**LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH**

**PROJECT DATA CURATOR**

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# Data curator: who is s/he? a survey of international and interdisciplinary perspectives

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The Project team has selected in July Ana Pervan (AN) who accepted the responsibility of collecting literature and documentary review and supporting the survey. Ana Pervan has been chosen as she has done a thesis on Data Curation and she is the winner of the IFLA De Gruyter Award 2015 with a paper on data curation.

The Project team has had a first meeting on Aug. 4th planning the activities and sharing responsibilities. The initial coverage of the survey to EU and USA has been extended to Asia, LA and Africa.

The Project is planned to be completed on March 2016. The dissemination of findings will be done participating to Conferences and planning an Open Session during WLIC 2016.

## *Methodology and preliminary working schedule*

The project aims to clarify the role of Data Curator collecting perceptions and definitions about the role and competencies of the data curator at an international and interdisciplinary level.

The objectives are
- to prepare a taxonomy (a list of terms in hierarchical structure)
- and an ontology, using a formal representation of a set of concepts.

The tasks to be done are the following:

| Task | When | Who | Milestone |
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| Literature and documentary review <br> • Annotated Bibliography | **September 30th** <br> Sharing Bibliography <br> **October 15th** <br> Second Skype | AP <br> KM | • Glossary of terms <br> • Position Description |

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| ● Terminology | meeting | | Terminology |
| Structured interview to  data curators themselves and the people who hire data curators | **October 15th**<br>● Draft interview structure<br><br>● List of data curators and institutions in USA, EU, LA, Asia, Africa<br>**November**<br>Interviews to be completed | USA: KM, TW, PO<br>EU: HO, AMT, AP<br>ASIA, AFRICA, LA: LTR members to be contacted | Report to compare and contrast the theoretical concepts drawn for content analysis (concepts articulated in the literature) and practitioners' understanding |
| Questionnaire to be sent to selected LIS institutions | **October 15th**<br>● Draft questionnaire<br><br>● List of LIS Schools in USA, EU, LA, Asia, Africa<br>**November**<br>Questionnaire to be completed | USA: KM, TW, PO<br>EU: HO, AMT, AP<br>ASIA, AFRICA, LA: LTR members to be contacted | Survey results |
| Analysis of data | December | ALL | Taxonomy |
| Ontology definition terms, properties and relationships | February | VC, AP | Ontology |
| Formal description SKOS | March | VC, AP, IT student | Website |