexibility in accommodating different cataloguing traditions by approving 6JSC/Chair/3. As a consequence, the AACR2 practice to omit initial articles from access points has been relegated to an alternative instruction and the main instruction now requires the initial article to be recorded, in conformance with widespread practice in Europe and International Cataloguing Principles. The following issues were raised for discussion and will be taken forward either by means of proposals or discussion with JSC.

- Prescribed order of elements in construction of authorized access points
- Prescribed order of sources
- Use of international standards, for example shared databases, such as VIAF; controlled vocabularies, such as IFLA lists of titles or names.

Proposals for changes to RDA

The following issues were identified as requiring changes to RDA. Institutions volunteered to take the lead to detail and address these changes in the EURIG framework.

- Propose controlled vocabulary and new element Type of date of expression (BnF)
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- Revision for 6.18 to enable addition of the medium of performance and the identification of the arranger to criteria for identification of expressions (ABES)
- Proposal to flag current instruction on facsimiles at 6.30.3.2 as an alternative for consistency with 6.24.1.4 (Austrian Library Network)
- Proposal for alternatives to permit construction of controlled access points without any prescribed order for elements or prescribed punctuation (BnF/Vatican Library)
- Proposal to generalise the instructions at 16.2.2 Preferred Name of Place.
Recommendations for addition of examples to RDA
- Provide example(s) of performer at 6.12.1.1 and 6.27.1.1 (BnF)

Issues to be referred to other groups

A number of issues could not be resolved and will be referred to other groups. These include:

- Music Format not to be included in Designation of Edition (IAML)
- Attribution of scale in FRBR model (FRBR Review Group)
- Attributed works (JSC)
- Notes in RDA (JSC)

Next steps

- A survey will soon be sent to all members in order to provide an overview of where European organisations stand in regard with RDA adoption. Goal is also to facilitate through EURIG benchmark and cooperation opportunities between members;
- EURIG plans to send a first set of proposals to JSC in the Fall of 2012 (dates TBD);
- A second set of proposals, requiring more work and coordination with other groups (e.g. FRBR RG) could be addressed in 2013;
- The Aggregate WG and other interested members planning to go to IFLA could meet in Helsinki in August;
- The next EURIG meeting will be hosted by the National Library of Spain, Madrid. Members will soon be polled in order to select a date (end of September).