



Report on activities by the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA for August 2014-August 2015

Submitted to the ISBD Review Group by the acting JSC liaison to the ISBD Review Group

New governance structure

The Committee of Principals (CoP) agreed on a new governance structure for the development of RDA. The Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) will become the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), with representation based on the international regions of Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe, Latin America and The Caribbean, and North America. The CoP will become the RDA Board, with the same basis of membership. The transition to the new structure is expected to take 4 or 5 years.

An announcement about the new governance structure is available at <http://rda-jsc.org/node/235>, and a presentation on RDA governance and strategy is available at <http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/RDAGovernanceAndStrategy.pptx>.

Further information on Transition timescales for RDA governance is available at http://www.rdatoolkit.org/sites/default/files/statement_from_cop_050815.pdf.

External relations

The JSC agreed a Protocol between the JSC and the FRBR Review Group, published as 6JSC/Chair/21 at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-21.pdf>.

The JSC agreed a Protocol between the JSC and the ISSN International Centre, published as 6JSC/Chair/22 at <http://rda-jsc.org/sites/all/files/6JSC-Chair-22.pdf>.

JSC meeting 2014

The JSC met November 3-7, 2014, in Washington, D.C., USA. The JSC discussed 47 submitted proposals and discussion papers and responses from constituencies and other groups. The JSC also discussed the review of RDA governance and strategy being undertaken by the Committee of Principals.

For further information, see Outcomes of the 2014 JSC Meeting at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/node/167>

For further information about JSC activities in 2014, see Annual report for 2014 at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/annual2014.pdf>

JSC meeting 2015

The JSC will meet November 2-6, 2015, at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. Observers are welcome and should register with the JSC Secretary. Further information is available at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/node/236> and subsequent announcements on the JSC website.

Links to papers submitted for the meeting are available on the new JSC documents page at <http://rda-jsc.org/newjscdocs>

The JSC issued specific invitations to the ISBD Review Group and ISSN International Centre to participate in a discussion session on RDA and serials, and to the FRBR Review Group for a session on RDA and FRBR.

An international seminar on RDA and rare materials will run in parallel to the JSC meeting on Friday 6 November 2015.

Pragmatic approach

The JSC decided to take a pragmatic approach to the period of change which faces RDA over the next few years as a result of the development of the IFLA standards with which it aligns. The limited resources of the JSC will be used to develop specific areas in a single step rather than making a series of amendments to the same part of the instructions. More details are available in the JSC announcement at <http://rda-jsc.org/node/229>.

New JSC website

A new design and layout for the JSC website at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/> was launched in June 2015. The previous website has been archived and remains available for historical purposes. The URLs of JSC documents have not been changed.

RDA Registry

The RDA Registry was updated in June 2015 to bring it into line with the April 2015 release of RDA Toolkit. French, German, and Spanish translations were added to the value vocabularies.

Five newly published value vocabularies were added. Further information is available at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/node/246>.

RDA Elements

The JSC published an RDA Elements table based on the RDA element analysis. Application Profile information and place-holder entries have been removed, and RDA Toolkit instruction numbers have been added. The table is aligned with the RDA Registry, and is available at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/sites/all/files/6JSC-RDA-element-analysis-table-rev-3.pdf>.

RDA/ONIX Framework

An element set and value vocabularies for the RDA Framework for Resource Categorization were published in the RDA Registry. The Framework is the basis for terms in the RDA carrier, content, and media type vocabularies. The RDA Registry includes alignments and maps from these terms to the Framework. Links to download files are available at <http://www.rdaregistry.info/rgAbout/rof.html>.

The JSC published Guidelines for proposing new carrier and content categories and terms in RDA. The Guidelines were developed by the JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group and are available at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/6JSC/ROFWG/3>.

Jane-athons

The RDA Development Team and the JSC hosted a series of “hackathons” where participants create and process pure RDA data using the RDA data editor RIMMF (RDA in Many Metadata Formats). This allows the RDA instructions to be applied without the confines of the MARC21 format, which has restricted ability to represent the RDA entities and relationships between them. Each event is based on a particular person and their works. Two have been devoted to Jane Austen, the reason for the generic term “jane-athon”, and the London Ag-athon was focused on Agatha Christie. Similar events are being planned during 2015 for New Zealand, Scotland, and Spain. More information is available at <http://rballs.info/xathons/>, and a report on the first Jane-athon can be found at <http://rda-jsc.org/node/230>.

Consultation

The JSC submitted responses to open consultations on proposals for developing the International Cataloguing Principles and the Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication schema.

Publications

A special issue (Volume 52, Issue 6-7, 2014) of *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* titled "RDA around the world" was published in September 2014. It contains 13 articles covering various aspects of RDA implementation in countries around the world. The issue was published in 2015 by Routledge as a monograph with the same title edited by Marie-France Plassard and Gordon Dunsire (ISBN 978-1-138-89889-9).

ISBD

ISBD content form and media type

The JSC published the alignments and RDF maps between the ISBD content form and media type vocabularies and the RDA/ONIX Framework developed by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group. The alignments are presented in comma-separated variable (csv) format compatible with spreadsheets, and the maps are presented in RDF terse triple language (ttl). The files are stored in the RDA Vocabularies project on GitHub at <https://github.com/RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies>. Links to download files are included in the RDA Registry.

The maps of ISBD and RDA terms to the Framework will allow ISBD and RDA data to interoperate.

Review

The pending review of the ISBD consolidated edition is one of the factors influencing the JSC's pragmatic approach to the development of RDA.

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