MINUTES
OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING
RDA Steering Committee
ALA Office, Washington (Monday)
Library of Congress (Tuesday – Friday)
and
Online, via Zoom
12 - 15 November 2024

Attending: Colleen Barbus, RDA Board Chair
Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Charlene Chou, RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer
Charlotte Christensen, RSC Oceania representative
Ahava Cohen, RSC Europe representative
Szabolcs Dancs, RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer
Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor
James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference (RDA publisher)
Christopher Holden, Incoming RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer (observing)
Damian Iseminger, RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer
Robert Maxwell, RSC North America representative
Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer
Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Observers: Ángela Quiroz Ubierna, invited observer

Observers (Public Session only):
Judith Cannan, USA
Paul Frank, USA
Melanie Polutta, USA
Selma Alexandre, USA
Steven Bernstein, USA
Tali Boardman, New Zealand
Dominique Bourassa, USA
Thomas Brenndorfer, Canada
Jorge Gomez Briseño, Mexico
Nancy Cooey, USA
Thuy-Anh Dang, USA
Kristina Doyle, USA
Susan Elkins, USA
Britannia Gammond, Canada
Ellis Ging, USA
Zahra Gordon, USA

Maru Haeissig, USA
Ed Jones, USA
Ebe Kartus, New Zealand
Anastasia Kerameos, UK
Sherry E. F. Kish, USA
Vanessa Lee, Canada
Tachtorn Meier, USA
Honor Moody, USA
Olivera Nastić, Serbia
Oddrun Ohren, Norway
Daniel Paradis, Canada
Constance Pierce, USA
Kumiko Reichert, USA
Crystal Reinhardt, USA
Karen Ross, USA
Pat Riva, Canada
Andrea Schuba, USA
Jackie Shieh, USA
Orly Simon, Israel
I-Chene Tai, USA
Hermine Vermeij, USA
Jenny Wright, UK
Natasha Zaleski, USA

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Public Session
Tuesday 12 November 2-5pm US Eastern Time
West Dining Room (LM-621), Library of Congress and online, via Zoom

483   Welcome
Renate Behrens (RSC Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting in-person and online and asked members of the RSC to introduce themselves. Renate Behrens shared the importance of internationalization within the work of the RSC and the RDA Board.

484   RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev – Proposal on Dual-language naming of Corporate Body and Place
Charlotte Christensen provided a brief overview of the proposal. She thanked the Rapid Action Group for their contribution to the revised version of the proposal presented today. Renate Behrens called on Robert Maxwell to raise the issues raised by NARDAC. He shared these as summarised in the Notes of the summary document (RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev/summary). Ahava Cohen shared the lacuna of different scripts. She thanked Charlotte Christensen for raising the issue. In response to NARDAC's comments, Charlotte said she was happy to leave the wording and location to the admin team.

484.1   Comment from Observers
One of the observers expressed their thanks to ORDAC for raising this proposal.

484.2   Vote
In the vote, voting members of the RSC unanimously accepted the proposal.

484.3   ACTION: Secretary to create and implement RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev/Decisions.

485   RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2 – Proposal to revise the definitions of aggregate, aggregating work and aggregates guidance.
Renate Behrens thanked Elisa Sze and Damian Iseminger for their work on this proposal. She asked the Chair of the Technical Working Group, Damian Iseminger, to introduce the proposal. In response to alternative wording of the definition from NARDAC, Damian asked Elisa to explain the rationale for the original wording proposed, which was to keep the definition as concise as possible, as the Guidance chapter can be used for fuller contextual information.

485.1 Voting procedure
Given that there was consensus in the formal proposals for some of the proposal, but much debate about some of it (RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/summary), Renate Behrens asked for a separate vote on each recommendation.

485.1.1 Recommendation 1
Voting members of the RSC voted unanimously to accept the recommendations in the wording of the original proposal.

485.1.2 Recommendation 2
Voting members of the RSC voted unanimously to accept the recommendations in the wording of the original proposal.

485.1.3 Recommendation 3

485.1.3.1   WEMI order
In response to Recommendation 3, several RSC members expressed a preference to retain WEMI order. Damian Iseminger and Elisa Sze said they are happy to retain the WEMI order. RSC colleagues had also suggested the inclusion of diagrams. Damian Iseminger and Elisa Sze will look into the addition of diagrams. They suggested updating the Toolkit with the changes from this recommendation in the meantime.

485.1.3.2   Addition to wording for 'Aggregate manifestations'
The Examples Editor suggested the following addition to the proposed text (mark-up shows change from original proposal's wording):

"Under 'Aggregate manifestations,' add text to second paragraph:

In addition to the distinct expressions that are aggregated, ~~A~~an aggregate also embodies one and only one aggregating expression that realizes one and only one aggregating work that is the plan for selecting and arranging the expressions that are embodied in an aggregate.

Damian Iseminger and Elisa Sze said they were happy to add this wording.

485.1.3.3   Future review of paragraphs beginning "It is not necessary"
Elisa Sze and Damian Iseminger were happy to take on board NARDAC's suggestion to review the existing paragraphs beginning "It is not necessary" as a separate future proposal.

485.1.3.4   One thing being an aggregate
After much discussion, Elisa and Damian accepted the charge to find a place elsewhere in the Toolkit to include the edge case of one thing being an aggregate.

485.1.3.5   Approved with changes discussed
A vote was taken and Recommendation 3 was approved unanimously, with the changes as documented above (Items 485.1.3.1-4).

485.2 ACTION: Secretary to prepare RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions.

485.3 ACTION: Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions.

486 [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1](#) – Proposal to add glossary definitions for fictitious entity and non-human entity
Renate Behrens thanked Jessica Grzegorski and Damian Iseminger for their work on the proposal and asked Jessica Grzegorski to introduce it. Jessica thanked Damian for his work on this proposal.

486.1 "Source of information"
Several RSC members suggested changing "reference source" to "source of information" ([RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/summary](#)) Both Jessica Grzegorski and Damian Iseminger agreed with that and accepted that change:

Fictitious entity
[…]
An appellation of an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or ~~reference~~ source of information or may be the subject of a work.

Non-human entity
[…]
An appellation of an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or ~~reference~~ source of information or may be the subject of a work.

486.2 "Outside the scope of RDA"
Damian and Iseminger and Jessica Grzegorski also accepted the change from "External to RDA" to "Outside the scope of RDA":

Fictitious entity
An entity that is ~~external to~~outside the scope of RDA […]

Non-human entity
An entity that is ~~external to~~outside the scope of RDA […]

486.3 "Conceptual creation"

In sum, Jessica Grzegorski and Damian Iseminger accept NARDAC's wording for Recommendation 1:

Fictitious entity

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that is a conceptual creation originating from human imagination, representing a character, a place, an event, or other entity that does not exist in reality.

An appellation of an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

486.4   "Exhibiting human characteristics"

For Recommendation 2, Damian Iseminger and Jessica Grzegorski do not accept the final clause in NARDAC's suggestion on "exhibiting human characteristics", but do accept the sentence up to that point:

Non-human entity

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that exhibits characteristics typically associated with agents.

486.5   "Spirits and deities"

They also accept the further changes NARDAC proposes:

Includes non-human animals, spirits, deities, and legendary or mythological beings, ~~spirits, and deities,~~ and automated processes.

An appellation of ~~the~~an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or source of information or may be the subject of a work.

486.4   Vote

Renate Behrens asked for a vote for the proposal. It was accepted as amended:

Fictitious entity

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that is a conceptual creation originating from human imagination, representing a character, a place, an event, or other entity that does not exist in reality.

An appellation of an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

See also: **non-human entity.**

Non-human entity

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that exhibits characteristics typically associated with agents.

Includes non-human animals, spirits, deities, and legendary or mythological beings, ~~spirits, and deities~~, and automated processes.

An appellation of ~~the~~an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or source of information or may be the subject of a work.

See also: **fictitious entity.**

486.5   ACTION: Secretary to prepare RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/Decisions.

486.6   ACTION: Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/Decisions.

487   [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2](#) – Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body

As the Chair of the Religions in RDA Working Group could not be present, Renate Behrens asked Ahava Cohen to introduce the proposal.

487.1   Empowerment of Working Group to "look wider"

There was some discussion on the best route forward for NARDAC's suggestion that this issue be introduced in a broader area of the Toolkit. ([RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/NARDAC response](#)):

"We do not understand why the condition option to use an official name offered with Recommendation 1 would not apply to any case where there are different forms of name for the same corporate body. We do not understand why it would apply only in cases where no value of a name is predominant or formally presented. All the preceding conditions/options could also involve a name that is not a real or official name and therefore require another option to choose the real or official name."

It was decided that it should be stressed to the Working Group that they can look wider in this way. While the need to look wider should not be allowed to slow down the implementation of the suggestion in the proposal, the Working Group should be asked to identify an appropriate place for this instruction to be generalised.

487.1.1 **ACTION:** Chair to communicate to Chair of Working Group that they are empowered to move elsewhere, per NARDAC's suggestion.

487.2 Examples

Jessica is happy to provide further examples per EURIG's request (RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/EURIG response), referencing RSC/Minutes/469-482 Item 475.2

487.3 Vote
Renate Behrens asked for a vote on the proposal as it stands. There was unanimous approval from voting members, on the proviso that the Working Group is instructed to look at whether there is a place in the Toolkit where the issue of official names is covered (see Item 487.1.1).

487.4 ACTION: Secretary to prepare and implement RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/Decisions

488 RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev2 – Discussion Paper on the Development of Extent Elements in RDA

Renate Behrens made some general remarks on Discussion Papers. She explained that a Discussion Paper prepares the path for proposals. She then asked Thomas Brenndorfer, the Chair of the Extent Working Group (attending via Zoom) to introduce the Discussion Paper. He did so.

Renate Behrens highlighted the wide-ranging nature of this discussion paper. She was keen to discuss the route forward from this point. She asked Thomas Brenndorfer if it would be possible to prioritise some topics to bring them forward as proposals?

Thomas Brenndorfer said the Working Group is looking for a general sense of direction for next steps. There are some areas in which there are interdependencies on other sub-topics. Some of the issues involve working out the best placement of the new elements. Some of them depend on knowing if machine actionability is a priority.

Damian Iseminger asked Thomas Brenndorfer what he would most like to know in terms of guidance from the RSC in order to give him a broad framework.

Thomas Brenndorfer suggested:
- Clarity on impact of a move to Community Resources
- Nature of Machine Actionability and its importance (as that informs what happens with dimensions)
- Manifestation Statements – if you throw in extra values, does that make it more than a Manifestation Statement?

- Aggregated content – especially in terms of vocabulary; is it simply a question of relabelling? This may require work with the graphic reproductions community and the music community.

Ahava Cohen expressed her thanks to the Extent Working Group for modelling best practice in working with other Working Groups. She gave the example of the Religions in RDA Working Group having approached the Extent Working Group about an issue that concerned them about extent, and the Extent Working Group took it on board and dealt with it.

Renate Behrens wanted to give formal thanks to the Extent Working Group for their expertise and hard work they are doing. The RSC really appreciates what they are doing.

Observers were asked for comments. One observer appreciated the amount of time that was given for discussion and comment on this discussion paper.

Renate Behrens then asked Thomas Brenndorfer what he thinks would be the next best actions for the Working Group.

Thomas Brenndorfeer thinks that maybe the charge is changing:

1. Proposals, in conjunction with feedback from specific communities
2. Working on String Encoding Schemes

Renate Behrens gave the reassurance that it was on the Executive Session agenda to discuss the Working Group and the future of the Task and Finish Working Groups, especially the Extent Working Group.

Renate Beherens offered her immense thanks to Thomas and the Working Group for their detailed and expert work over the past three years. We will see what we can achieve in the near future.

489   Thanks from the Chair

Renate Behrens thanked everyone in the room and in the Zoom room for their attention and input this afternoon.

Executive Session

Monday 11 November 9am-5pm US Eastern Time (as are all times that follow)
ALA Office, 1615 New Hampshire Ave., NW

Tuesday 12 November 9am-1pm; Thursday-Friday 9am-5pm
LM-642, Library of Congress (Madison Building)

490   Housekeeping and review of previous action items

490.1   Welcome.
On 11 November, Renate Behrens (RSC Chair) extended a warm welcome to the RSC and expressed her joy that we were able to meet in person. She particularly welcomed Jessica Grzegorski (RDA Examples Working Group) and Chris Holden (observing as incoming Chair of the Technical Working Group) for their first in-person meeting and Ángela Quiroz Ubierna for her attendance as an invited observer on behalf of the South American and Caribbean Region. She expressed her thanks to the ALA for hosting the meeting today and to everyone at ALA who had helped organise the meeting, especially James Hennelly (Director ALA Digital Reference).

490.2   Reappointment of Ahava Cohen and Szabolcs Dancs
Renate Behrens welcomed the news from EURIG Chair Jenny Wright that Ahava Cohen has been reappointed for a second term as Europe Representative to the RSC and Szabolcs Dancs has been reappointed for a second term as Europe Representative Backup.

490.3   Greetings from Austria
Renate Behrens passed on greetings from the hosts of the RSC Meeting in Vienna last year and their good wishes for the meeting.

490.4   Action Items
All of the items on the Action Items spreadsheet have been completed or in progress.

491   Action Plan
On 11 November, Renate Behrens alerted the RSC that she and the Secretary will be working on the Action Plan 2025-2027 and that later in the week she would be asking for input from the RSC, especially with regard to their individual responsibilities. Later in the week, RSC members shared their aims so that the Secretary and Chair can put a draft together for the January meeting.

492   Annual Refresh of the Operations Documents
The Secretary alerted the members of the RSC that we will be working on this for the January 2025 Meeting and welcomed any suggestions.

492.1 ACTION: Robert Maxwell to ask NARDAC their general timeline.

492.2 ACTION: Secretary to draft update to Operations Documents.

493   Annual Reports

493.1   Report of the RSC Chair
Renate Behrens shared her annual report ([Appendix 493.1](#)).

493.2   Report of the RDA Board
Colleen Barbus gave the annual report as Chair of the RDA Board ([Appendix 493.2](#)). The Director of ALA Digital Reference expressed his appreciation for the level of engagement of the Board, and their enthusiasm for establishing further outreach events, such as the webinars the Chair of the Board mentioned in her report. Robert Maxwell asked for clarification on the definition of "national institution" status referred to in the report. Renate Behrens asked Colleen Barbus to take this back to the Board for further discussion as to wording. Colleen said she is very happy to follow up with the Board on this.

493.3   Report of ALA Digital Reference
James Hennelly shared his activities since July 2024 and his planned upcoming activities. The Chair asked him to supply an annual report to the Secretary as soon as possible, for inclusion in the Minutes ([Appendix 493.3](#)). She thanked him for all that he and his team do to publish the *RDA Toolkit* and support the work of the RSC.

493.3.1   **ACTION:** James Hennelly to send annual report (October 2023-October 2024) to Secretary. This action was discharged ([Appendix 493.3](#))

493.4   Report of the RSC Secretary
Anne Welsh shared her report, highlighting that everything she does is in support of the work of members of the Committee ([Appendix 493.4](#)). Renate Behrens led the Committee in thanks.

493.5 Report of the RDA Examples Editor
Jessica Grzegorski shared the report of the Examples Editor and Examples Working Group ([Appendix 493.5](#)). In particular, she highlighted the prioritization of examples for current proposals and how this works well, since there are so many eyes on every proposal. She also thanked the Translations Working Group for their input following her presentation to them. Elisa Sze shared her experience of sitting on the Examples Working Group, saying it is a very accessible way for group members to learn more about the challenges of writing the text for RDA. Renate Behrens asked Jessica to pass on the RSC's thanks to everyone working in the group.

493.6 Report of the Education and Orientation Officer
Elisa Sze shared her report as Education and Orientation Officer ([Appendix 493.6](#)). She formally thanked Ángela Quiroz Ubierna), who provided a [Spanish translation of the "RDA Teaching &](#)

Training Tips" handout, and highlighted that she is keen to hear from anyone who would like to translate the tip sheet into another language. She thanked RDA-DACH, the National Library of New Zealand and the PCC for their permission to link out to their resources from the tip sheet. She asked members of the RSC to be sure to read through her draft slides for educators (Item 496) ahead of their discussion later this week. Renate Behrens led the Committee in thanking Elisa for all her hard work.

496.6.1 Term of Office
The Secretary asked for clarification on the term of office for the Education and Orientation Officer post, and the committee, including RSC Chair and RDA Board Chair, confirmed that the temporary post should be counted as separate from the permanent post, and therefore end of December 2026 would be the end of the first term of the permanent post. A second term would be possible thereafter. Elisa thanked the committee for its clarification and said she would discuss with her employer.

493.7   Report of Wider Community Engagement Officer
Charlene Chou shared her annual report as Wider Community Engagement Officer (Appendix 493.7) and asked the committee for its feedback. In particular, she highlighted the cognate nature of her various and wide-ranging roles across many committees, including RSC and PCC. Renate Behrens extended the RSC's thanks to Charlene and praised in particular her work with the RDA Board Regional Representative.

493.8 Report of the Technical Team Liaison Officer
Damian Iseminger shared his report as Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group (Appendix 493.8). He highlighted work with colleagues in France who were converting some UNIMARC records into RDA. This led to the Technical Working Group's working on SHACL validation files for use with the RDA Element Set. There are now some basic SHACL profiles which Damian would like to keep working on with the Technical Working Group. He also shared that he has been working with the University of Washington on a successful mapping from MARC to RDA. Damian said it was a pleasure to work with Jessica Grzegorski and Elisa Sze on two proposals that have come forward for this meeting (Item 485 and Item 486). He encouraged other RSC members to continue to approach the Technical Working Group Chair when they come across issues in the Toolkit. Renate Behrens thanked Damian and the Technical Working Group for all their hard work this year.

493.9 Report of the Translations Team Liaison Officer
Szabolcs Dancs shared his report as Translations Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Translations Working Group (Appendix 493.9). He extended his thanks to those who presented at the Translations event he organised (Jessica Grzegorski, Damian Iseminger and Elisa Sze). Renate Behrens thanked Szabolcs for connecting the translators with the overall workings of the RSC.

493.10 Report of the Europe Regional Representative

Ahava Cohen provided the annual report from the Europe Region (Appendix 493.10). She explained the changes in timeline of replacing EURIG officers and the ongoing desire of the Executive Committee to recruit officers who are non-native English speakers. She highlighted the work being done by those working with non-Latin scripts. Renate Behrens thanked Ahava for her work and praised the speed with which EURIG works to share resources between members coming from such wide-ranging language communities. The examples of implementations that are gradual over a long period time are valuable.

493.11 Report of the North America Representative
Robert Maxwell provided his report (Appendix 493.11). He highlighted the expansion of NARDAC to include a French-speaking community representative and an iSchool representative. Renate Behrens thanked Robert and the rest of the NARDAC committee for their ongoing work. There was a productive discussion of the differences and similarities of approaches across the Regions.

493.12 Report of the Oceania Representative
Charlotte Christensen shared her report from Oceania (Appendix 493.12). She highlighted their organisational changes. In New Zealand National Library the implementation of Official RDA is bedding in. Renate Behrens thanked Charlotte and the rest of ORDAC for their work. There was a productive discussion of the different operations between the three active Regional Groups in response to a question from our special observer, who is part of a group looking to set up Regional representation to the RSC for Latin America.

493.13 Liaison with Other International Bodies
Renate Behrens shared her activities working with international bodies (Appendix 493.13).

493.13.1 IFLA Committee on Standards. This protocol was agreed this year and is working well in practice. Renate Behrens highlighted the current work of the BCM and the ISBDM Task Force. The Task Force has sent a statement to the Committee on Standards on the other entities.

493.13.2 ISSN International Centre. Initial contact has been made and work towards updating the protocol is starting soon.

493.13.3 PCC. Renate expressed her appreciation of the closer cooperation with PCC and the pilot project that is going on around the topic of AI. In particular, she thanked Charlene Chou for her work here.

493.13.4 BIBFRAME in Europe is working on a way to provide liaisonship between them and the RSC. There was a discussion between RSC members on how this may work.

494   Dates of 2025 RSC Meetings
The RSC decided on the following dates for next year's meetings:

Monday 20 – Thursday 23 January 2025, asynchronously with synchronous Executive Session on Tuesday 21 January at 7pm UTC and synchronous Public Session on Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 7pm UTC.

Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April 2025, asynchronously with synchronous Executive Session on Monday 7 April at 6pm UTC and synchronous Public Session on Tuesday 8 April 2025 at 6pm UTC.

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 July 2025, asynchronously with synchronous Executive Session on Monday 14 July at 6pm UTC and synchronous Public Session on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 6pm UTC.

Monday 17 – Thursday 20 November 2025, asynchronously with synchronous Executive Session on Monday 17 November at 7pm UTC and synchronous Public Session on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7pm UTC.

The dates of the Public Sessions were announced on the RSC website on 21 November.

495   Fast Tracks
The Secretary read into the Minutes that FT2024-09 was discussed 26 August - 1 September and voted on 2-6 September. RSC/FT2024-09/Decisions was published on 9 September and implemented by the Technical Team Liaison Officer.

495.1 Charlotte Christensen asked about the timing for new suggestions. The Secretary encouraged her to send through new suggestions as soon as she liked, and to encourage her community to use the feedback button on the Toolkit as that feeds into a spreadsheet monitored by the Director of ALA Reference as well as the Secretary who update the Toolkit as soon as possible (alongside the other ongoing work from proposal implementation).

496   Slides for Educators
Elisa Sze talked the committee through her latest work on this project and asked for feedback. She walked the committee through the outline document and asked them to look at the full

slidedeck overnight and feedback the next day. The following day, after discussion Elisa integrated the input from the rest of the RSC into the outline and slides.

The slides were published on the Learning Resources page and announced in a news item on the RSC website on 21 November 2024.

497   Update from Latin America and the Caribbean – Ángela Quiroz Ubierna
Ángela Quiroz Ubierna attended as a special observer, since Latin America and the Caribbean has representation solely at Board level at the moment. She thanked Renate Behrens and James Hennelly for the invitation to her to take part. She shared that there are two annual events in Latin America – The Colloquium on RDA (since 2018) and the Meeting on RDA in Mexico City. There are also several local working groups on RDA. In May 2024 these groups came together to form a regional group. Currently working on a document of requirements for group membership. For next steps, they are awaiting the completion of the translation of RDA into Spanish, which is within touching distance. There is likely to be a series of events when the translation is finished. Renate Behrens thanked Angela for her report and wished her and her colleagues good luck in their continued efforts.

498   Updates from Working Groups

498.1   Task and Finish Working Groups
Renate Behrens provided a brief update on the Task and Finish Working Groups. She expressed her thanks to the Working Groups and their Chairs.

498.1.1 Renate Behrens asked the RSC members for feedback on the possibility of extending the terms for the Extent Working Group and the Religions in RDA Working Group. Robert Maxwell suggested that having the same set term for Working Groups is not practical, because topics vary in longevity. He suggested that some groups could become Advisory Groups.

498.1.1.2 Renate Behrens will ask the RDA Board in December to ask for permission to extend the Extent Working Group for a year. This request was approved by the Board.

498.1.1.3 Renate Behrens will ask the RDA Board in December to set up a new category of Working Group, "Advisory Group". This request was approved by the Board. The charge document for the Advisory Group on Extent will be presented for approval by voting members of the RSC at their January 2025 Meeting.

498.1.1.4 Renate Behrens will ask the RDA Board in December for the Religions in RDA to become an Advisory Group. This request was approved by the Board. The charge document for the Advisory Group on Religions in RDA will be presented by approval by voting members of the RSC at their January 2025 Meeting.

498.1.1.5 Subject to approval by the RDA Board, the Archives Working Group will be set up as an Advisory Group. Renate Behrens will contact those who have expressed an interest in joining the group and will let them know that they can start in February. The charge document for the Advisory Group on Archives will be presented for approval by voting members of the RSC at their January 2025 Meeting.

498.1.1.6 If the Advisory Group model is accepted by the Board, it may be a good time to establish a Music Advisory Group. This will be discussed at the January 2025 Meeting of the RSC.

498.2   Examples Working Group
Jessica Grzegorski referred to the Examples Editor's annual report for the actions of the Working Group this year (Item 493.5). The focus of the group at the moment is establishing full examples and then they will work with ALA Digital Reference on creating a form for people to suggest examples themselves.

498.3   Technical Working Group
Damian Iseminger referred to his annual report (Item 493.8). He is currently working with Chris to prioritise work over the next six months. He will be Chair until December and then Past Chair for six months from January. Thereafter he will be a member of the Technical Working Group. They will likely be working on the Guidance for the Collections Model and the BIBFRAME mapping. Elisa Sze expressed how much she appreciated working together with the Technical Working Group on the Aggregates proposal (Item 485) She will be keen to work with the Group in future, as appropriate.

498.4   Translations Working Group
Szabolcs Dancs referred to his annual report (Item 493.9). He is looking at the documents outside the Toolkit itself to see the scope for translation (in the same way the FAQ documents are translated).

498.5 Joint Working Group on Artificial Intelligence
Ahava Cohen provided an update on the Group's activities so far. She referred to the White Paper.

498.5.1 Renate asked the RSC to support the draft of the White Paper and offer any comments. Following a detailed discussion, Renate Behrens asked members of the RSC to think about it and feed words back to Ahava Cohen the following day. The following day, Ahava thanked everyone for their comments and feedback. Renate Behrens officially thanked the Working Group for its speed and efficiency in carrying out this work. The prospect of having a White Paper so soon is an excellent outcome.

498.5.2 ACTION: Ahava Cohen and the AI Working Group to take on board the latest comments. Ideally they will provide feedback in time for the next Board meeting. This action was discharged and, following approval from the RDA Board, the White Paper was published as RSC/Papers/2025/1 – Considering AI in the Growth of RDA on 16 January 2025.

499   AOB (Any Other Business) and thanks from the Chair

499.1   Community Resources
499.1   ACTION: Secretary to draft announcement that the first contributor to Community Resources has begun to load documents.

499.2   Soft-deprecated terms
After a discussion on the current use of these terms, it was clear that there is some consensus around some terms. Before moving towards full deprecation, the Technical Team Liaison Officer will contact those who we know are still using them.

499.2.1 ACTION: Technical Team Liaison Officer to follow-up with institutions individually.

499.2.2 ACTION: Secretary to look at the wording in the Toolkit linking to the Registry list of soft-deprecated terms.

499.3 Countdown Clock
The RSC acknowledged the concerns of the community as this approaches.

499.3.1 ACTION: RSC Chair and Director of ALA Digital Reference to ask Board to update statement. This action was discharged and the Board's chosen date of 11 May 2026 for the countdown to begin was announced on 20 December 2024.

499.4 Implementation awareness
There was general discussion about the importance of keeping the community up-to-date with implementation news.

499.4.1 ACTION: Secretary to add news item each time someone implements

499.4.2 ACTION: All members of the RSC to let RSC Secretary and James Hennelly when they become aware of a new implementation so that we can add them to the news and talk to them about a potential webinar.

499.5   Communications
There was general discussion on the possibilities available now that the Drupal upgrade has taken place.

499.5.1   **ACTION:** Headshots to be taken for the members page

499.5.2   **ACTION:** Each member to have a page outlining their role.

APPENDIX

493.1 Report of RSC Chair
Prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, 28 September 2024

The RSC Chair works continuously with all members of the RSC and in particular with the RSC Secretary Anne Welsh, and the Director of ALA Digital Reference James Hennelly.

Meetings

- In-person meeting of the RSC in Vienna in October 2023
- Asynchronous meeting in January 2024, with a public session
- Asynchronous meeting in April 2024, with a public session
- Asynchronous meeting in July 2024, with a public session
- Participation in the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee as well as numerous other meetings with RSC colleagues as required.

RSC Membership

- The extension of the Education and Orientation Officer role to a permanent one
- Appointment of the new Examples Editor
- Appointment of the Wider Community Engagement Officer for a second term
- Recruitment for the successor of the Technical Team Liaison Officer in 2025

Working groups

- Continuous monitoring of the working groups. Discussions with all chairs of the working groups about the goals and tasks.
- Report of the work of the working groups at various occasions and events
- Setting up a joint working group of the RDA Board and the RSC for Artificial Intelligence
- Preparation for setting up an Archives Working Group

Other activities

- Working on the RSC Action Plan according to the RDA Board's Strategic Plan
- Working on the update of the RSC Operation Documents
- Initiating a discussion about Application Profiles
- Planning the updating for the protocol with the ISSN IC
- Initial agreements for coordinated cooperation with the PCC

- First steps for coordinated cooperation with the BIBFRAME community
- The annual RSC in-person meeting in November will be held in Washington, DC. In addition to the Executive Sessions, there will again be a Public Session and an Outreach Event for the local community.

Outreach and communication

- Virtual report about the RSC Working Groups at the NARDAC Forum in November 2023
- Lection magistralis in Biblioteconomia, Università degli studi di Firenze, March 2024
- Lecture at Università degli studi di Firenze, March 2024
- Lecture at the Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern, Fachbereich Archiv- und Bibliothekswesen, Munich. April 2024
- Presentation at the RDA Board Outreach Event in San Diego in June 2024
- Presentation at the CC:DA business meeting at ALA, San Diego 2024
- Presentation at the BIBFRAME in Europe Workshop, September 2024 in Helsinki
- Virtual presentation at the „XIII Encuentro de Catalogación y Metadatos RDA", September 2024

493.2 Report of the RDA Board

Report for the November 2024 RSC Meeting
Prepared by Colleen Barbus, RDA Board Chair

Changes to RDA Board Governance document

National Institution Representative term length
During the September 2023 RDA Board meeting, a discussion of the term lengths of National Institution Representatives highlighted the difficulties faced by representatives to contribute to the work of the Board while simultaneously acclimating to Board operations. Representatives felt that once they were able to orient themselves to Board operations, they were soon facing the end of their terms.

Following this discussion, the RDA Board copyright holders proposed a change to extend the official term length of National Institution Representatives from 3 years to 4 years. The following provisions were also included in this amendment to the RDA Governance Model document:

The duties of National Institution representatives will also include:

- Ex officio attendance of the final 1-2 meetings of their predecessor's term, in order to familiarize the new National Institution representative with the RDA Board operations and meeting process.
- A period of assistance to their successor that extends for 6 months after the end of their term. This assistance should include briefing the successor on current issues facing the Board, ongoing outreach projects in their region, and other activities. They should also provide an introduction to the regional committee if present.

Board members approved these proposed changes in the December 2023 RDA Board meeting, with final approval of the amended language at the June 2024 Board meeting.

Protocol for replacing NI representatives following postholder resignation

Following the resignation of the National Institution Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean in November 2023, the RDA Board copyright holders identified a gap in the Board's governance structure around continuity of representation in the instance of a mid-term resignation.

At the December 2023 RDA Board meeting, the copyright holders put forth for Board approval the following protocol for replacing National Institution Representatives following postholder resignation:

In the event that a National Institution representative must resign their position before the conclusion of their term, the following protocol is to be followed in the order it appears:

1) On receipt of the resignation of the departing representative, their National Institution shall be invited by the Board chair and ALA Publishing representative to nominate a new National Institution representative to replace the departing representative, to cover the remaining duration of the departing representative's term.

2) If the National Institution cannot, or declines to, nominate a new National Institution representative, the Board chair and ALA Publishing representative shall next approach the most-recent former representative for that region, and invite them to return to the Board in order to serve for the remaining duration of the departed representative's term.

3) If the former representative is unable or unwilling to return to serve the remainder of the departing representative's term, the Board chair and ALA Publishing representative will next review the other applications submitted for the role of National Institution representative at the time of the departing representative's appointment. The Board chair will then recommend appointments from this pool of past applicants to the Board,

following the usual appointments process, inviting the most-successful candidate to fill the post for the remaining duration of the departed representative's term.

4) If none of the individuals who applied for the role of NI Rep at the time the departed representative was appointed are now able or willing to serve, or if there were no other applications submitted, the Board will open nominations for a new representative across the region, with the proviso that the successful candidate shall serve only for the remainder of the departed representative's original term.

Board members approved these proposed changes in the December 2023 RDA Board meeting, with final approval to the amended language at the June 2024 Board meeting.

Board membership changes

National Institution Representatives

In an effort to improve the onboarding process and contributive experience for the Board's National Institution Representatives, the RDA Board approved an increase in the term length for National Institution Representatives from 3 years to 4 years (see National Institution Representative term length).

As part of this amendment, current National Institution Representatives were given the option to extend their term lengths by one year. This extension has disrupted the usual cycle of two National Institution Representatives departing the Board each year, as we will have three members completing their terms at the end of 2024:

Asia: Haliza Jailani   National Library Board, Singapore
Europe: Christian Aliverti   Swiss National Library, Switzerland
Oceania: Julia Hickie   National Library of Australia

A call for applications from these regions has been distributed, and the Board expects to confirm their appointments for these positions by the December 2024 meeting. As outlined in the National Institution Representative term length section, the three departing members will continue in an assisting role for six months after the end of their term to provide support for the incoming representatives from their regions.

Additionally, the National Institution Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean has changed. After the November 2023 resignation of Catalina Zavala as the National Institution Representative, the RDA Board Chair asked Felipe Martinez, the previous NI representative for the region, to serve the remainder of the term (2024-2025). Felipe served as representative beginning in January 2024, but in March 2024 resigned from the Board after leaving the Biblioteca Nacional de México and returning as a professor and researcher at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. The RDA Board Chair asked

Ángela Quiroz Ubierna – NI Representative to the region in the 2017-2019 term – to serve the remainder of the term, and she was officially appointed in March 2024. As part of the new term length policy for National Institution Representatives (see National Institution Representative term length), Ángela opted to extend her term by one year, with the term now ending in 2026. We are happy to welcome her back to the Board.

Copyright holder representative for the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

At the end of 2023, CILIP representative for the RDA Board copyright holders John Trevor-Allen completed his term as Board Chair. Unfortunately, an adjustment in roles also obliged him to resign as CILIP representative from the RDA Board. John ended his term on the RDA Board in December 2023, after serving since 2019, and we are grateful for his leadership during his term.

Before John's departure, he worked with CILIP to appoint a new copyright holder representative for the RDA Board. Diane McAdie was officially appointed in May 2023, and was able to join the Board for the September 2023 Board meeting, to observe and become acquainted with Board operations.

In June 2024, Diane McAdie resigned from CILIP and subsequently from the RDA Board. The Board Chair worked with Jamie Hennelly and Andrew James, new Director of Publishing at Facet, to appoint a new CILIP representative, and the RDA Board was happy to welcome Jenny Wright, immediate past Chair of the UK Committee on RDA and Chair of EURIG. Jenny was able to join us for our September 30 – October 4 RDA Board meeting, and we are very glad to have her on board.

In-person June meeting at ALA Annual Conference

The RDA Board held its in-person meeting June 26th-27th in San Diego, scheduled to coincide with the ALA Annual Conference taking place June 28th through July 2nd.

The meeting was a productive one, and scheduling the meeting during the ALA Annual Conference provided a unique opportunity for RDA Board members to attend conference sessions, explore the exhibit floor, and get a glimpse of ALA's largest annual in-person meeting.

Additionally, RDA Board members presented at a preconference session entitled "RDA Around the World," which highlighted RDA as an international standard and provided valuable insight on how RDA has been implemented in their region.

The session was well attended and received, and at the September 2024 meeting Board members discussed the benefits and logistics of hosting a similar presentation virtually. The ALA

Publishing team is in the process of scheduling three webinars for early December, one each for the following regional groupings: Africa and Europe, Asia and Oceania, North America and Latin America and the Caribbean. By grouping these presentations by approximate time zone, we hope to make things more convenient for attendees in those regions. These sessions will also be recorded for future viewing.

Lastly, Board members presented at the NARDAC Forum at the ALA Annual Conference, which was also well attended and resulted in thoughtful questions and discussion around RDA implementation in their regions.

Latin American Outreach and Spanish Translation

The RDA Board and the RSC were represented at the XII RDA Cataloguing and Metadata Meeting in Mexico City, which took place 25-27 September. Ángela Quiroz Ubierna gave an in-person presentation on the RDA Board governance model, as well as the work of the RDA Chile Group. Chris Oliver, Renate Behrens, Jamie Hennelly and Elisa Sze all delivered virtual keynote speeches at the meeting.

The most important takeaway from this meeting is that the Spanish translation of the Official RDA Toolkit is nearing completion, with first stage production ready by January 2025 and the final translation completed by March 2025. Ángela reports that the ICI Group chair is eager to launch a strong promotional campaign once the translation is completed, with support from local RDA groups and other institutions in the Latin American and Caribbean region. We hope that the completion of the translation and this subsequent promotion will bring substantial benefits to the adoption of RDA in Spanish-speaking regions.

DACH Manual

The libraries in the German-speaking countries are in the process of developing a comprehensive cataloguing manual. This manual contains the "Official RDA DACH Application Profile," as well as other aspects of cataloguing. The handbook provides the DACH libraries a single point of reference for all relevant cataloguing information.

The regulations in the handbook refer directly to the RDA Toolkit and are often word-for-word translations. A fair arrangement has been found with ALA for the payment of copyright fees.

The first release of the manual has been published and is freely accessible.

Future of in-person RDA Board meetings

Following a discussion at the June 2024 meeting, the RDA Board has agreed to an adjusted schedule of in-person meetings. Starting in 2025, the second meeting of the year – typically held in June – will follow a one year virtual, two years in-person schedule.

493.3 Annual Report of ALA Digital Reference

RDA Toolkit Releases
- RDA Toolkit Release in January
  - Publication of multilingual display on RDA Toolkit
  - Introduction of bilingual policy statements from Library and Archives Canada
- RDA Toolkit Release in March
  - completed Community Resources space
  - translations of Alternative Guidance menu
- RDA Toolkit Releases in July and September
  - completed Community Resources space
  - translations of Alternative Guidance menu
  - Improvements to alphabetizations in translations
- In 2025 there will be three releases (February, June and October)

Meetings, Webinars and other events
- Free RDA webinars
  - "RDA Handout for Educators and Trainers" by Elisa Sze
  - "Explaining Community Resource" by James Hennelly
  - "Making RDA Work For You: Leveraging the Semantic Coherency of the RDA Element Set" by Damian Iseminger
  - NARDAC Forum in April and October
- Virtual presentation at the „XIII Encuentro de Catalogación y Metadatos RDA", September 2024.
- Assisted with planning of RDA Board Meeting in San Diego in June, including RDA Board outreach event at ALA Annual.
- Planned the RDA Linked Data Forum at ALA Annual with guest speaker Felipe Martinez from the Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico.
- Assisted with the planning of the RSC meeting in November in Washington D.C.
- Provided Toolkit access for multiple training sessions.

Translations and Policy Statements
- Finalized Spanish translation and distribution agreement for Official RDA and provided training on editorial and translation tools. Translation is expected to be complete in 2025.
- Updates to Finnish, French and Norwegian translations.

- Supported Official RDA translation efforts in Catalan and Italian. Expected to be completed in 2025.
- Supported work on new translations in Arabic and Hungarian. Expected completion in 2025.
- Reference translations updated for Catalan, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, and Simplified Chinese. New reference translations include Arabic, Estonian, Hungarian, and Latvian.
- New bilingual (French and English) policy statements from Library and Archives Canada were published.
- An agreement was reached for a new policy statement set from OLAC.

Development Projects
- All RDA-related drupal site were merged to a single site and updated to the latest version of drupal. The new site was migrated to a new hosting and support vendor in April.
- Along with other ALA Publishing units, Digital Reference implemented a new fulfillment vendor. This change should improve RDA revenue through better tracking of subscriptions and payments and improved communication with subscribers. This project was implemented in September.
- Digital reference requested that Dakota Systems add a new server with greater processing power to improve the reliability and speed of file processing for releases. This work was completed in December.
- At the request of the RSC, a new SPARQL Endpoint Query was added to the Registry in April with improvements to the feature made in December.
- Reference translation templates were modified to support unique alt labels for each translation language.
- Worked with the Business Model Working Group, in pursuing new avenues of revenue for RDA, including consultation with ALA lawyers on copyright issues and improvements to user license agreement. A new subscription option will be introduced in 2025.

Upcoming Activities
- Dev work in the coming year will focus on
    - increased support for examples and the Examples Working Group
    - readying the Toolkit to support the Arabic translation
- Registry enhancements to make the data more accessible to developers.
- It has been 5 years since RDA Toolkit has been evaluated for accessibility. After the completion of the Arabic translation, it will be time to test the Toolkit's accessibility once more.

493.4 Report of RSC Secretary

Prepared by Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

The RSC Secretary works continuously with all members of the RSC and reports to the RSC Chair, Renate Behrens, and the Director of ALA Digital Reference, James Hennelly. As such, this report is divided into two areas: RSC Support and *RDA Toolkit* Updates. The RSC website falls between both areas, as it is maintained by ALA Digital Reference on behalf of the RSC. This report covers the period October 2023 – October 2024.

RSC Support

RSC Meetings
Supported the Chair in organising, participated in, drafted and published agenda, minutes and papers for:

- October 2023 Meeting, at the offices of Die Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service GMbH (OBVSG), Raimundgasse 1/3, A-1020 Wien, 17-20 October, including hybrid Public Session on 17 October
    - RSC/Minutes/413-443, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/20806
    - Proposals discussed:
        - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction and Place: jurisdiction of
            - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/Decisions
        - RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2 – Proposal to Revise Term of Rank or Honour or Office
            - RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/Decisions
    - Discussion paper discussed:
        - RSC/TechnicalWG/2023/2 – Soft-deprecated Elements Survey Results
    - Worked with OBVSG to register observers of the meeting, corresponded with them before and after the meeting, and monitored the chat.
- January 2024 Meeting, asynchronously, 29 January – 1 February, including Public Session on Zoom on 30 January
    - RSC/Minutes/444-455, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/21002
    - Operations Documents discussed and updated:
        - RSC/Operations/4/2024
        - RSC/Operations/5/2024
    - Proposals discussed:
        - RSC/FT2024-01 – Definitions for "printer agent of", etc.
            - RSC/FT2024-01/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-02 – Definition for "issuing agent of", etc.
            - RSC/FT2024-02/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-03 – Ordinal numbers
            - RSC/FT2024-03/Decisions

- April 2024 Meeting, asynchronously, 15-18 April, including Public Session on Zoom on 16 April
    - RSC/Minutes/456-468, http://hdl.handle.net/11213/22202
    - Proposals discussed:
        - RSC/ORDAC/2024/1 – Dual-language naming of Corporate Body and Place
            - Assisted Chair in setting up and coordinating a Rapid Action Group to prepare RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev for the November Meeting.
        - RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1/rev – Proposal to revise the element hierarchy for appellations of work groups
            - RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1/rev/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-04 – Fast Track Proposal on "content from type or plates"
            - RSC/FT2024-04/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-05 – Fast Track Proposal for revising Data Provenance Guidance
            - RSC/FT2024-05/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024/06 – Fast Track Proposal to add Region PAL to the RDA Regional Encoding Vocabulary
            - RSC/FT2024-06/Decisions
- July 2024 Meeting, asynchronously, 15-18 July, including Public Session on Zoom on 16 July
    - RSC/Minutes/469-482, https://hdl.handle.net/11213/22656
    - Proposals discussed:
        - RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1 – Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body
            - RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-07 – Fast Track on Clarification of Working on Transcribing Symbols
            - RSC/FT2024-07/Decisions
        - RSC/FT2024-08 – Revisions to Definitions of Aggregate, Aggregating Work, and Aggregates Guidance
            - Assisted Technical Working Group and Education and Orientation Officer in reformatting this as RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2 for the November Meeting.
            - RSC/FT2024-08/Decisions
    - Discussion paper introduced:
        - RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev – Discussion Paper on the Development of Extent Elements in RDA

Other Meetings

- Executive Committee (monthly), including supporting the Chair in drafting the agenda
    - Thanks to James Hennelly for setting the meeting up on MS Teams and recording the meetings.
- 1:1 with the RSC Chair (at least once a month), as required

- *Ad hoc* meetings to support the Chair in her work (re-)negotiating the protocols with other bodies (occasiona), as required.
- 1:1 with the Director of ALA Digital Reference (occasional), as required
- *Ad hoc* meetings with Chairs of Working Groups and RSC members to support them in their work (occasional), as required
- Meetings with hosts of the November meeting (2), as required

RSC Website

The website was updated and now runs on the most recent version of Drupal. Automatic redirects were set up for most main pages. Many links, however, were broken, and it is taking a long time to detect and repair all the broken links. Thanks to members of the RSC and the wider RDA cataloguing community for letting us know when they encounter a broken link.

As Secretary, I update the website with content several times most months. All changes and additions to the website are listed in the 'Additions and Changes to Website' page. News is posted regularly to the 'RSC News' page, posted to RDA-L and circulated via the Regional representatives and WCEO.

Archiving

All public papers are posted to the website and then to the web repository provided by ALAIR. Papers containing information that is confidential for business reasons are released as soon as their confidential period is over. (This category applies to resources that are in the very early stages of development). From 2023 onwards, we no longer publish private minutes – anything business confidential is available to RSC and / or RDA Board members and Working Group members via the project management software and the shared drives we use. Our aim is to be transparent in our operations, and information is shared publicly as soon as possible.

RDA Toolkit **Updates**

Proposals Implemented (including Fast Track Proposals)

- RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/Decisions (January 2024 Toolkit Release)
- RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/Decisions (January 2024 Toolkit Release)
- RSC/FT2024-03/Decisions (March 2024 Toolkit Release)
- RSC/FT2024-05/Decisions (July 2024 Toolkit Release)

Feedback Implemented

The wider RDA community submits some change requests via the feedback button in the Toolkit. Sometimes these lead to proposals or fast tracks, but where they are reporting a typo or other similarly small editorial issue, changes are made by the RSC Secretary. Each Toolkit release included a batch of these, and we would like to thank community members for their diligence in reporting them to us.

493.5 Report of the RDA Examples Editor

Prepared by Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor and Chair of the RDA Examples Working Group

Activities

- The new RDA Examples Editor is successfully transitioning into the role with support from the outgoing Editor.

- Scheduled and led monthly meetings of the RDA Examples Working Group.

- Participated in monthly meetings of the RSC Executive Group and quarterly RSC meetings.

- Responded to full RSC proposals and fast track proposals.

- Collaborated with RDA Examples Working Group members to create new examples for the RDA Toolkit, concentrating on elements with no examples.

- Prioritized the creation of examples related to proposals, especially dual-language names covered in RSC/ORDAC/2024/1.

- Published *RDA Examples Editorial Guide* (RSC/ExamplesEditor/2023/1), compiled by the previous RDA Examples Editor, Honor Moody.

- Created an orientation video on the work of the RDA Examples Editor as part of the onboarding package for incoming RSC members.

- Provided an update on the work of the RDA Examples Working Group to the RDA Translations Working Group and engaged in a discussion about the needs of translators related to examples (25 March 2024).

- Presented *Creating Examples in RDA: Resources for Translators* at the EURIG Translators' Meeting (16 May 2024).

- With the assistance of the Technical Team Liaison Officer, submitted a proposal to add glossary terms for *fictitious entity* and *non-human entity* to the RDA Toolkit (RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1).

- With the RDA Examples Working Group, discussed methods for creating full RDA examples as PDF documents.

Goals

- Continue to create new examples for the RDA Toolkit, especially for new elements and new or revised instructions.

- As new policy documents are added to the Toolkit or made publicly available, develop examples for RDA elements covered in these documents in order to assist those user communities with training.

- Collaborate with James Hennelly, Director of ALA Digital Reference, on a public form for the larger RDA community to submit examples for possible inclusion in the RDA Toolkit.

- With the RDA Examples Working Group, create full examples in PDF format for inclusion in the RDA Toolkit and/or RDA website.

- Add the criterion to the general guidelines of the *RDA Examples Editorial Guide* (RSC/ExamplesEditor/2023/1) stating that examples should avoid the use of hate works, prejudicial works, and other content likely to cause harm or distress. Additionally, develop procedures for removing content flagged as harmful and replacing it with appropriate examples.

- Review *CMS Guide: Examples* and revise as needed.

- Assess CMS and stylesheet functionality for areas of improved display of examples in the RDA Toolkit.

- Assess the ongoing need for "Recording Methods" as a specific category of examples in the RDA Toolkit.

493.6 Report of the Education and Orientation Officer
Prepared by Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer

Activities since October 2023

- January 2024: Revised the "RDA Teaching & Training Tips" handout to incorporate feedback received at the October 2023 RSC meeting. The final English version of the handout has since been published.
- May 2024:
  - Presented at the Translators Meeting at the EURIG Annual Meeting (16 May)
  - Participated in the PCC Phase 1 Introductory RDA Training webinar series as a guest presenter for 2 sessions: Aggregates (15 May) and Diachronic Works (22 May).
- June 2024: Attended ALA Annual Conference (28 June-1 July) to network with RDA Board members, cataloguing educators, and cataloguers.
- July 2024: Worked with Ángela Quiroz Ubierna (Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional, Chile, and Grupo RDA Chile), who provided a Spanish translation of the "RDA Teaching & Training Tips" handout. This handout was published in September.
- September 2024:
  - Participated in training on how to use the Drupal editor that underlies the RDA website (i.e., the portion of the https://www.rdatoolkit.org/ website that resides outside of the RDA Toolkit subscription tool).
  - Reorganized and updated the landing page of the "Learning Resources" section of the website to incorporate links to resources for educators and community-based training materials.
  - Presented on the topic of "Teaching RDA" at the XIII Encuentro Latino-Americano de Catalogación y Metadatos (27 September).

- Since the July 2024 RSC meeting:
  - Continued to develop the "Template slides for educators", which will be presented to RSC members for discussion at the November 2024 meeting.
  - Contributed to the development of [FT2024-08 Revisions to Definitions of Aggregate, Aggregating Work, and Aggregates Guidance](#). After discussion within the RSC meeting in July, it was decided that the fast track would be modified and reintroduced to the November 2024 meeting as a [full proposal](#).
  - Joined the Examples Working Group as an ex-officio member, contributing to discussions around process, as well as proposing element-specific examples.
- Continued to network with educators and trainers, and respond to requests for one-on-one meetings and chats about teaching with the official RDA Toolkit.

Beyond my direct role within the RSC, I remained engaged in efforts to increase RDA adoption in my region, namely through my continued participation on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing as a Member-at-large, and leadership of the RDA Training in Canada Working Group, which began meeting as a collective agent in May 2024.

Activities planned for the coming year

- Build out the "Learning Resources" section of the RDA website to incorporate more content targeted at educators and trainers, including the collocation of links to teaching and training resources.
- Continue outreach efforts on behalf of RSC, including providing presentations when invited.
- Continue to network with educators and trainers about RDA.
- Continue participating on the Examples Working Group.

493.7 Report of Wider Community Engagement Officer
Prepared by Charlene Chou, Wider Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)

Summary

I would like to report my activities from October 2023 to September 2024 in the following categories: outreach efforts, collaboration with EOO, MARC Advisory Committee meetings, and working groups. This is my third report. I plan to engage with more libraries and communities in the coming year as I wrap up my work for the second term.

Outreach activities, plans and strategies
- Charlene created and maintains the [outreach spreadsheet](#).
- Charlene presented [RDA Updates](#) at the Shanghai Library on July 17. The Shanghai Library is a large research institution, and most of their technical services staff attended the meeting. During the Q&A session, many questions were discussed and addressed.

- Charlene had a meeting with the National Central Library about AI and RDA on July 31, 2024, and NCL has invited me to present a webinar on AI and RDA in December 2024.
- Charlene presented [The Impact of AI on Knowledge Access and Discovery: An Assessment of Present and Future Developments](#) at the [CALA AP (Chinese American Library Association, Asia-Pacific) Chapter September Seminar, session one](#), on September 26, 2024. During the Q&A, I was able to respond to a question about the official RDA toolkit.
- Charlene presented [Introduction to the Official RDA Toolkit](#) at the JULAC (Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee) Bibliographic Services Committee meeting on December 15, 2023.
- Charlene presented "[Cataloguing e-resources in RDA](#)" on October 27, 2023. This is part of the RDA Plus webinar series, organised by the National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Since December 2023, Charlene has communicated with Ben Gu (National Library of China) and Jamie (ALA) to translate RDA Reference into simplified Chinese scripts. Ben finished translations in May 2024. Ben published a Chinese article: [RDA Registry–The Foundation for Cataloging in the Web Era](#), to describe his translation experience.
- Charlene communicated with the National Central Library (NCL) and Jamie (ALA) to respond to their questions about translating RDA Reference into Chinese traditional scripts. Jamie has shared the template for NCL to translate RDA Reference into traditional Chinese scripts. NCL is still working on it.
- Charlene's RDA webinar for CALIS (China Academic Library and Information System) was postponed from December 2022 to 2024. However, due to a policy change, the RDA webinar was cancelled in the spring of 2024.
- Per the RSC Chair's invitation, Charlene coordinated a planning meeting for the RSC panel, held on October 16, 2023. For the 2024 RSC meeting, it's likely that Charlene will participate in planning for the outreach day.
- Charlene presented her [NYU Experience with Share-VDE](#) at the Linked Data Conference on October 5, organised by the National Taiwan University. My presentation contents will cover the SVDE ontologies and SEI, an entity working group and its work includes LRM/WEMI mapping.
- Outreach strategies to consider:
  - In 2024, most library events are focusing on AI, and Charlene received several invitations to speak about AI rather than RDA.
  - Haliza Jailani, the RDA Board representative for Asia from the National Library Board of Singapore, conducted an RDA survey in May 2022 and shared the results with the RDA Board and RSC. Charlene would like to discuss outreach strategies with her and Elisa (EOO) in October 2024.
  - Can RSC collaborate with PCC international members and Library of Congress Field Offices for RDA outreach activities?

Collaboration with EOO
- EOO has created the template teaching slides for educators and trainers, and WCEO has provided initial feedback. This is a follow-up action on the collaboration ideas outlined below.
  - On July 24, WCEO and EOO had a meeting to brainstorm about collaboration ideas and the key points can be summarised in the following three categories.
    - Generic set of presentation slides, intended for individual communities to adapt to their needs.
    - Identifying educator outreach in non-conventional education settings
    - Non-Latin script communities

MARC Advisory Committee meetings
- Charlene attended the MARC Advisory Committee meetings from June 25-26 and asked TWG and RSC for comments in advance. Since most proposals are related to $0 and $1, both the TWG and RSC decided not to share the RSC responses. For the proposals and discussion papers, go to MAC Annual 2024 Agenda (Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress) (loc.gov)
- Charlene attended the MAC meetings from January 24-25, 2024. Charlene asked the RSC and TSW chair for their comments in advance. The TSW chair shared a comment to clarify a misinterpretation regarding Proposal No. 2024-01: Recording Numeric Designation of Musical Expressions in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats, and Charlene shared this comment during the MAC meeting. For the proposals and discussion papers, go to https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/mw2024_age.html

Religions in RDA Working Group
- The group submitted a proposal to revise instructions for Name of Corporate Body in July. Recommendations 1-3 accepted; Recommendation 4 rejected and re-presented at the November RSC Meeting as RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2.

Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on AI
- To enhance collaboration with other international organisations, Charlene serves as the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on AI representative on the PCC Task Group for AI and Machine Learning in Cataloging and Metadata.
- Charlene assisted the Chair in drafting the AI white paper.

Rapid Action Dual- / Single-language Names Group
- Charlene has participated in discussions, gathered examples, and conducted a literature review within this group.

493.8 Report of Technical Team Liaison Officer

Prepared by Damian Iseminger, Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group

The Officer attended the monthly meetings of the RDA Administrative Team and of the RDA Development Team, where he prepared updates on technical issues related to the maintenance of RDA Reference and its interactions with RDA Toolkit and helped identify future directions for technical development of RDA Toolkit.

Technical advice and support has been given to RSC members; members of the Examples Working Group and the Translations Working Group; policy statement agencies; and to members of the cataloguing community.

The Technical Team Liaison Officer presented the following during the past year:

- *Making RDA Work For You: Leveraging the Semantic Coherency of the RDA Element Set* at the RSC Outreach event on 16 October 2023, in Vienna, Austria and virtually on 26 February 2024.

The Technical Team Team Liaison Officer prepared the following proposals and responses to proposals made by members of the RSC:

- October 2023 meeting
    - RSC/TechnicalWG/2023/1
    - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 (prepared in role as ex-officio of the Places Working Group)
    - RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2/TechnicalTLO Response
    - RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/TechnicalTLO Response

- May 2024 meeting
    - RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1
    - RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/TechnicalTLO Response

- July 2024 meeting
    - RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1/TechnicalTLO Response

The Technical Team Liaison Officer participated in the following activities during the past year:

- Worked with ALA Digital and Dakota in developing a SPARQL endpoint for the RDA Element Set and value vocabularies. Proof of concept was successfully implemented and tested. A publicly available endpoint will hopefully be available in 2025.
- Participated in the Expert Review of ISBD for Manifestation. Provided feedback to the ISBD Review Group.
- Updated the Staff Registry and RDA Reference to incorporate all changes resulting from proposals considered and approved by the RSC.

- Worked with the ALA Liaison Officer and Dakota to resolve long-standing bugs in the generation of RDA Reference.
- Worked with the Education and Orientation Officer in revising the Guidance for aggregates in *RDA Toolkit.* Proposal to be discussed at the November 2024 meeting.
- Worked with the RDA Examples Editor in creating definitions for *fictitious entity* and *non-human entity*. Proposal to be discussed at the November 2024 meeting.
- Discussed a re-aggregation proposal developed by members of the Technical Working Group.
- Discussed developing SHACL validation files for use with the RDA Element Set with the Technical Working Group.
- Approved additional object elements for the RDA Element Set with plans to implement in 2025.
- Participated in the work of the Places and Extent Working Groups.
- Reviewed potential proposals from RSC constituents.
- Reviewed fast track proposals.

The Technical Team Liaison Officer will be concluding his term at the end of 2024, with Christopher Holden, Library of Congress, USA set to become the new officer in 2025. The current officer will become past chair of the Technical Working Group so as to ensure a smooth transition for the incoming officer.

Damian Iseminger
1 October 2024

493.9 Report of the Translations Team Liaison Officer
Prepared by Szabolcs Dancs, Translations Team Liaison Officer and backup EURIG representative at RSC, 30 September 2024

Outreach activities
- Consulted with librarians Romania from (university library in Cluj Napoca) about the possibility of the implementation of RDA in their country – a whole-day course is planned to be held by the Library Institute at the Hungarian national library in order to provide an introduction to RDA for the Romanian colleagues.
- Delivered a presentation about RDA and its potential applications at the annual meeting of the Association of Librarians in Hungary.
- As the editor-in-chief of Central European Library and Information Science Review (CELISR), I initiated and supported to publish the article titled "Internationalisation of cataloguing in cultural institutions with RDA using the example of the German-speaking region", written by Renate Behrens (available here).

Liaison activities

- Organized a special translators' meeting (online) where Jessica Gzegorski, chair of the Examples Working Group shared information about the work of the WG, and issues raised by other team members were discussed.
- Attended the experts' review of ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM) and provided comments regarding ISBDM.
- Attended meetings of the Admin and Dev teams, RSC Executive Meetings and participated at the asynchronous meetings of RSC via conference call. Other meetings were followed via consulting the recordings. Followed the work of other WGs, e.g. Examples WG.
- Answered or mediated queries from translators via email.
- Updated the content of the RDA Translations wiki. Adjusted the member list on Basecamp.
- Created presentation for and organized RDA Translators' Meeting in the framework of the annual EURIG meeting; uploaded presentations to make them available for the team. The meeting was held on 16th May.
- Checked the Spanish translation of RDA Reference.
- Organized a "Refresher on translation process" meeting which was held 25th July.
- Updated the content of the RDA Translations wiki and the RDA Translation Resources folder (on Google Drive). Adjusted the member list on Basecamp.
- Created difference reports and templates for Registry for translator teams.
- Created formal responses to proposals.

Goals for the coming year
- Giving a momentum to outreach activities (mainly in Europe).
- Contributing and mediating between RSC and countries open to provide venue for RSC meetings in the future.
- Organizing further online meetings for the teams to refresh their knowledge regarding translation procedures, if needed.
- Giving a presentation to Romanian colleagues interested in implementing RDA.
- Providing a presentation on RDA and its potential applications on the request of the Association of Librarians in Hungary.

493.10 Report of the Europe Representative
Prepared by Ahava Cohen, Europe Region Representative

EURIG
The Europe Region is represented by the European RDA Interest Group (EURIG). EURIG has 53 member organizations in 30 countries.

Annual Meeting 2024

This year's annual EURIG meeting was held May 15-16 2024 at the National Library of Finland. Presentations focused on the use of RDA in practical applications. Slides and recordings from the Annual Meeting are available on the regional website: https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/eurig-annual-meeting-15-16th-may-2024

Attendees of the EURIG Annual Meeting, May 15 2024, outside the National Library of Finland

Following the decision at last year's Annual Meeting to stagger elections to the Executive Committee, a new Vice Chair (Hannes Lowagie, KBR Royal Library of Belgium) and Secretary (Emilie Sørine Ullerup, Royal Danish Library) were elected.

The election also triggered a change in the ex-officio membership of the EURIG Editorial Board. The current EdCo members are:

- Hannes Lowagie (KBR Royal Library of Belgium)
- Heloise Lecomte (ABES - Agence bibliographique de l'enseignement supérieur)
- Mélanie Roche (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
- Thurstan Young (British Library)
- Ahava Cohen (National Library of Israel)
- Christian Aliverti (Swiss National Library)

- Jenny Wright (BDS - Bibliographic Data Services Ltd.)
- Renate Behrens (RSC Chair)
- Szabolcs Dancs (National Széchényi Library)
- Emilie Sørine Ullerup (Royal Danish Library)

Former members of the EdCo are invited to share the result of their constituency consultations with the official committee members and are considered emeritus, non-voting members.

Translations
EURIG members continue to be the largest group of full and partial translators of the Official Toolkit, under the guidance of the Translations Working Group Chair, EURIG representative for the National Széchényi Library Szabolcs Dancs. Therefore it is only natural that the annual Translators' meeting was held, as it usually is, in conjunction with the EURIG annual meeting.

Additional Presentations
As in previous years, EURIG members have brought their interest in RDA and IFLA-LRM in to conferences and presentations held under other auspices, including the [European BIBFRAME Workshop](#).

European RSC Working Group members presented their work at the NARDAC Fall Update Forum on November 13 2023. Hannes Lowagie of the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR) is scheduled to present at the NARDAC Fall Update Forum on October 21 2024 about how PowerApps can assist in the realm of cataloguing; the EURIG representative (acting as the Chair of the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence) will also present at the Forum meeting.

At a June 28 2024 preconference event in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference Christian Aliverti (RDA Board Member for Europe; Swiss National Library, Switzerland), along with other international board members, discussed the impact of RDA on his community's cataloging and metadata practices and how Europe is addressing the obstacles and challenges of official RDA

Several EURIG members have organized events around RDA topics, including:

The National Library of Greece (NLG) undertook a nation-wide initiative to introduce Official RDA to the library community and catalogers in Greece. From November 2023 to February 2024 12 three-hour long web seminars were broadcast, covering topics ranging from "what is LRM" to real-time cataloging in a MARC21 environment using RDA guidelines to a session on diachronic works. On average 80 people participated in each session.
All recordings are freely available on NLG's YouTube channel. A second, more advanced, web series of webinars about RDA is planned.

In the spring of 2024 Israel celebrated a decade since its initial implementation of RDA. To honor that anniversary the **National Library of Israel** and the National Metadata Forum are holding a series of webinars, running through the annual Catalogers' Day in late February. Sessions planned through the end of 2024 include a history of RDA implementation in Israel, the proper application of relationship designators, a talk by RSC Chair Renate Behrens about the conceptual models behind RDA and aligned metadata work, an introduction to application profiles and a session on metadata guidance documents on diachronic works.

On July 31 2024 the **UK Committee on RDA** and the **CILIP Metadata & Discovery Group** ran an "Uncataloguing Workshop" which allowed catalogers to develop an understanding of the LRM vocabulary and concepts without being prescriptive training. The workshop deconstructed the traditional bibliographic record and got cataloguers to think critically about the access points for Works, Expressions and Manifestations.

Following the **CILIP** AGM on September 04 2024, Hannes Lowagie of the **Royal Library of Belgium** gave a talk about the use of Microsoft PowerApps as an engine for the detection and enhancement of metadata. During his talk Lowagie presented results of initial tests demonstrating the use of PowerApps for creating an RDA application profile linked to an automated validation file. This validation file can be used to ensure individual records conform to the RDA application profile standards.

The **Dutch RDA commission** organized an event in February 2024 about RDA and linked data. The program, presentations and records are available at https://rdacommissie.home.blog/evenementen/studiedag-29-februari-2024/

More information about RDA activities in Europe can be found in the Annual Report of the Translations Team Liaison Officer and the RSC Chair Board Report for March.

Branding
EURIG has chosen a new logo to better align with the style and colors of the Toolkit. We thank ALA for their assistance in creating the logo.

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European RDA Interest Group

493.11 Report of the North America Representative

Prepared by: Robert L. Maxwell, NARDAC Representative to RSC, and Clara Liao, NARDAC chair

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) is the entity that represents the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), comprising representatives from the American Library Association, the Canadian Committee on Cataloging, the Library of Congress, the North American French-speaking cataloging community, and Library Science education. NARDAC's membership, as of September 2023, consists of:

- ALA Representatives:
    - Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University, 2021- ; NARDAC representative to RSC
    - Adam Schiff, University of Washington, 2022-
- Library of Congress (LC) Representatives:
    - Melanie Polutta, 2019- ; NARDAC Coordinator of Web Content; back-up NARDAC representative to RSC
    - Clara Liao, 2021- ; NARDAC chair (2022-)
- Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives:
    - Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library, 2018-
    - Hong Cui, Library and Archives Canada, 2023-
- French-speaking Cataloging Community Representative
    - Daniel Paradis, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, 2024-
- Library Science Education Representative
    - Shawne Miksa, University of North Texas , 2024-

Daniel Paradis and Shawne Miksa joined the committee this year.

NARDAC met monthly, virtually, and had occasional special meetings.

Committee Work
NARDAC activities included:

- RDA Introductory Training
    - Four NARDAC members worked on the PCC SCT RDA Introductory Training Task Group
    - 17 Training Modules were finalized and posted in Dec. 2023 Phase 1: PCC Introductory RDA Training (loc.gov)

- 11 free training webinars based on those training modules were held from March-May 2024 [Phase 1: PCC Introductory RDA Training Webinars (loc.gov)](loc.gov)
- PCC RDA Test Feedback
  - PCC RDA Test Committee sent 418 comments about RDA Toolkit to NARDAC for further review. NARDAC focused on 124 marked with high priority and finished review by early 2024. We forwarded the remaining 294 comments to PCC, as many of the issues will need some special cataloging expertise in certain formats/areas.
  - Among 124 that were reviewed:
    - 74 (60%) relating to RDA Toolkit/RDA instructions were forwarded to RSC or ALA
    - 26 (20%) needing further policy discussion were sent to PCC (RDA Communications Committee) for the new proposals if PCC so chooses
    - 22 (18%) relating to training issues were sent to the RDA Training Task Group and RSC Education Officer
    - 2 (2%) were resolved while the LC DITA team worked on PS updates
- Metadata Guidance Documentation on representative expression elements. After almost one year's work, [MG: Work: Representative expression: [Element] of representative expression (loc.gov)](loc.gov) was published in late June 2023. Three NARDAC members worked on drafting, reviewing and updating the MGD.
- RDA Proposals. NARDAC is working on three proposals and will submit to RSC soon:
  - Source of information;
  - Corporate Body: variant access point of corporate body;
  - Using Roman numerals in the name access points

Outreach Activities
- NARDAC Held 3 forums
  - 2023 NARDAC Fall Update Forum, invited the representatives of the 4 current RSC working groups, including Thomas Brenndorfer (Extent Working Group), Gordon Dunsire (Extent Working Group), Patrick Henderson (Religions in RDA Working Group), Hanoch Roniger (Official Languages Working Group), Esther Scheven (Place/Jurisdiction Working Group) and Renate Behrens (RSC Chair), to introduce RSC Working Groups and give updates about their work. NARDAC member and LAC representative, Hong Cui, gave updates about LAC's bilingual policy statements.
  - 2024 NARDAC Spring Update Forum, invited 6 experienced RDA trainers, including Adam Baron (UC Berkeley), Thomas Brenndorfer (Guelph Public Library), Bob Maxwell (Brigham Young University), Melanie Polutta (LC), Louise Spiteri (Dalhousie University), and Elisa Sze (University of Toronto) with different backgrounds/experiences to join an RDA Training Panel Discussion

- 2024 NARDAC ALA Update Forum, invited 6 RDA Board members from different regions, including Christian Aliverti, RDA Board Member for Europe; Swiss National Library, Switzerland; Judith Cannan, RDA Board Member for North America; Library of Congress; Julia Hickie, RDA Board Member for Oceania; National Library of Australia; Ng Hui Ling, Acting for Haliza Jailani, RDA Board Member for Asia; National Library Board Singapore; Rania Osman, RDA Board Member for Africa; Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt; Ángela Quiroz Ubierna, RDA Board Member for Latin America and the Caribbean; Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile and Renate Behrens, RSC Chair to talk about "RDA Training & Implementation Around the World"
- Expansion of NARDAC membership
  - Contacted the following libraries/professional communities for new members:
    - The Municipal Mediatheque Library | Tourism Saint-Pierre and Miquelon (spm-tourisme.fr)
    - Public and National Library of Greenland
    - Canadian French Cataloging Groups
    - Technical Service Education Special Interest Groups (SIGs) (alise.org)
  - Successfully recruited two new members, Daniel Paradis, bringing French cataloging skills and Shawne D. Miksa, full time cataloging educator in academic environment. Their 2-year renewable term started in May 2024.
- NARDAC contacted the PCC Working Group on Metadata Application Profiles for a presentation about RDA application profiles. We also contacted New Zealand colleagues for an update about their RDA implementation. Both groups have responded that they can give presentations in the near future.

493.12 Report of the Oceania Representative
Prepared by Charlotte Christensen, Oceania representative to RSC

This year ORDAC has farewelled our inaugural Chair Anoushka McGuire and our last RSC representative Melissa Parent. We have welcomed several new members providing us with a broader representation across types of descriptive communities, and we have a couple of vacancies still to fill.

Through our RDA Board member's leadership, we have been exploring ways in which to involve views from first nations and indigenous communities as they relate to RDA and the standard's development. This is a topic of particular interest to our region, not only for changes to RDA that might benefit those communities, but also that their views are considered in proposed changes to RDA across the whole Toolkit. Increasing engagement with communities who have previously had no voice in how descriptions are constructed can enrich the standard and make it more likely to be used in settings outside the traditional cataloguing institutions.

Proposal

The main piece of work undertaken by ORDAC in the 2024 year has been the RSC paper RSC/ORDAC/2024/1 to add options that explicitly allow for place and corporate body names that involve words of more than one language. This is a common situation faced by cataloguers in the Oceania region and has long been.

Official RDA in Oceania

The National Library of New Zealand implemented Official RDA as of 1 August 2024. While some policies and guidance are still in development, all cataloguers at the national library are using Official RDA in their daily work. The National Library of New Zealand approach has been to use the Toolkit as directly as possible, so that all RDA-related documentation is available in the same place. Phase 1 and 2 training materials have been made publicly available so that other institutions may use what they find useful, and the Phase 3 materials will be available in the next year.

In Australia, a report is being finalised on a national approach to Official RDA implementation, setting out a roadmap for how all Australian libraries can be ready for the May 2027 deadline. This paper is not yet available publicly but will be by the time of the RSC meeting.

Outreach

The outreach during 2024 has been focused on the proposal mentioned above. Given the implementation planning occurring both in New Zealand and Australia the focus of ORDAC members has been on supporting those efforts in each country, and with membership changes we have not had the resourcing for more active community contact.

That said, ORDAC intends to build a more communicative presence with the descriptive community by establishing a schedule of regular webinars. These are likely to begin as information sharing sessions but could also involve Q&A sessions or panel discussions. It is our intention to hold the first of these before the end of 2024, prior to the summer break over Christmas which is the main holiday period for our region.

We are also still keen to develop a future discussion paper exploring indigenous and first nations perspectives on Agent and Place as it is relevant to resource description. The experience of presenting and advocating for RSC/ORDAC/2024/1 have provided important learning about how such issues which are very relevant and immediate to those of us in Oceania can be entirely unfamiliar to other regions. In order to support the international relevance of RDA, it is important not only to raise the issues but to do so in a way that allows existing RDA descriptive communities to consider how such issues may also be relevant in their areas even if they were not previously aware of them. It is also an opportunity for us all to reflect that not all issues are in

fact relevant to every descriptive community, and that that is okay too; that RDA can support the needs of small communities as well as large.

493.13 Liaison with Other International Bodies
Prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, 28 September 2024

493.13.1 IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards
The RSC is in an ongoing process of updating the various liaisons. The first of these was a new agreement with the IFLA Committee on Standards (https://www.ifla.org/units/cos/) in August 2023. There is now a direct liaison between the CoS and the RSC. Both are bound to the positions of the respective chairs (RSC/Chair/2023/3/rev).

493.13.1.1 IFLA has published a new strategic plan and is working on planning the next congress, which will take place in Astana, Kazakhstan, in August 2025.

493.13.1.2 An Accessibility Metadata Network (https://www.ifla.org/units/accessibility-metadata-network/) was founded at the 2023 congress in Rotterdam and is currently working on a statement.

493.13.1.3 The Bibliographic conceptual Models (BCM) Review Group is planning to revise the LRM and is currently setting up a working group for this purpose.

493.13.1.4 The ISBDM has gone through all stages of the review process and is currently being updated. The final draft is expected to be submitted to the Committee on Standards for approval in winter. Publication as a web tool is planned for next year. https://www.ifla.org/g/isbd-rg/isbd-for-manifestation-isbdm/

493.13.1.5 Initial considerations for the next step (extension of the ISBD for Work, Expression and Item) are being developed and will also be presented to the Committee on Standards.

493.13.2 ISSN International Centre
The existing protocol with the ISSN IC will be updated. Initial preparations for this have already been made.

493.13.3 PCC
Closer cooperation with the PCC was requested. This will initially be trialled as a pilot project between the respective working groups on AI. The WEO of the RSC, Charlene Chou, is a member of both working groups.

493.13.4 BIBFRAME

Closer co-operation with the BIBFRAME community is also desired. This is currently problematic as this community has no organisational structure. However, the RSC can conclude an official protocol with an existing sustainable organisational structure. At this year's meeting of the BIBFRAME community in Helsinki (BIBFRAME in Europe Workshop), it was agreed that the BIBFRAME community will work on such a structure soon. The strong will for intensive co-operation was confirmed.

Authorised by the RDA Steering Committee
27 January 2025.