Report from the
Europe Representative to the RSC
EURIG Annual Meeting, 2022

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Annual meeting Oct 2021

The RSC at its virtual meeting October 2021 (Left to right, top to bottom): Linda Barnhart, Kathy Glennan, Ebe Kartus, Thomas Brenndorfer; Charlotte Christensen, Elisa Sze, Daniel Paradis, John Trevor-Allen; Damian Iseminger, Melissa Parent, Renate Behrens, Charlene Chou; James Hennelly, Honor Moody.

RSC Membership

- Renate Behrens completed her term as European Representative and was succeeded by Ahava Cohen (Szabolcs Dancs, backup).
- Renate Behrens was appointed RSC Chair elect. She will be appointed RSC Chair in January 2023.
- Thomas Brenndorfer completed his term as NARDAC Representative and was succeeded by Robert L. Maxwell.
- Charlene Chou (New York University) was appointed Wider Community Engagement Officer. Her term runs through December 2023.
- Elisa Sze (University of Toronto) was co-opted to serve as Education and Orientation Officer through the end of 2022.

- Daniel Paradis (Translations Team Liaison Officer) and Linda Barnhart (RSC Secretary) will be stepping down at the end of 2022.

Meetings

- Quarterly Asynchronous Meetings (July, January, and April)
- Virtual Meeting in October 2021 (synchronous and asynchronous parts)

- Trial run: adding a synchronous component to all asynchronous meetings, partially open to the public

RSC post-3R

- Fast Tracks
- Proposals
- Community Resources
- Task and Done Working Groups

Proposals

- [Proposal to improve consistency in "supertype" elements](#)

- [Proposal for correction of the narrower element hierarchy in Manifestation: manufacturer agent (etc.) and its inverses](#)

- [Proposal to correct the terms "multipart monograph" and "serial"](#)

All proposals are available on the RSC website.
Comments are welcome.

Community Resources

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Community resources

This area of **RDA toolkit** holds content that conforms to the RDA standard but is specific to language or specialist communities rather than international in scope.

Community resources is subarranged into two areas:

- **Community refinements** provides additional guidance and instructions for existing RDA elements that are applicable to specific communities

- **Community vocabularies** provides controlled terms for use as values of specific RDA elements using specialized community-based vocabularies or language-based vocabularies.

Working Groups

- **Extent Working Group**
- **Official Languages Working Group**
- **Place/Jurisdiction Working Group**
- **Religions in RDA Working Group**

These task-and-finish groups will run through the end of 2023

Extent Working Group

Purpose:

to support the improvement of the RDA standard for elements that use measurements, primarily extent and dimensions elements, by focusing on applying Extent in a machine-actionable way

European representation:
- Alice Robinson, Switzerland
    - Gordon Dunsire, Scotland

Progress to date:
- Lively discussion of:
    - encoding systems and Vocabulary Encoding Systems
    - description of capture of numerical/measurement data in machine-actionable format
    - the terms "sheet," "page," and "leaf" as used by the monographic and special materials communities
- Attempts to use the AUQ model for still images
- No formal papers have been presented

Official Languages Working Group

Purpose:

to support the improvement of the RDA standard by examining the concept of "official language" for corporate bodies in RDA

European representation:

- Christel Kayser, Bibliothèque nationale du Luxembourg
- Hannes Lowagie, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR)
- Hanoch Roniger, Israel
- Valentina Sebastiani, Swiss National Library

Progress to date:

- Introductory meeting in April
- Review of Original RDA, currently official RDA and proposed Fast Track: deadline end of May

Place/Jurisdiction Working Group

Purpose:
to support the improvement of the RDA standard by examining the concepts of place and jurisdiction (corporate body) and their associated definitions and instructions in RDA

European representation:
- Esther Scheven, Germany, Chair
- Amit Niv, Israel

Progress to date:
- 4 asynchronous meetings
- Review of recommendations by previous WG
- Review implementation of previous recommendations in current Toolkit
- To do: identification of remaining problematic guidelines and reformulation of text

Religions in RDA Working Group

Purpose:

to support the improvement of the RDA standard by reviewing the guidance and instructions (in all RDA entities) and making recommendations to move RDA toward unbiased and inclusive treatment of world religions. A specific and more immediate goal is to expand the non-Christian coverage in RDA. RSC concerns include the emphasis given to Christianity and books of the Bible and the lack of attention to other religious texts

European representation:
- Guido Bee, Germany
- David Roth, Israel

Progress to date:
- Creation of a Google document to identify religious issues in the Toolkit

Translations

Full translations:
- Arabic
- Catalan
- Finnish – already in Toolkit
- French – should be finished by end of the year
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Norwegian – already in Toolkit
- Spanish – halted; seeking new team

Partial translations:
- Danish
- Dutch
- Estonian
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Latvian
- Portuguese
- Slovenian
- Swedish

Editorial Committee - current

Christian Aliverti	June 2019 – June 2022
Thierry Clavel	June 2019 – June 2022 (retiring)
Alan Danskin	June 2019 – June 2022
Marja-Liisa Seppälä	June 2019 – June 2022
Christoph Steiger	June 2019 – June 2022
Christian Aliverti	June 2019 – June 2022
Stefano Bargioni	June 2020 - June 2023
Renate Behrens	Ex officio – RSC Chair Elect
Ahava Cohen	Ex officio – Ed Co Chair
Liv D'Amelio	Ex officio
Szabolcs Dancs	Dec 2019 – Dec 2022 / Ex officio
Roberto Gómez Prada	Ex officio
Szabina Ilácsa	Ex officio

Editorial Committee – incoming

Stefano Bargioni	June 2020 - June 2023
Heloise Lecomte - ABES	January 2023 – January 2026
Hannes Lowagie - KBR Royal Library of Belgium	June 2022 – June 2025
Jenny Wright - BDS (Bibliographic Data Services Ltd.)	June 2022 – June 2025
Thurstan Young – British Library	June 2022 – June 2025
Christian Aliverti	Ex officio – RDA Board IR
Renate Behrens	Ex officio – RSC Chair Elect
Ahava Cohen	Ex officio – EdCo Chair
Liv D'Amelio	Ex officio
Szabolcs Dancs	Ex officio
Roberto Gómez Prada	Ex officio
Szabina Ilácsa	Ex officio

Ask the RDA Steering Committee Anything about RDA

May 25, 2022
1700 CEST
Zoom

Submit questions:

https://www.rdatoolkit.org/form/questions-for-rda-steering-commi

Register to attend:

https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k8j2-SPRQ0mX29_x0MvO_Q

Questions? Comments?
Fast Track/Proposal ideas?

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