

EURIG Inaugural Meeting

Thursday 8th December 2011, Frankfurt am Main

Minutes



The meeting was chaired by Alan Danskin, British Library. A list of the attendees is enclosed as [Appendix A](#).

Welcome

Renate Gömpel (Head of the Department Acquisition, Descriptive Cataloguing and Standardisation at the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek) and Alan Danskin welcomed the participating representatives of EURIG.

Introductions

The members of the temporary Executive Committee and attending members introduced themselves.

Members of the temporary Executive Committee::

- Alan Danskin (Chair), Metadata Standards Manager at the British Library and representative of JSC
- Christine Frodl (Vice Chair), Project Leader of the RDA Project at Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and representative of JSC
- Mar Hernández Agustí, Technical Process Department Manager at the Biblioteca Nacional de España
- Christer Larsson (Secretary), Metadata specialist at the National Library of Sweden and the National Union Catalogue LIBRIS

Alan Danskin explained the development of the Cooperation Agreement. The idea of starting a European RDA Interest Group was informally discussed by a few European colleagues during the ALA Annual Conference 2009 in Chicago and followed up with the first EURIG-JSC-Seminar “RDA in Europe: making it happen!” on 8th August 2010 in Copenhagen, where several topics were identified. After considering other options, the EDUG (European DDC Users Group) agreement was adopted as a model for the cooperation. The temporary committee that has prepared the agreement will be replaced by an Executive Committee elected by all members at the inaugural meeting on 8th December in Frankfurt.

Acceptance of the agenda

The agenda was accepted.

Structure and governance of EURIG

Alan Danskin gave a presentation on the structure and governance of RDA and EURIG.

Copyright in **RDA** is owned by the Co-publishers (ALA, CILIP and CLA). The Committee of Principals (COP) is responsible for the strategic direction of the standard and the product in cooperation the Co-Publishers and Fund Trustees. ALA Publishers are responsible for the development and maintenance of the RDA Toolkit, printed RDA and derived products. Responsibility for development of the content

of RDA resides with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC). The business model is to fund development from sale/licensing of RDA.

The RDA business model and governance will not be changed at this time. However the development process is already open. Proposals for changes to RDA and responses to proposals can be made by anyone. In the short term, there is also scope to expand the JSC by up to three additional members, who have demonstrated the commitment and have the necessary capacity. DNB will become a member of JSC from January 2012. Christine Frodl is new German representative.

The agenda for **EURIG** will be set by annual meetings hosted by a different member each year. EURIG can conduct its business at the annual meeting, by electronic means or by appointing working groups or arranging other meetings. EURIG does not possess any money, so activities have to be funded by members. According to Article 14 in the Cooperation Agreement the annual meeting has the task of electing an Executive Committee (chair, vice chair and secretary) responsible for managing EURIG's activities for a two year term.

Discussion.

One question concerned the duties of EURIG. They are covered in the Cooperation Agreement (Article 16-19, 21).

The liaison between EURIG and the JSC was discussed. As some members/representatives of the JSC are or will be members/representatives of EURIG, they will pass on information. As any changes to RDA instructions should go through the official process, EURIG can send proposals to the Chair of the JSC. Danskin will distribute details on how to make a proposal to the JSC as soon as the document is updated. Changes will apply to RDA in general. The possible need for application profiles was acknowledged, but it is recommended that implementing libraries should have similar policies.

Should similar or even the same rule interpretations in Europe be a goal of EURIG? This would be a big challenge and depends a lot on the library systems. But all agreed that EURIG should try to jointly agree on policies. Danskin noted that JSC members have been comparing national policies and that this could be a useful starting point for EURIG members.

The Executive Committee was asked about the Working Groups. As Working Groups should be set up during the annual members meeting, Danskin and other members suggested that the new Executive Committee should change this article in the Cooperation Agreement so that Working Groups could be set up at any time. Important working groups should be identified as soon as possible.

Short presentations: RDA status reports

Each EURIG member gave a brief RDA status report.

Discussion

It was suggested that a survey like the one from CENL in 2009 regarding RDA should be rerun with all EURIG members. The questions should be more detailed. We could e.g. find out about cataloguing rules currently used, potential problems that may arise and needs of European libraries. Analysis of the results should identify topics for EURIG working groups.

The members of the meeting agreed on the following questions:

1. Have you decided to implement RDA? If so, when do you expect to implement?
2. If you haven't decided, when will the decision be made?
3. What cataloguing rules are you currently using?
4. Which format are you currently working in?
5. Which platform / ILS are you using?
6. Which implementation scenario do you prefer? Which is the final target and what is possible right now?
7. Do you plan to FRBR-ize your data?

8. Are you offering a FRBR-ized display? Please give the URL.
9. How many institutions are planning FRBR-ization at their front-end?
10. Which steps did you already do to implement RDA?
 - a. Translation: When is it expected? In which language?
 - b. Training: do you have any training material you're willing to share? What kind of training material do you have and in which language?
11. Did you identify RDA instructions/issues or themes you are concerned about or you find difficult to implement (e.g. Media Type)?

JSC Updates

Alan Danskin summarised the main outcomes of the JSC Meeting in Glasgow, 1st-4th November 2011

- **Harmonisation with ISBD RG and ISSN Network**
All parties shall have free access to the current version of each standard. Appendix D in RDA (ISBD mappings and display guidance) shall be updated and expanded to provide a profile for the application of ISBD to RDA records. ISBD and ISSN undertook to prepare a number of proposals for changes to RDA. JSC undertook to propose a change to merge ISBD Edition Statement and Additional Editions Statement. ISBD and JSC also reviewed work undertaken and approved proposed methodologies for mapping. ISBD and RDA element sets and the vocabularies for ISBD Area 0 and RDA Content and Carrier Types were discussed
- **Subject**
Proposals from Library of Congress and CILIP on approaches to subject in RDA were discussed. RDA is comprehensive and must cover subject content of resources, but it was agreed that RDA should apply a light touch – it is not intended to replace existing standards. The constraints imposed by FRBR approach to subject need to be addressed by FRBR review group. Library of Congress will develop a further discussion paper on developing guidelines for concept, object and place.
- **Persons and corporate bodies**
A proposal to create new subelements for affiliation was not accepted. JSC encourages proposal of appropriate terms to describe types of relationship in Appendix K. It was noted that provision is already made for biographical information. There is a dependency also on a solution to the issue of data about data. The elements Profession and Field of Activity shall both be retained, but more clearly scoped and use of controlled vocabularies should be encouraged. ALA proposal on Heads of state and heads of government was not agreed upon. ALA will reconsider.
- **Works and Expressions**
DNB proposal to enable the inclusion of initial articles was accepted, with revisions.
- **Manifestations**
ACOC proposal on Edition Statement and named revision of edition was discussed. There was a general view that these elements could be merged, but the issues needs to be discussed with ISBD first.
- **Music**
CCC proposals were generally agreed with minor revisions. *Compilations of musical works* (6JSC/CCC/2) was deferred to the joint MLA/LC/CAML RDA Revisions Task Force.

Barbara Tillett (Library of Congress) is the new chair of JSC. Library of Congress will also host 2012 meeting of JSC which is expected to be held in October.

Topics to be worked on by EURIG

The following topics to be discussed/worked on in EURIG come up during the meeting. See also [discussions](#) above:

- Discuss policy choices and adjustments of core elements and optional/alternative rules (potential working groups). As soon as JSC has decided about the core elements and the optional and alternative rules. Danskin will forward the document to all EURIG members.
- Discuss issues related to RDA translations (potential working group)
- Discuss the ISBD proposal to the next IFLA meeting and follow up by a proposal to JSC.
- Share experiences with FRBR-izing of data.
- Examine potential problems with FRBR in RDA and identify proofs of concepts.
- Follow and take active part in the “Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative”.
- Arrange an informal RDA/EURIG meeting during the IFLA conference 2012. The National Library of Finland will arrange a room and schedule a time (about 3 hours) by a Doodle poll.
- Arrange a new RDA conference similar to the successful ones in Copenhagen 2010 (“RDA in Europe: making it happen!”) and Puerto Rico 2011. Finland 2012 (in connection with the IFLA conference) and/or [Sweden](#) 2013 (in connection with a EURIG Annual Meeting) are proposed as suitable dates/places.

Gather agenda items for the EURIG Technical Meeting in Paris 2012

The EURIG Technical Meeting will be hosted by Bibliothèque nationale de France and is scheduled to take place in Paris on 27th January 2012 (1 day meeting) with a maximum of two representatives from each institution. There is a practical limit of 30 delegates. The main topic concerns RDA rules.

A suggestion to extend the meeting to one and a half day with two groups, one discussing the rules and the other policies was considered, but turned down after an extensive discussion. One day is considered enough to cover the rules topic. The EURIG Secretary will forward the agenda.

Election of the EURIG Executive Committee

Election of the EURIG Executive Committee is accomplished according to Article 14 in the Cooperation Agreement.

The meeting unanimously elected the following persons to the Executive Committee for a two-year term:

- Chair: Alan Danskin (British Library)
- Vice Chair: Gildas Illien (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
- Secretary: Laura Peters (Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands)

EURIG members Meeting 2012

The members expressed a wish to discuss proposals forwarded to JSC, and suggest that the EURIG Annual Meetings are coordinated with the JSC meetings. There will be a Doodle poll after the JSC timeline is clear. Middle of September 2012 would be suitable since the next JSC meeting is expected to take place in October 2012 (Library of Congress). Proposals have to be out three months before and responses have to be given one month before the JSC meeting.

There is an opportunity for EURIG members to meet informally at IFLA in August 2012,

The next EURIG Annual Meeting will be held in Spain. The 2013 meeting is scheduled to take place in Sweden (maybe in connection with a public EURIG conference) and the 2014 meeting in Switzerland.

Actions and announcements

- A discussion list / mailing list should be set up so that every member can correspond to the list
- Outcomes of the working groups should be sent to the list.
- The new Executive Committee will carry out the following amendments to Article 20 of the [Cooperation Agreement](#) (Working Groups) :

Institutional members can propose Working Groups to the Executive Committee when a

special topic or issue relating EURIG needs to be addressed. ~~They will be set up at the annual membership meeting.~~

Working Groups shall be made up of individuals with relevant expertise.

Each Working Group is managed by a Chair, ~~selected by a General Meeting of the Members.~~

Chairs of Working Groups are appointed for the duration of the task for which the Working Group was formed.

A person cannot be Chair of more than one Working Group at a time.

The Working Groups are responsible for organizing themselves, under the direction of the Chair of Working Group.

The Secretary may not act as Chair of a Working Group.

A Working Group is dissolved when its work is finished.

- The EURIG members thank Gordon Dunsire of for setting up and maintaining the EURIG Website .
- The EURIG members thank the Temporary Executive Committer for preparing the Cooperation Agreement and Inaugural Meeting.
- The EURIG members thank the German National Library for hosting the EURIG Inaugural Meeting 2011 and Christine Frodl and Ingeborg Töpler for organizing it.

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Appendix A

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