

# RDA DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

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# IFLA LIBRARY REFERENCE MODEL

FORMERLY KNOWN AS FRBR LRM

# STATUS

- Worldwide review complete
  - Some changes made based on comments received
  - But no change to conceptualization of fictitious entities
- Final version
  - Three documents: LRM; Transition mapping overview; Explanations of recurring issues
  - Awaiting approval by IFLA Committee on Standards
    - No additional content changes anticipated
    - Approval expected sometime in 2017
  - Shared with RSC to support work on 3R Project
    - Anyone on CC:DA roster may have a copy upon request
- RDA will be an instantiation of LRM
  - Assume equal treatment of each entity

# MODELING ATTRIBUTES & RELATIONSHIPS

- Greater emphasis on relationships
  - Declared at the highest superclass possible
  - Recast *Place of...* and *Date of...* attributes as relationships
    - Refinements of the LRM *Place* and *Time-span* entities
  - Appellation relationship links a specific subclass of *Nomen* to any other entity
    - Title of work, Name of person, etc.
  - Subject of work is a relationship and thus replaces
    - FRAD's attribute *subject of the work*
    - FRBR's attribute *coordinates (cartographic work)*
  - Affiliation of the person modeled using membership relationship

# MODELING ATTRIBUTES & RELATIONSHIPS

- Only the most essential attributes declared in LRM
  - RDA can define and add additional attributes as needed
- An attribute defined for the superclass is automatically applied to the subclass
  - Anything declared for *Agent* also applies to *Collective agent* and *Person*
    - Contact information, Language, Field of activity

# LRM-E1: RES

- Super-entity of any entity (internal or external to LRM)
- Its attributes apply to all entities in the model
  - Category
    - Structured description [controlled term], identifier, or URI
  - Note
    - Structured or unstructured description
- RDA will refine *Res* by creating element sub-types and relationship designators
  - No need to model *Res* specifically in RDA – it's inherent

# LRM E-10: PLACE

- Includes
  - Extraterrestrial places (planets, etc.)
  - Contemporary and historic places
- Distinct from any governing bodies that exercise jurisdiction over the area
- Excludes imaginary and fictional places
  - Recognition that such places are important to users – but instances of *Res*, not *Place*
    - May be subject of works
    - Often have a *Nomen*
  - RDA will need to deal with these in a similar fashion to fictitious persons
    - Will be able to transcribe a fictitious place of publication as part of a manifestation statement

# LRM E-11: TIME-SPAN

- Has attributes for beginning and ending
  - But not mandatory
- Can be precise or general – but can't be fictitious
  - 2017-01-21
  - 17<sup>th</sup> century
  - Bronze Age
- RDA will need to provide guidance about what “year”, “month”, etc. means
- Provides the linked data path for dates and events
  - Birth & death dates associated with a person
  - The range of dates associated with an event



# LRM E-9: NOMEN

- An appellation used to refer to an entity
- Mandatory attribute: *Nomen string*
  - Any label of symbols and signs
  - Each string is the attribute of a separate *Nomen*
- 8 other *Nomen* attributes
- Distinction between the entity itself and the *Nomen string*
  - The name ≠ The thing
- Identical *Nomen strings* can refer to different entities
  - Corpus Christi [musical group]
  - Corpus Christi [Texas]
  - Corpus Christi [monastery]

# LRM E-9: NOMEN

- A single entity can have multiple *Nomen strings*
  - Mark Twain
  - Samuel Longhorn Clemens
  - Quintus Curtius Snodgrass
  - Louis de Conte
  - 0000 0001 2132 4854 [ISNI]
- May consist of components or parts, which can be governed by rules
  - Name/title AAPs for works
  - Personal name AAPs with dates
  - Subdivisions in a subject heading

## LRM E-9: NOMEN

- Provides the linked data path for access points, identifiers, etc.
  - RDA will continue to provide instructions for creating AAPs (*Nomen strings*)
- Enables identification of
  - Preferred names (and when this form was preferred)
  - Agency that created the *Nomen string*
  - What standard determined the format of the string (RDA, ISBD, etc.)

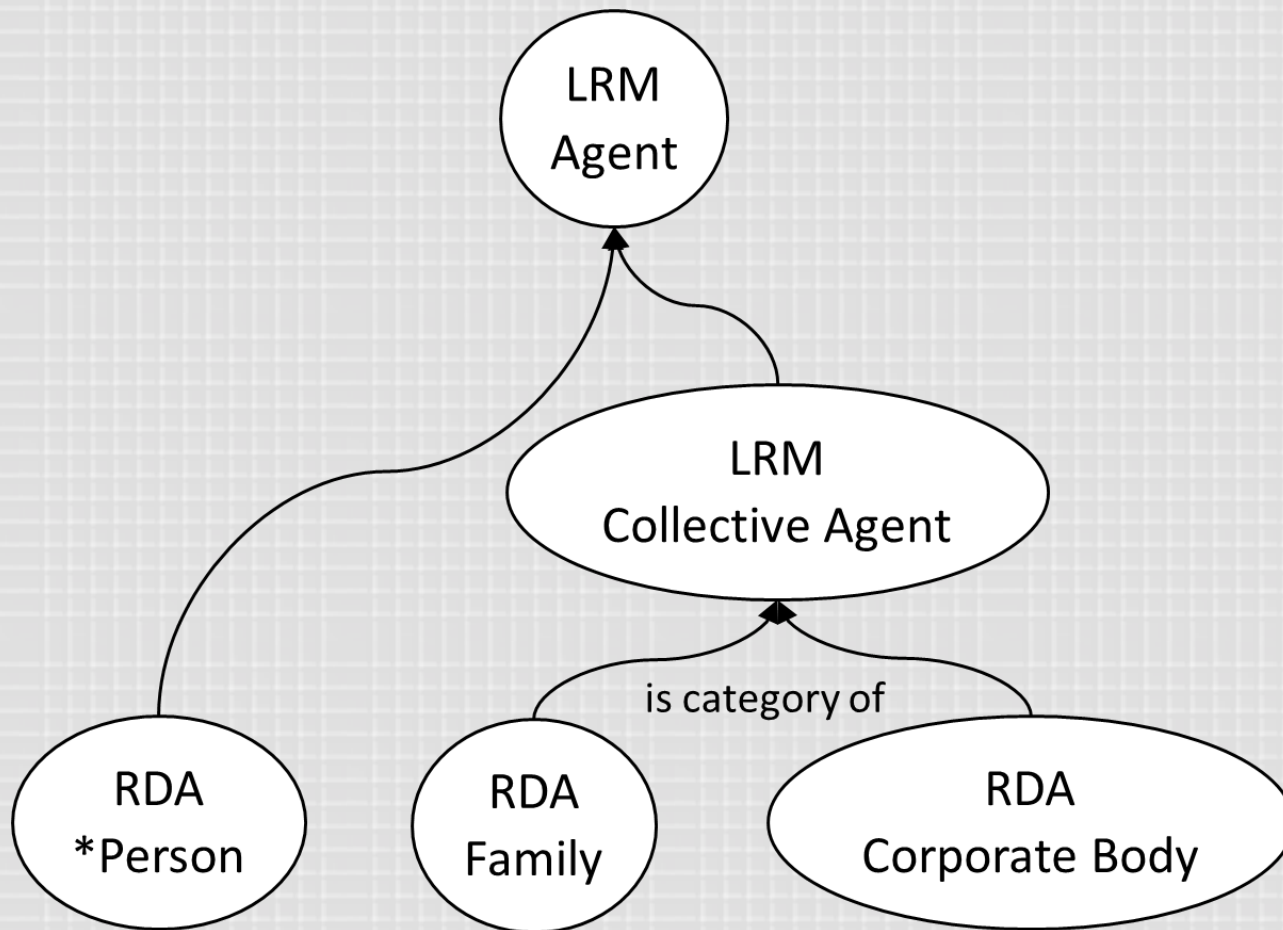
# LRM-E8: COLLECTIVE AGENT

- Must have a name and be capable of acting like a unit
  - Cannot just be a group of people, like Railfans, Southerners, Expats
  - Includes conferences, expeditions, exhibitions, etc.
  - Includes joint or collective pseudonyms
    - Even if the pseudonym looks like a personal name
- No declared attributes
  - Use attributes for *Agent*
- RDA can still retain Family and Corporate Body as sub-classes

# LRM-E7: PERSON

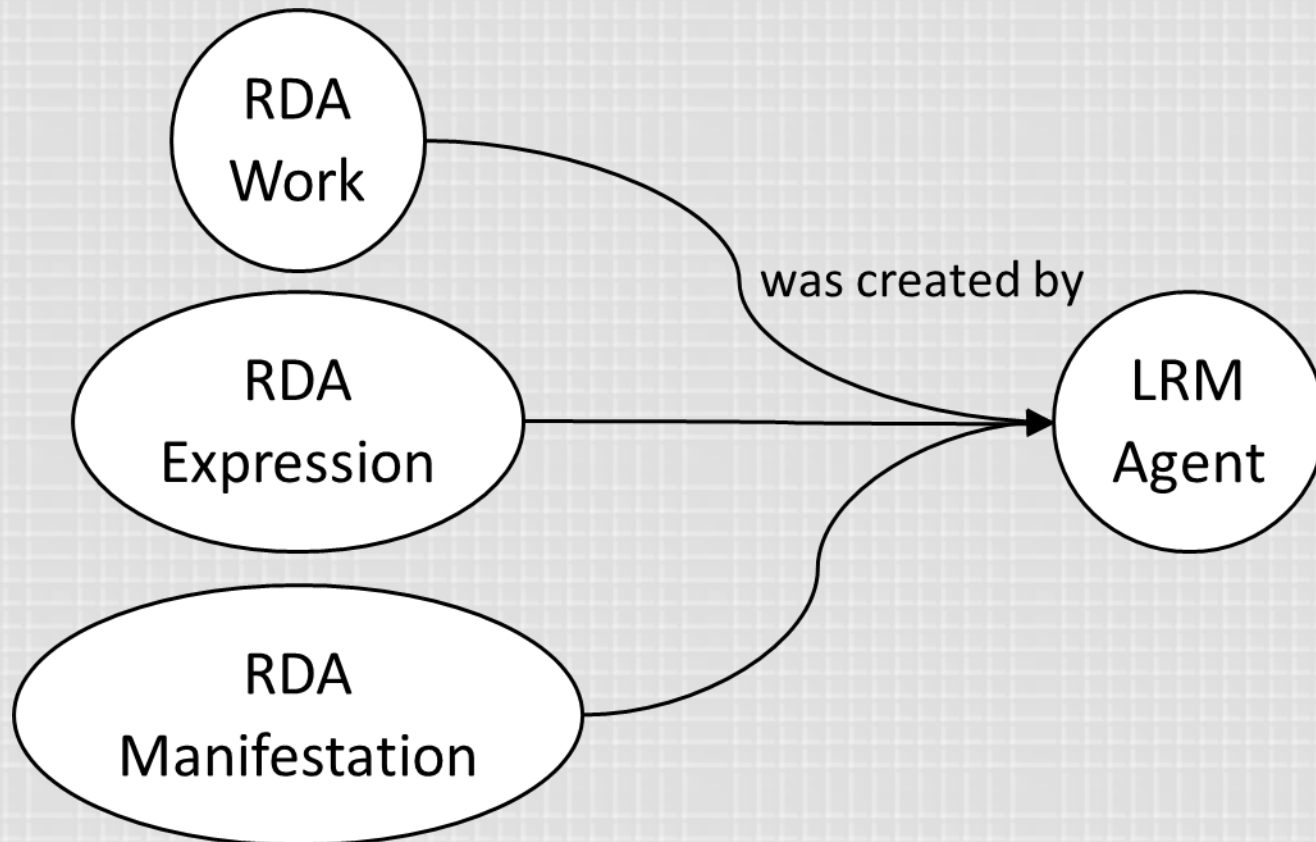
- Restricted to real persons who have lived or are assumed to have lived
  - Excludes fictional characters, personas, spirits
- Fictitious entities are not instances of this entity, but are instances of *Res*
  - Model recognizes the need to distinguish between
    - Fictional character used as subject
    - Each use of a “known” fictional character as a pseudonym
  - In RDA, plan is to relate the *Nomen* directly to the WEMI entity that it is associated with
- Gender attribute not declared in LRM
  - Not seen as essential for most applications

# AGENT SUPERCLASS



# AGENTS & CREATION

- Creative responsibilities at Work, Expression & Manifestation levels



# LRM-E2: WORK

- *Representative expression* attribute – New
  - Any attribute deemed essential in characterizing the *Work*
    - *Language*
    - *Cartographic scale*
  - Values taken from a representative or canonical *Expression* of the *Work*
    - Notionally “transferred” to the *Work*
  - Do not have to identify the particular expression which served as the source for the values
  - One of only two attributes declared for *Work*
    - The other is *Category*
      - Includes Form of work, Intended termination



# LRM-E3: EXPRESSION

- Some attributes moved from *Work* to *Expression*
  - Medium of performance
  - Key
  - Intended audience [also a *Manifestation* attribute]
- Boundaries still flexible
  - Minor changes (corrections, etc.) may be considered as variations within the same expression – or not
    - Depends on nature of the *Work* and anticipated needs of users
- *Category* attribute includes
  - FRBR's Form of expression, Extensibility of expression, Revisability of expression

# LRM-E4: MANIFESTATION

- *Manifestation statement* attribute – New
  - A statement normally transcribed from a manifestation
  - Replaces many of the FRBR attributes for manifestations
  - Transcribed; helps users understand how the resource represents itself
    - Statement of responsibility
  - Can be aggregated from other elements
    - Publication statement
- *Category of carrier* incorporates the FRBR
  - Form of carrier, Physical medium, Capture mode
- Extent now includes dimensions

## LRM-E4: MANIFESTATION

- Joining multiple *Items* from different *Manifestations* (a bound with) results in a new *Manifestation*
- Downloaded files are instances of the same *Manifestation* as the “source” online file

# IMPACT ON AAPs IN RDA? --???

- For Works in RDA, the emphasis is on identifying the responsible agent and the preferred title
  - Remove sequencing instructions to allow RDA communities to provide different approaches
    - Each version of the AAP is a *Nomen string* for the Work
  - Might help in dealing with performed music
- Will likely move to creating AAPs for Manifestations
- Create generalized guidance to help catalogers make the AAP choices
- Provide methods to compose AAPs
- Provide examples of different approaches
  - Could provide guidance about norms...

# AGGREGATES

- With LRM finalized, RDA can incorporate specific guidelines for aggregates
- But there are questions to resolve:
  - What is a work?
    - A title page??
  - What is a collaborative work vs. an aggregate work?
    - Where do motion pictures fit?
  - How do aggregate works differ from whole/part works?
    - How can we define the difference?
  - How can RDA accommodate different communities' approaches to describing the same resource?
    - Cataloging for rare/special collections vs. general collections

# RDA CHANGES - SUMMARY

# RECENT & UPCOMING RDA CHANGES

Driven by...

- International adoption of RDA
  - Better support for translations
  - More flexibility in instructions
- Linked data
  - Relying on OMR as source of RDA data
- IFLA LRM
  - Accommodating new and revised entities
- Implementation of the 4-fold path
- Making the Toolkit more user-friendly
- Refocusing order of instructions
  - Generalizing where possible

QUESTIONS??