

To: RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee
From: Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Subject: RSC Annual Report for 2024

This is the Annual report of the RDA Steering Committee to the RDA Board for the calendar year 2024. The report was prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, with assistance from the RSC Secretary, Anne Welsh, and input from the rest of the RSC. In particular, your attention is drawn to the individual annual reports of RSC members, published as Appendices to [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#). The Annual Report consolidates and adds to the reports made at the RDA Board Meetings ([RSC/Chair/2024/10](#) ; [RSC/Chair/2024/15](#) ; [RSC/Chair/2024/16](#)).

This year, the RSC met four times: asynchronously in January, April and July and in Washington DC in November. [Public minutes are available on ALAIR](#) for each of these meetings ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) ; [RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) ; [RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) ; [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)). The RSC would like to formally thank the Library of Congress and the American Library Association Washington Office for their generous hosting of our in-person meeting.

The Library of Congress also hosted and co-organised our outreach day on Tuesday 12 November 2024. [The recording of the Outreach Day is available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube channel](#), with individual presentations starting at the following times:

- 00:00:00 'The RDA-DACH manual and the DACH Documentation Platform' -- Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
- 01:00:43 'Implementing Official RDA' -- Charlotte Christensen, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand ; RSC Oceania Representative
- 01:50:33 'BIBFRAME with RDA' -- Sally McCallum, Paul Frank and Kevin Ford, Library of Congress.

The RSC published its [Action Plan 2024-2026 \(RSC/Chair/2024/1\)](#) in January 2024, drawing on the [RDA Board Strategic Plan 2023-2025](#), alongside its [Annual Report 2023](#). The current Annual Report provides an overview of activities in calendar year 2024.

As shared in the announcement on the RSC news page, Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, would like to thank Judith Cannan and the Library of Congress for hosting the RSC Meeting and the Outreach Day.



Image: The organisers of the Outreach Day, in the West Dining Room of the Library of Congress: Colleen Barbus (Chair of the RDA Board), James Hennelly (Director of ALA Digital Reference), Judith Cannan (Library of Congress and RDA Board), Damian Iseminger (Library of Congress and RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer), Renate Behrens (RSC Chair) and Clara Liao (Library of Congress). Not in picture: Anne Welsh (RSC Secretary), behind camera.

RSC Action Plan 2024-2026 was approved in the January RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 451) and published on 30 January as [RSC/Chair/2024/1](#).

RSC Action Plan 2024 Outcomes

1 Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard

- a. Offer support to communities interested in developing discussion papers and proposals. *Ongoing.*
- b. With the RDA Board, support the community on the approach to the start of the countdown clock in May 2026. *Ongoing.*
- c. Together with the RDA Board, review community implementations of RDA. *Ongoing.*

- d. Monitor use of Community Resources area and communicate decisions to users. *Ongoing.*
- e. Together with the RDA Board, review implementations of RDA. *Ongoing.*
- f. First the Technical Working Group, then the RSC:
 - Begin BIBFRAME mapping
 - Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions). *Ongoing.*
- g. Continue to monitor use of soft-deprecated elements. *Ongoing.*
- h. Monitor application profiles under development by community members. *Ongoing.*
- i. Further the development of RDA concepts (in line with the IFLA LRM). *Ongoing.*
- j. Further develop Nomen and Timespan instructions. *Paused.*
- k. Toolkit development goals that impact the RSC:
 - Consolidate the RSC website with other related Drupal sites, including development of space for regional committees and better sharing of content. *Completed.*
 - Development of mapping tool. *Ongoing.*
 - Implement Community Resources access for both CMS users and non-CMS users. *Development completed; implementation ongoing as Toolkit users request access.*
 - Development of RDA templates. *Paused.*

2 Increase the adoption of RDA

- a. Continue to support regional groups. *Ongoing.*
- b. Investigate an affiliate RSC membership status for regions not yet represented on the RSC, with an eye toward moving those regions to full membership status. *Ongoing.*
- c. Begin outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate. *Ongoing.*
- d. Explore interest amongst library management in the future of cataloguing. *Paused.*
- e. Continue outreach and orientation to LIS education and training activities. *Ongoing.*

3 Provide relevant governance

- a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals as Technical Team Liaison Officer and Translation Team Liaison Officer. *Chris Holden appointed; Szabolcs Dancs re-appointed.*
- b. Recruit for RSC Chair-Elect (2025). *Task for 2025.*
- c. Reappoint Task and Finish Working Groups as required. *Extent Working Group reappointed; Religions in RDA now an Advisory Working Group.*
- d. Consider the demand for further Task and Finish Working Groups. *Ongoing.*
- e. Contribute to the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence
 - Recruit RSC members (2024). *Completed; AI Working Group is operational.*
- f. Continue to review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups. *Ongoing.*
 - Publish RSC/Chair/2023/3 – Protocol with IFLA Committee on Standards as soon as it is ratified by IFLA's Governing Body. *Completed.*

- Update [RSC/Chair/13 – Protocol between the RSC and the ISSN International Centre](#) in consultation with the ISSN International Centre. *Ongoing*.

4 Support the ALA Librarian and Archivist in archiving RSC materials. *Ongoing*.

RDA Toolkit

There were 4 Toolkit releases in 2024, in January, March, July and September.

24 January 2024

“The January 2024 release includes a couple of improvements to the RDA Toolkit, a couple of element name changes, and the introduction of a policy statements from Library and Archives Canada/Bibliothèque et Archives Canada in both English and French (LAC PS and BAC ÉP respectively).

One new enhancement to the Toolkit is a new display of locally shared notes in user's profile collection. Once users are logged into their profiles, they can click on "Bookmarks and Notes" in the top menu bar, and they will now find a separate section for locally shared notes. Reminder: Locally shared notes are shared only with profiles associated with the same institutional account.

The other new feature is that all policy statement sets are now available to view no matter which RDA language you select. For example, users can now read the French language BAC ÉP while viewing the English language RDA text, and vice versa. Please read "[Setting Up Multilingual Display in RDA Toolkit](#)" to activate this new feature.

Changes to RDA terminology and practice are listed in the table below. Two of them involve changes to element names and arose from a proposal ([RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2](#)) by the Place/Jurisdiction Working Group that was accepted by the RDA Steering Committee at their October meeting.

The release updates the French and Norwegian translations, bringing them up to date with the September 2023 release of the Toolkit. The Finnish translation is current with the English RDA text. Updates to policy statements from the British Library, Library of Congress - Program for Cooperative Cataloging, National Library of Finland and National Library of New Zealand were updated as well. The new LAC PS/BAC ÉP are limited to Manifestation elements in this release” ([January 2024 RDA Toolkit Release | RDA Toolkit](#)). RDA Toolkit subscribers can also access '[Notes on the January 24, 2024 RDA Toolkit Release](#)'.

21 March 2024

“The March 2024 release includes light changes to RDA content, the introduction of the new Community Resources space, and the addition of the Orientation version of the Guidance menu in French and Finnish languages.

Changes to the RDA standard include correction of typos, broken or missing links, etc. Most notable is the removal of some condition options related to the transcription guidance to the Legacy Community Resources pages. There were also updates to the French and Finnish language translations and all policy statements sets.

The Community Resources space has been rebuilt so that it can host contributions from a broad range of RDA Toolkit subscribers. Contributions to the CR space can be made through using the RDA content management system or the HTML editor available on the Toolkit.

Contributors to the CR space must first be approved by the RDA Steering Committee” ([March 2024 RDA Toolkit Release | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)). RDA Toolkit subscribers can read more about the Community Resources space [here](#) and can complete [an online form](#) to apply to contribute. ‘[Notes on the March 21, 2024 RDA Toolkit Release](#)’ is available to subscribers.

30 July 2024

“The July 2024 release is a small one. The only significant editorial change to report is the revision to the data provenance instructions in Guidance. There were, as usual, corrections to typos, bad links and other minor issues, as well as the addition of new examples.

In terms of RDA Toolkit development, the revised Community Resources (CR) space has been extended to the Finnish and French versions of the Toolkit. Contributions to the CR space can be made through using the RDA content management system or the HTML editor available on the Toolkit.” ([July 2024 RDA Toolkit Release | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)). RDA Toolkit subscribers can read more about the Community Resources space [here](#) and can complete [an online form](#) to apply to contribute. ‘[Notes on the July 30, 2024 RDA Toolkit Release](#)’ is available to subscribers.

29 September 2024

“The latest release to RDA Toolkit took place on September 29 and contains no significant changes to the standard. It does include corrections to the English, Finnish and French versions of the Toolkit. Policy statements have been added, with significant additions from Library and Archives Canada and the National Library of New Zealand” ([September 2024 RDA Toolkit Release | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)). Subscribers can access ‘[Notes on the September 29, 2024 RDA Toolkit Release](#)’.

RDA Registry

The [RDA Registry](#) contains vocabularies that represent the RDA entities, elements, and controlled terminologies as [RDA element sets](#) and [RDA value vocabularies](#) in Resource Description Framework (RDF). Data contained in the Registry populate the Glossary, vocabulary encoding scheme term lists, and sections of each element page in the RDA Toolkit. The RDA Registry produced 3 GitHub releases or pre-releases in 2024, beginning with 5.0.19 in January and ending with 5.1.1 in September:

Release v5.0.19, January 2024

“This release corrects errors in the lexical aliases in the Unconstrained element set. The suffix .en was missing from the following elements:

- rdau:P61048
- rdau:P61047
- rdau:P61007”

([Release Release v5.0.19 · RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies · GitHub](#)).

Release v5.1.0, June 2024

“This release supports the July 2024 issue of RDA Toolkit. Changes to the element sets and the term lists are detailed in the attachments.

[Release Notes for v5.1.0 Canonical Elements.txt](#)

[Release Notes for v5.1.0 Datatype and Object Elements.txt](#)

[Release Notes for v5.1.0 Term Lists.txt](#)”

([Release Release v5.1.0 · RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies · GitHub](#)).

Release v5.1.1, September 2024

“This release supports the September 2024 issue of RDA Toolkit” ([Release Release v5.1.1 · RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies · GitHub](#)).

2024 was Damian Iseminger’s final year as Technical Team Liaison Officer, and his annual report is available at [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Appendix 493.8. He will stay on as Past Chair of the Technical Working Group until the end of June 2025 to support new Technical Team Liaison Officer / Technical Working Group Chair Christopher Holden ([see announcement on RSC news page](#)).

RDA Content

The following proposals and Fast Tracks were approved in 2024:

1 RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1: Proposal to revise the element hierarchy for appellations of work groups

Analysis of the hierarchy of the work group appellation elements with a domain of Work revealed inconsistencies when compared to the hierarchy of their inverses in Nomen. This proposal suggested changes to the hierarchy of the work group appellation elements with a domain of Work and revises the definitions of Work: authorized access point for work group and its inverse for consistency and clarity.

[RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1/rev](#) is available [on the RSC website](#) and with a stable URI [in the institutional repository](#). It was discussed in the April 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 463) and approved unanimously. [RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/1/rev/Decisions](#) was implemented in the June release of the Registry.

2 RSC/ORDAC/2024/1: [Proposal on] Dual-naming of Corporate Body and Place

[RSC/ORDAC/2024/1](#) was published on 4 March for discussion at the April 2024 RSC Meeting. Following the [written responses](#) from the voting members of the RSC, [RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/summary](#) was prepared. ORDAC followed this with a response ([RSC/ORDAC/2024/summary/ORDAC](#)).

Following extensive discussion at the April 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 462), it was decided that further discussion of this topic was needed. A subgroup consisting of the RSC Chair, Regional Representatives, Wider Community Engagement Officer and Translations Team Liaison Officer was delegated to meet and determine next steps. The Examples Editor added examples based on those in RSC/ORDAC/2024/1 to the Toolkit for the July Release ([RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) Item 470.2.1).

[RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev](#) was published on 29 August for discussion at the November 2024 RSC Meeting and voting members of the RSC approved it in a unanimous vote ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 483). [RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/rev/Decisions](#) will be implemented in the next release of the Toolkit.

3 RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1: Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body

[RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1](#) was published on 25 June for discussion at the July Meeting. Following the [written responses](#) from the voting members of the RSC,

[RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1/summary](#) was prepared. The Religions in RDA Working Group then submitted [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1/summary/ReligionsWG](#) in response.

The results of the discussion in the July meeting are recorded as Item 475 in [RSC/Minutes/469-482](#), with three of the recommendations accepted and the Working Group asked to look again at the issues they raised in their fourth, rejected, recommendation and return with [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2](#). Publication of [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1/Decisions](#) was delayed until after RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2 was received, and its implementation was delayed at the request of the RSC and made at the same time as RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2.

4 RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2: Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body

In light of the discussion in the July 2024 RSC Meeting regarding Recommendation 4 of [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1](#) ([RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) Item 475.2), the Religions in RDA Working Group presented [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2](#) to address an outstanding issue they identified – that the current instructions for [different names or forms of name for the same corporate body](#) do not contain explicit instructions to allow the form of name preferred by the organization itself to be used if it is less common than another name form. RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2 was received and published on 18 September and responses received from voting members of the RSC through October. [RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/summary](#) was prepared on 9 November and published on 11 November.

During extensive discussion as Item 487 in the November Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)), it became clear that there was a concern whether the proposed change was being made in the best place in the Toolkit. Attention was given to the statement in [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.”

Although the Secretary was tasked to prepare and implement RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/Decisions ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 487.4), the Chair was also tasked with communicating to the Chair of the Religions in RDA Working Group that they are empowered to move their suggested instructions to a broader area of the Toolkit, as suggested by NARDAC ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 487.1). A draft of RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2/Decisions is currently with the Chair of the Religions in RDA Working Group for him to consider the best location in the Toolkit for the recommended instructions.

5 RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev: Proposal to revise definitions of *aggregate*, *aggregating work* and *Aggregates* Guidance

[RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev](#) was submitted and published on 29 August. It was a revision to the rejected [FT2024-08](#). Responses from voting members of the RSC were received through October and [RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/summary](#) was prepared on 10 November and published on 12 November.

After extensive discussion as Item 485 in the November Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)), the proposal was approved with amendments as documented in [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) 485.1.3.1-4). A draft of [RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions](#) is currently with the Education and Orientation Officer, the Past Chair of the Technical Working Group, and the Technical Team Liaison Officer for them to check and approve.

6 RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1: Proposal to add glossary definitions for fictitious entity and non-human entity

[RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1](#) was submitted and published on 28 August. Written responses were received through October and [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/summary](#) was prepared on 11 November and published on 12 November.

After extensive discussion as Item 486 in the November Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)), the proposal was approved with amendments. [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/Decisions](#) was prepared and published on 6 April 2025 and will be implemented by the Technical Team Liaison Officer as soon as practicable.

7 FT2024-01: Definition for “printer agent of”, etc.

Sought to provide text to the existing definitions of four elements to bring their wording in line with their inverses. Discussed in the January 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.1). [RSC/FT2024-01/Decisions](#) was implemented in the March Toolkit Release.

In the course of the discussion, it became clear that there was a further issue outwith the scope of this Fast Track: whether printed content has to be “manufactured ... from type or plates” and the Secretary was asked to prepare FT2024-04: Definition for “printer agent of” etc. and “content from type or plates” ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.1.3).

8 FT2024-03: Ordinal numbers

Based on feedback from the community in the Guidelines on normalized transcription in the section on Numbers ([RDA 60.48.42.92](#)). Several conditions referring to specific languages were highlighted, with the suggestion that these be moved to Community Resources. Discussed in the January 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.3). [RSC/FT2024-03/Decisions](#) was implemented in the March Toolkit Release.

9 FT2024-04: “content from type or plates”

At the January 2024 Meeting of the RSC, FT2024-01 – Definition for “printer agent of”, etc. – was discussed ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.1). Discussion was wide-ranging, beyond the scope of the proposal itself. When it came to voting, the Secretary asked the 4 Yes/No questions required in the Fast Track itself and also whether the RSC would like a further Fast Track to be prepared for the other issue they had raised, which was concerned with the use of the phrase “content from type or plates”. The RSC voted unanimously in favour of such a Fast Track, and an ACTION ITEM was placed on the RSC Secretary to prepare FT2024-04 on this topic ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.1.3). This was then presented and discussed at the April Meeting (<http://hdl.handle.net/11213/22202>). The changes set out in [RSC/FT2024-04/Decisions](#)) we implemented in [Registry v5.1.0](#) in June 2024 for the July Toolkit Release.

10 FT2024-05: Revising Data Provenance Guidance

The acceptance of the Collections Model in RDA has led to a slight revision in the categorization of *metadata works*. As a result of the changes, the Technical Working Group proposed new wording for the guidance for [Data Provenance](#), to replace the first 8 paragraphs of the text. The RSC discussed the proposed changes at its April Meeting and voted unanimously to implement the new wording ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.2). [RSC/FT2024-05/Decisions](#) was implemented in the July Release of the RDA Toolkit.

11 FT2024-06: Adding Region PAL to the Regional Encoding Vocabulary

Colleagues in the Europe Region reported that the RDA Regional Encoding Vocabulary does not have a term that describes the regional lockout for video games that covers those regions of the globe that use the PAL video format for colour analog video signals. The Technical Team Liaison Officer submitted this Fast Track proposing the inclusion of Region PAL in the RDA Regional Encoding Vocabulary. In their April Meeting, the RSC voted unanimously to approve this recommendation ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.3). [RSC/FT2024-06/Decisions](#) was implemented in [Registry v5.1.0](#) in June 2024 for the July Toolkit Release.

12 FT2024-07: Clarification of Wording on Transcribing Symbols

A member of the wider cataloguing community queried the wording of an option for transcribing symbols. Although it was clear what cataloguers should do based on the option and its examples, the option does contain an implied condition, and it is easy to understand why the community member queried its grammar. In its July Meeting the RSC discussed and approved making the implied condition in the option explicit ([RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) Item 471.1). The change was set out in [RSC/FT2024-07/Decisions](#) and implemented in the September Release of the Toolkit.

13 FT2024-09: Addition of new terms to the RDA Form of Musical Notation Vocabulary Encoding Scheme

This Fast Track Proposal was submitted by Chelsea Hoover, Music Library Association Content Standards Subcommittee, via RSC North America Representative Robert Maxwell. After discussion and approval by the RSC, it added the terms *chord symbols* ([rdafmn:1012](#)), *chord diagrams* ([rdafmn:1013](#)), *figured bass notation* ([rdafmn:1014](#)), and *shape note notation* ([rdafmn:1015](#)) to [RDA Value Vocabularies: RDA Form of Musical Notation](#), as set out in [RSC/FT2024-09/Decisions](#).

Rejected Fast Track Proposals

FT2024-02: Definition for “issuing agent of”, etc. was discussed in the January 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.2) where it was decided that the Technical Working Group would review the terms and present the RSC with a proposal, Fast Track proposal, or Discussion Paper as they see most appropriate ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.2.1). [RSC/FT2024-02/Decisions](#) was published on 17 February.

FT2024-08: Revision to Definitions of Aggregate, Aggregating Work, and Aggregates Guidance was discussed in the July 2024 RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) Item 471.2). After praising the work of the Technical Team Liaison Officer and the Education and Orientation Officer, the RSC requested that the Secretary present the text as a full proposal. Accordingly, [RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2](#) was published on 29 August and discussed in the November 2024 RSC Meeting (See [5 RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev above](#)).

RDA Examples

2024 was the first year of Jessica Grzegorski’s term as RDA Examples Editor, and her annual report was published as Appendix 493.5 of [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#). 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.

RDA Translations

The Translations Team Liaison Officer’s Annual Report was published as Appendix 493.9 of [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#). The Spanish translation is almost complete and in the coming year he will be working to give momentum to outreach activities, especially in Eastern Europe.

Policy Statements

The Policy Statement Writers continued to meet online every two months throughout 2024. There were significant updates from the British Library, Library of Congress, Music Libraries

Association, National Library of Finland, National Library of New Zealand, and Libraries and Archives Canada (in French and English).

RSC Membership



The RSC in November 2024 outside the ALA Washington Office. Photo by Kirk Peterson (ALA).

Back row: Angela Quiroz Ubiana (RDA Board Representative for South America, invited observer), Ahava Cohen (Europe Representative), Szabolcz Dancs (Translations Team Liaison Officer), Charlene Chou (Wider Community Engagement Officer), Anne Welsh (RSC Secretary).

Middle row: Elisa Sze (Education and Orientation Officer), Jessica Grzegorski (RDA Examples Editor), Colleen Barbus (RDA Board Chair), James Hennelly (ALA Digital Reference, publisher of the RDA Toolkit), Robert Maxwell (North America Representative).

Front row: Charlotte Christensen (Oceania Representative), Renate Behrens (RSC Chair), Damian Iseminger (Technical Team Liaison Officer), Chris Holden (Incoming Technical Team Liaison Officer).

On 1 January 2024, Colleen Barbus (ALA) began her term as Chair of the RDA Board, succeeding John Trevor-Allen (CILIP).

Jessica Grzegorski began her term as RDA Examples Editor and Chair of the Examples Working Group on 1 January 2024, succeeding Honor Moody.

Damian Iseminger ended his second term as Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group on 31 December 2024. He is staying on as Past Chair of the Technical Working Group until 30 June 2025 to aid the transition to Chris Holden, who attended his first RSC Meeting in November and became Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group on 1 January 2025. RSC Chair Renate Behrens expressed the thanks of the RDA community for Damian's work and her pleasure that he is staying on as a member of the Technical Working Group into 2026 and beyond.

Ahava Cohen and Szabolcs Dancs were appointed by EURIG to serve second terms as Europe Representative and back-up respectively.

Working Groups

Examples Working Group

The terms of reference and membership of the Examples Working Group are set out [on its webpage](#). Its activities in 2024 were summarised by the RDA Examples Editor in her report ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Appendix 493.5; highlights in [RDA Examples section, above](#)).

Technical Working Group

The terms of reference and membership of the Technical Working Group and the RDA/MARC21 Alignment Task Force are set out [on their webpage](#). Their activities in 2024 were summarised by the Technical Team Liaison Officer in his report at Appendix 493.8 of [RSC/Minutes/483-499](#). Updates to the Registry are noted in the [RDA Registry section above](#).

Translations Working Group

The terms of reference and membership of the Translations Working Group are set out [on its webpage](#). Its activities in 2024 were summarised by the Translations Team Liaison Officer in his report ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Appendix 493.9; highlights in [RDA Translations section, above](#)).

The annual meeting of the Working Group took place on 16 May in Finland (and online) as part of the [EURIG annual meeting](#).

Advisory Working Groups

In its November 2024 meeting, the RSC recognised that there is a third category of topic that is neither permanent (requiring a standing working group) nor able to be resolved in the 2 years (plus 1 year extension) of the task-and-finish working groups. The RSC Chair was tasked to ask the Board for permission to set up a new category, Advisory Working Group to which the

Religions in RDA Working Group could be appointed and the Archives Working Group could be established ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 498.1.1.3).

In its December 2024 meeting, the RDA Board approved this request. From January 2025, the [Religions in RDA Working Group](#) and [Archives Working Group](#) were established as Advisory Working Groups.

In 2024, when it was still a Task-and-Finish Working Group, the Religions in RDA Working Group presented two proposals to revise Name of Corporate Body - RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1 ([summarised above](#)) and RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2 ([summarised above](#)).

Task-and-Finish Working Groups

Following consultation with the Chair of the [Extent Working Group](#), its term was extended to run until the end of 2025. [RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1 – Discussion Paper on the Development of Extent Elements in RDA](#) was published on 25 June 2024, revised as [RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev](#) on 26 June and introduced at the July Meeting of the RSC ([RSC/Minutes/469-482](#) Item 476). [RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev2](#), incorporating feedback from the July Meeting, was discussed in the November RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 488). The Working Group intends to present proposals to the RSC Meetings in 2025 and conclude their work by 31 December 2025.

Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

At the request of the RDA Board in 2023, a Joint Working Group on Artificial Intelligence was established in 2024, chaired by Ahava Cohen (RSC Europe Representative). Its initial terms of reference were set out in [RSC/Chair/2024/7](#) and resulted in a paper presented to the Board and the RSC at the end of 2024 and published on 16 January 2025 as [RSC/Papers/2025/1 – Considering AI in the Growth of RDA](#). New terms of reference will be presented to the Board and RSC in their Joint Meeting in April 2025.

Collaboration with Other Groups

Having established the Protocol between the RSC and IFLA's Advisory Committee on Standards ([RSC/Chair/2023/3/rev](#)), in 2024 RSC Chair Renate Behrens began negotiations with the Bibframe community represented by the Share Family / Share VDE to establish a protocol. This work continued throughout 2024 and a protocol will be presented in early 2025 for approval.

Outreach

Two members of the RSC were recipients of significant awards in 2024. On 22 April, the American Library Association issued a [press release](#) announcing Robert Maxwell as the recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation, which “recognizes outstanding professional achievement in cataloging or classification for notable publications; outstanding contributions to professional cataloging associations; outstanding contribution to the technical improvement of cataloging and classification; and outstanding contributions in the area of teaching and classification ... The committee agreed unanimously that Maxwell’s extensive work with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), and the American Library Association’s Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) and Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA), as well as his influential and award-winning publications, such as Maxwell’s Guide to Authority Work (2002) and Maxwell’s Handbook for RDA: Explaining and Illustrating Resource Description and Access (2013), merited his receipt of the Margaret Mann Citation.”

On 20 June, RSC Chair Renate Behrens was awarded the IFLA Scroll of Appreciation at the IFLA General Assembly in the Hague. Her citation is “for her distinguished contribution to IFLA, for her extensive achievements, expertise, dedication and service, substantially impacting the area of international standards for cataloguing including resource description and access.”

In her acceptance speech, which you can watch at 1:11 [on the YouTube recording of the meeting](#), Renate shared that she has found the "collegiality in the IFLA working groups an invaluable asset" and encouraged others to get involved in them.

Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze completed a major piece of work with the publication of [RDA Training & Teaching Tips](#). Building on her 2022 *Report on Approaches to Teaching RDA in the LIS Classroom* ([RSC/Papers/2022/1](#)), it includes key points from the report and identifies concepts and issues that educators may wish to consider prior to teaching with RDA Toolkit. It also offers ideas for how to integrate RDA into a variety of courses. The selection of topics covered in the handout was informed by Elisa’s conversations with educators and trainers undertaken in 2022-2023, as well as feedback collected during and after her [February 2023 webinar](#). The handout is [also available in Spanish](#).

Then in November, [Template RDA and Teaching Slides](#) were shared, which Elisa Sze developed for educators to adapt, customize, and use in various teaching settings. They are shared under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International license, alongside a separate [Outline](#). The new [Learning Resources webpage](#) is maintained by Elisa Sze, including resources prepared by her and other relevant materials.

Members of the RSC continued to contribute to the RDA Toolkit Webinar series and to provide presentations across all three Regions and beyond. These are listed on the [2024 Presentations and Outreach page of the RSC website](#) and, for archival purposes, here:

5 March	Renate Behrens	Lectio Magistralis recording text	University of Florence
6 March	Damian Iseminger	Making RDA Work for You: Leveraging the Semantic Coherency of the RDA Element Set	RDA Webinar, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
11 April	Renate Behrens	Internationalisation of cataloguing in cultural institutions with RDA using the example of the German-speaking region	CeLISR 1(1)
16 April	Clara Liao (NARDAC Chair), Robert Maxwell, Elisa Sze and others	NARDAC Spring Update Forum	RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
16 April	Adam Baron, Thomas Brenndorfer, Robert Maxwell, Melanie Polutta, Louise Spiteri, Elisa Sze	RDA Training Panel Discussion	NARDAC Forum, RDA YouTube Channel
15 May	Ahava Cohen	Record Imports with the Translation Power of the RDA Registry	EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland
15 May	Ahava Cohen	Report from the Europe Representative to the RSC	EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland
16 May	David Roth (Religions in RDA Working Group Chair)	RSC Working Groups - How Do They Work?	EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland

28 June	Renate Behrens	RDA Around the World - Updates from RSC Chair	ALA Conference & Exhibition, San Diego, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
1 July	Renate Behrens	How to Implement RDA	CC:DA, San Diego
8 July	Anne Welsh	News from the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)	IFLA Metadata Newsletter 10(1): 20-24
2 September	kalan Knudson Davis, Jessica Grzegorski, Elizabeth Hobart, A. Tims	Community Forward: Developing an Open and Free Caraloguing Standard for Rare Materials	Catalogue & Index 208
17 September	Renate Behrens	News from RDA	BIBFRAME in Europe, Helsinki
26 September	Renate Behrens	RDA, a World-wide Standard	XIII Encuentro Latinoamericano de Catalogacion Y Metadatos
27 September	James Hennelly	Navigating Official RDA Toolkit	XIII Encuentro Latinoamericano de Catalogacion Y Metadatos
27 September	Elisa Sze	RDA Teaching & Training	XIII Encuentro Latinoamericano de Catalogacion Y Metadatos
14 October	Renate Behrens	The Bibliographic Universe	RDA in Israel: 10 Years On
21 October	Ahava Cohen and others	NARDAC Fall Update Forum	NARDAC, RDA Toolkit
21 October	Ahava Cohen	RSC / RDA Board Joint Working Group on Artificial Intelligence	NARDAC Autumn Update Forum, RDA Toolkit
13 November	Renate Behrens, Charlotte Christensen, Sally McCallum, Paul Frank, Kevin Ford	RDA Steering Committee Outreach Day	RSC, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel

13 November	Renate Behrens	The RDA-DACH manual and the DACH Documentation Platform (Presentation begins at 00:00:00)	RSC Outreach Day, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
13 November	Charlotte Christensen	Implementing Official RDA (Presentation begins at 01:00:43)	RSC Outreach Day, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
20 November	Charlotte Christensen and others	RDA Contributions from ORDAC	ORDAC, RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel
27 December	Anne Welsh	News from the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)	IFLA Metadata Newsletter 10(2): 16-19

Outreach Day

During its in-person meeting in November 2024, the RSC co-organised an Outreach Day with the Library of Congress (led by RDA Board member Judith Cannan and NARDAC Chair Clara Liaio). Papers were given by Renate Behrens on the RDA-DACH implementation; by Charlotte Christensen on the implementation of RDA at Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand; and by Sally McCallum, Paul Frank and Kevin Ford (Library of Congress) on BIBFRAME with RDA.

The recording of the Outreach Day presentations is [available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel](#).

Process and Communication

The RSC website remains the primary source of information for news from the RSC. Following the upgrade of its content management system and hosting, it can now be found at <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc>. Useful pages to keep up-to-date include

- <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/news> - news and announcements
- <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/documents> – current documents
- <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/additions-and-changes-website> - additions and changes to the website

The RSC Secretary also posts calls for hosts, announcements of the publication of agenda and minutes and appointments of new RSC members to [RDA-L](#), a mailing list maintained on ALA

Core Connect. (You do not have to be a member of ALA to participate in RDA-L, although a free login for the website is required).

The [*IFLA Metadata Newsletter*](#) usually features news from the RSC compiled by the RSC Secretary.

ALA Digital Reference publishes Toolkit and selected RSC news at <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/>.

Regional Representatives cascade news from the RSC to their communities.