

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

This report was prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, with assistance from the RSC Secretary, Anne Welsh, and input from the rest of the RSC.

Since the last Board meeting, the RSC has met asynchronously in April ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#)).

RDA Toolkit

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. Learn more about the CR space [here](#). Contributors to the CR space must first be approved by the RDA Steering Committee. If you are interested in being a contributor, please complete this [online form](#) ([March 2024 RDA Toolkit Release | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)) RDA Toolkit subscribers can also access ‘[Notes on the March 21, 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.

Release v5.0.19, January 2024

The latest release is still v5.0.19 of 3 January 2024, as reported in RSC/Chair/2024/10.

RDA Content

The following proposals and Fast Tracks were approved in April 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/Decisions is under preparation and will be implemented in the RDA Toolkit.

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

This proposal sought to introduce specific instructions to deal with instances in which a name contains words from two or more languages but is not intended to be interpreted as parallel language values.

[RSC/ORDAC/2024/1](#) is available [on the RSC website](#) and with a stable URI [in the institutional repository](#). Following the [written responses](#) from the voting members of the RSC, [RSC/ORDAC/1/summary](#) was prepared. ORDAC followed this with a response ([RSC/ORDAC/2024/1/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, will meet to discuss next steps ahead of the RSC Meeting in July. The Examples Editor will add examples based on those submitted in the proposal in the appropriate place in the Toolkit, to assist cataloguers wondering how to enter names formulated in this way.

3 FT2024-04: Fast Track Proposal on “content from type or plates”

Arising from discussion of FT2024-01 in the January RSC Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/444-455](#) Item 448.1), this Fast Track proposed the removal of the phrase “content from type or plates” from definitions in the Glossary and Registry. The elements affected are:

- **printer agent** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/m/P30078>)
- **printer agent of** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50179>)
- **printer collective agent** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/m/P30387>)
- **printer collective agent of** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50652>)
- **printer corporate body** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/m/P30416>)
- **printer corporate body of** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50803>)
- **printer family** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/m/P30445>)
- **printer family of** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50954>)
- **printer person** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/m/P30358>)
- **printer person of** (<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50501>)

They each follow the same formula of words. Taking **printer agent** as the specific example, the change proposed was

Marked-up version

An agent who is responsible for manufacturing a manifestation of printed text, notated music, or other content ~~from type or plates~~.

Includes the manufacture of a book, newspaper, magazine, broadside, or score.

In the course of discussion, this was itself further refined to:

Marked-up version

An agent who is responsible for manufacturing a printed manifestation of printed text, notated music, or other content from type or plates cartographic image, notated movement, or still image content using a device that transfers ink or similar medium to a surface.

Includes the manufacture of a book, newspaper, magazine, broadside, or score.

The definitions of the other elements need to be updated in the same way.

In the April RSC Meeting, the Secretary was given the action item to prepare RSC/FT2024-04/Decisions ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.1) and the Technical team Liaison Officer was given the action item to implement RSC/FT2024-04/Decisions in the Registry and Glossary ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.2).

4 FT2024-05: Fast Track Proposal for 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 and voted unanimously to implement the new wording ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.2).

5 FT2024-06: Fast Track Proposal to Add Region PAL to the RDA 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. The RSC voted unanimously to approve this recommendation ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 461.3).

Working Groups

Examples Working Group

The Examples Working Group continues to meet monthly.

Technical Working Group

[RSC/Chair/2024/11](#) updates the membership of the Technical Working Group and was ratified at the RSC April Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 457.4).

Translations Working Group

[RSC/Chair/2024/12](#) updates the membership of the Translations Working Group and was ratified at the RSC April Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 457.5).

Task-and-Finish Working Groups

1 Joint Board/RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

The new Working Group on Artificial Intelligence met for the first time in May 2024. Ahava Cohen (RSC Regional Representative for Europe) will Chair the Working Group. A scoping

survey was launched at the end of May, with a request for responses from the cataloguing community by 5 June, ahead of the Working Group's next meeting.

At this Board meeting, it is hoped that the Board will approve the terms of the Group's charge (RSC/Chair/2024/7).

2 Extent Working Group

The Extent Working Group has submitted a substantial Discussion Paper to the RSC Chair and Secretary. This will be presented at the RSC July Meeting with the intention for the community to have time for discussion and comment for the November Meeting.

3 Religions in RDA Working Group

The Religions in RDA Working Group has submitted a proposal which will be published this week and discussed at the RSC July Meeting.

4 New Working Group on Archives

After discussion at the RSC April Meeting, it was decided to constitute a new Archives Working Group ([RSC/Minutes/456-468](#) Item 457.2). A call for participants will be issued soon; members of the Board are asked to think of colleagues active in archival documentation who may be interested in joining when the call is issued.

Upgrade of Drupal Websites

As reported by the Director of ALA Digital Reference, the upgrade of the websites has gone well. There is, nonetheless, some inevitable tidying up required.

Outreach

Members of the RSC continued to contribute to the RDA Toolkit Webinar series and to provide presentations across all three Regions and beyond. Since the last Board report, these have included:

Ahava Cohen, 'Record Imports with the translation power of the RDA Registry', EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 15 May 2024.

Ahava Cohen, 'RSC Report (including EdCo)', EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 15 May 2024.

Jessica Grzegorski, 'Update', Translators' Meeting, EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 16 May 2024.

James Hennelly, 'Update', Translators' Meeting, EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 16 May 2024.

Damian Iseminger, 'Update', Translators' Meeting, EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 16 May 2024.

Elisa Sze, *RDA Teaching & Training Tips*, <http://hdl.handle.net/11213/21493> [Dated January 2024, but published April 2024].

Elisa Sze, 'Update', Translators' Meeting, EURIG Annual Meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 16 May 2024.

Process and Communication

Two posts have been made to the [RSC News and Announcements page](#) since our last report to the Board:

- [Survey on AI in Cataloging Open for Contributions \(29 May 2024\)](#)
- [Minutes of the April 2024 RSC Meeting Published \(30 May 2024\)](#)

Both the Director of ALA Digital Reference and the RSC Secretary have made announcements to RDA-L, including:

- [Register as an observer at the RSC Public Session on 16 April \(online\) \(8 April 2024\)](#)
- [Survey on AI in Cataloging Open for Contributions \(30 May 2024\)](#)

Other members of the RSC, and especially the Regional Representatives and Wider Community Engagement Officer, cascade information to their communities and the wider RDA cataloguing community.