

Stable but not Unchanging: Next Steps for the Beta RDA Toolkit

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Resource Description & Access

3R Project Timeframe

- Initial phase: 2016
 - Some wording changes introduced
- Development phase: April 2017-April 2019
 - Original Toolkit content frozen
 - All RDA work focused on developing a new expression of RDA
 - Implement the IFLA Library Reference Model, introducing new entities
 - Move from relationship designators to relationship elements
 - Make the four recording methods explicit in all elements
 - Offer more flexibility in choosing how to record a piece of information
 - Address other long-standing problems
 - More efficient work processes, better support for translations

3R Project Timeframe

- Stabilization phase: April 2019-?
 - RDA no longer under continuous revision
 - Now have a baseline text for translators, policy statement writers, application profile developers, and writers of supplementary materials to start their work
 - Changes may still be made, but they cannot have a significant impact on that work
 - Will correct typos and modify wording to improve consistency
 - May add additional elements
 - All revisions, consolidations, additions, and other changes made to RDA only with approval by the RDA Steering Committee
 - All such changes documented
 - This phase ends when the beta site becomes the official RDA

Stabilization ≠ Official

- This phase ***does not*** start the countdown clock on the original Toolkit



Getting to Official

- RSC work largely complete
- Next pieces to be developed
 - Translations
 - Translation teams active for many different languages
 - Supported by RSC Translations Working Group
 - Policy Statements
 - Current policy statement creators/maintainers about to start on developing new PSs
 - Getting technical support from ALA Publishing
 - Application Profiles
 - To be developed by (expert groups within) communities
 - EURIG has a draft for a general RDA AP

Getting to Official

- When?
 - Timing a bit uncertain – requirements include
 - All translations complete, or nearly complete
 - Sufficient policy statement content
 - Agreement from the following bodies that the beta site is ready to be the official RDA
 - RDA Steering Committee
 - RDA Board
 - RDA Copyright Holders
 - Hoped for sometime in the 1st half of 2020
- Then...
 - One year countdown clock starts on the original Toolkit

Proposing RDA Changes

- Developing the framework for proposals is a work in progress by the RSC
 - Expect to retain three major means of suggesting changes
 - Formal proposals / responses
 - Discussion papers / responses
 - Fast track proposals
(Changes that do not require community consultation)
 - Overall process must be more streamlined than in the past
 - Commitment to transparency
 - What is under discussion, what has been decided, etc.
 - Will have interim procedures in place by August
 - Test and adjust through the end of the year

Proposals Originating with ALA

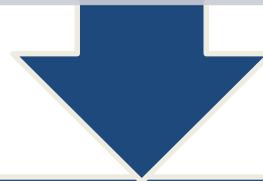
Submit proposal to CC:DA

CC:DA Discussion/Vote



ALA Representatives take to NARDAC

NARDAC Discussion/Vote



NARDAC RSC Representative forwards to RSC

RSC Discussion/Vote

Responses to Proposals

- Regional responses will be required for formal proposals and discussion papers
- NARDAC will work with CC:DA, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and the Library of Congress to collect information for a response
 - CC:DA will need to determine the best way to provide feedback
 - This could take different forms, depending on the issue at hand
- NARDAC formulates the final response for North America
 - Does not have to be a unanimous recommendation
- RSC makes the final decisions

Questions?

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