



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