EURIG Launched:
National Libraries Sign up to European RDA Interest Group

The European RDA Interest Group (EURIG) was formally launched in Copenhagen on 27th September. The EURIG Cooperation Agreement was signed by: Dame Lynne Brindley, Chief Executive of the British Library; Dr. Elisabeth Niggemann, Director General of the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek; Mrs. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Director of the Biblioteca Nacional de España and Dr. Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian of Sweden and Director of the Royal Library.

EURIG exists to promote the common professional interests of all users, and potential users, of *RDA: Resource Description and Access*, in Europe.

RDA: Resource Description and Access has been developed to supersede the widely adopted *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR2)*. One of the design objectives of RDA is to develop a cataloguing code which is compatible with internationally established principles, models, and standards.

EURIG developed from informal discussions between European national libraries concerned with the development, translation and implementation of RDA.

Alan Danskin, Chair of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA, commented, "JSC is grateful for the many thoughtful responses contributed to the RDA development project by librarians from across Europe. I am sure EURIG will provide a valuable collaborative space for European libraries as they grapple with translation and implementation and engage in RDA's continuing development. It is also fitting that the EURIG Cooperation agreement should be signed in Copenhagen, which hosted EURIG's kick-off meeting last year."

EURIG's future plans include an inaugural members' meeting which will take place in December, to be followed by a technical meeting in early 2012.

Notes for editors

- ❖ To promote the common professional interests of all users, and potential users, of "RDA: Resource Description and Access", in Europe;
- ❖ To provide a forum in which prospective European users of RDA can participate;
- ❖ To encourage and promote co-operation, communication and the exchange of experience among prospective users in order to facilitate implementation of RDA in Europe;
- ❖ To disseminate information and co-ordinate proposals for the development of RDA according to the bibliographic needs of European libraries and users by working closely with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA.
- ❖ To encourage and promote co-operation in the translation of RDA into European languages by the exchange of experience.

For further information see the Website: http://www.slainte.org.uk/eurig/index.htm

RDA: Resource Description & Access
RDA provides a set of guidelines and instructions on formulating data to support resource discovery. RDA provides a comprehensive set of guidelines and instructions covering all types of content and media. RDA is developed in a collaborative process led by the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) http://www.rda-jsc.org/

RDA is published as an online service and in print by:

- ❖ The American Library Association
- ❖ The Canadian Library Association
- ❖ CILIP: Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

For further information on RDA visit: http://www.rdatoolkit.org/

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR2)
The second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* was published in 1978. AACR2 is used by most major libraries and bibliographic agencies in English speaking countries and has been widely translated. For further background see: http://www.aacr2.org/index.html