



# Resource Description and Access Since We Last Met...

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# From Panizzi's rules to AACR2

- 1841: Panizzi's rules for the British Museum
- 1876: Cutter's rules
- 1902-1949: Separate U.S. and U.K. rules
- 1961: Lubetzky, IFLA and "Paris Principles"
- 1967: AACR, North American/UK differences
- 1969: IFLA and International Standard Bibliographic Description
- 1978: AACR2



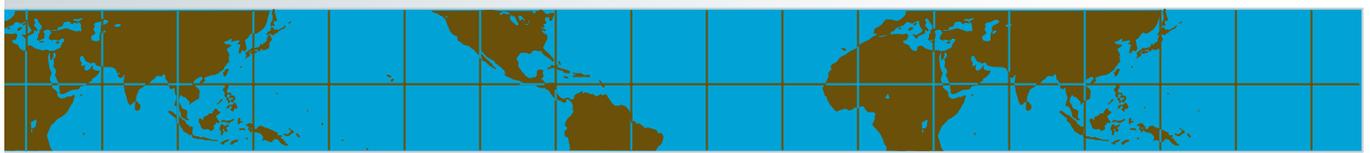
# *New Cataloguing Environment*

- Need to provide access to a wider range of information carriers: wider depth & complexity of content – show relationships of works
- Metadata (bibliographic information) created by a wider range of personnel in and outside libraries (authors, administrators, cataloguers, computers, publishers, etc.)
- Descriptive data in digital form coming from outside the library community (ONIX, IEEE-LOM, Semantic Web, etc.)

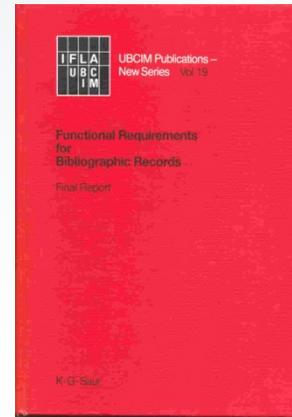


## 1997 International Conference on the Principles & Future Development of AACR, Toronto

- Worldwide experts identified issues:
  - Principles
  - Content vs. carrier
  - Logical structure of AACR2
  - Seriality
  - Internationalization

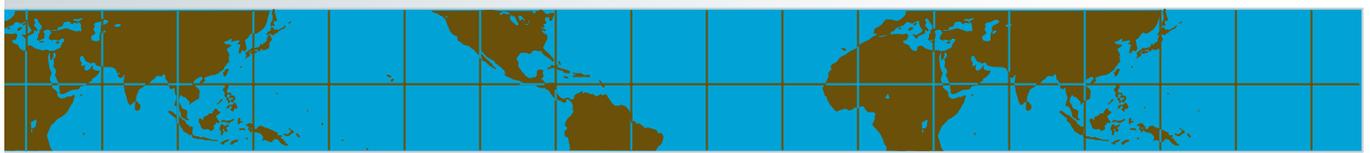


# FRBR



- Published by IFLA in 1998
- Reinforces basic objectives of catalogues and importance of relationships for users to carry out basic tasks – find, identify, select, obtain
- Structure allows collocation at Work/Expression level
- Conceptual model of entities, relationships and attributes

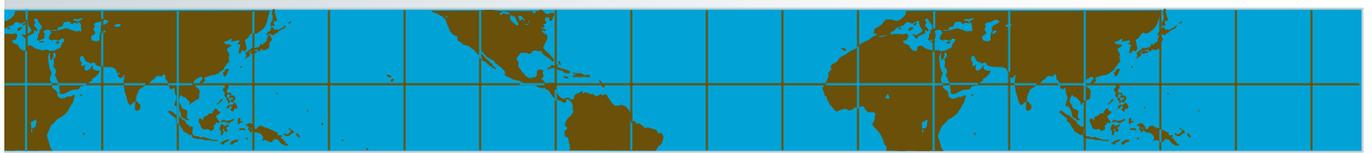
[FRBR: Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records  
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/frbr/frbr.pdf>]



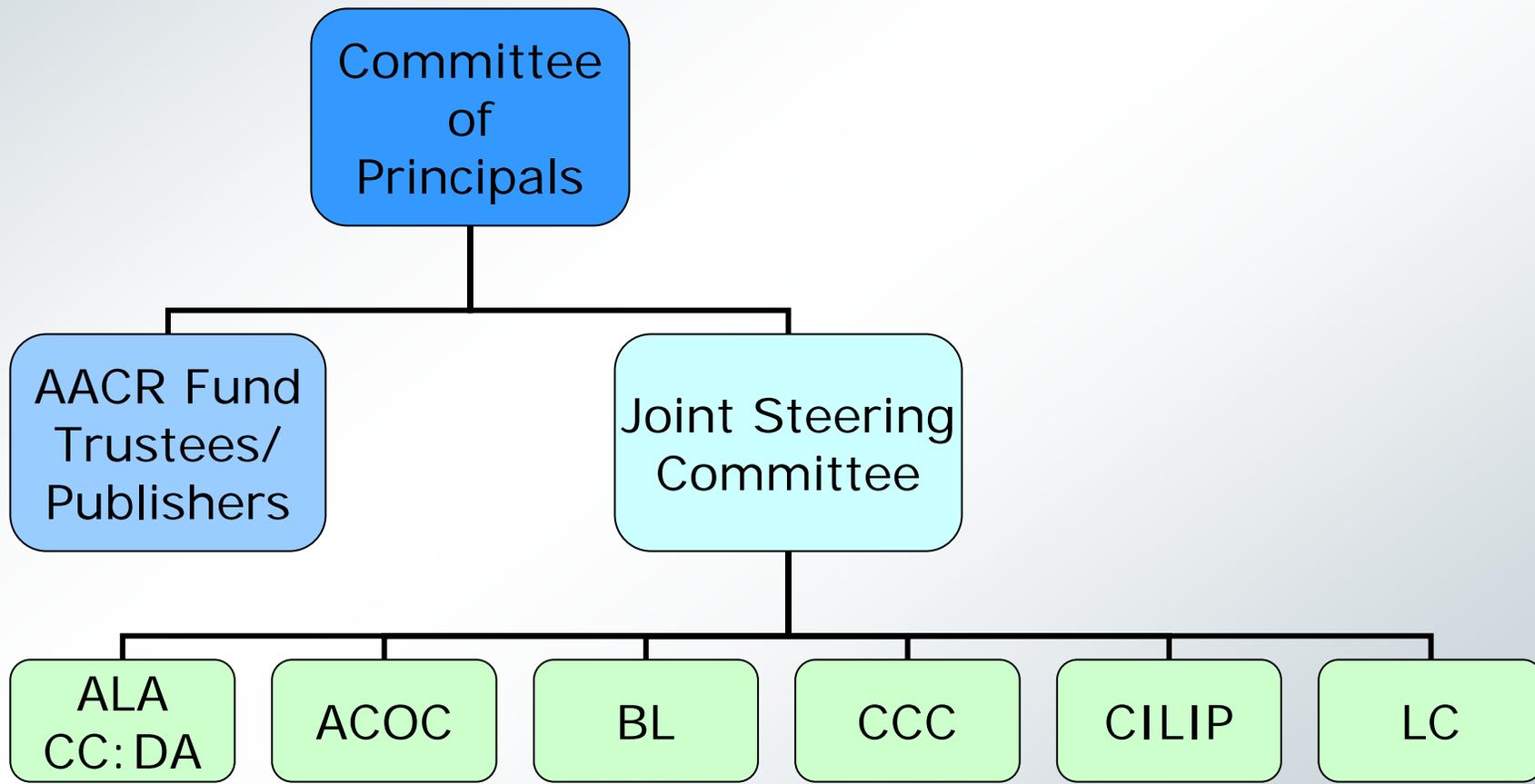
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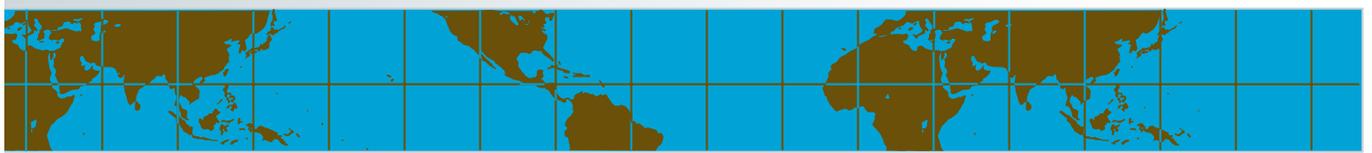


- IFLA updates and reaffirms Paris Principles, 2003-2007
  - series of regional meetings - IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code
  - increase the ability to share cataloguing worldwide by promoting standards
  - develop “Statement of International Cataloguing Principles”



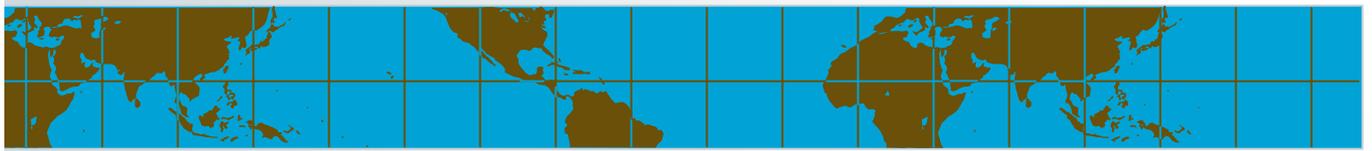
# *Who is Responsible?*





## *Identifying the Major Stakeholders*

- Certainly included those in the library world
- But also groups outside the immediate library community
  - MARC format developers
  - Metadata communities (Dublin Core, ONIX)
  - National and international programs (PCC, ISSN, IFLA)



# *AACR2 – The Update Process*

- Routinely handled by JSC
- Annual updates issued from 2003-2005
- Began to make major revisions in 2005
- Distributed a draft of what was called AACR3 part 1 for review and comment



## *Response to Draft of Part 1*

- Constituencies felt patching AACR2 needed to go further
- Recognized that libraries were providing information in a digital age
- Felt that AACR2 was not able to do this adequately



# *What Did the Reviewers Want?*

- A more radical change
  - More metadata friendly
  - More connection with FRBR
- Must be cost-effective
  - AACR2 records compatible with what is developed
- Keep the best of AACR2
  - Maintain but modify relationship with ISBD



# *From AACR3 to RDA*

- In April 2005, the CoP, JSC, and Co-Publishers agreed to move from AACR3 to RDA by
  - Align it more with FRBR/FRAD
  - Design a standard for the digital environment
  - Focus on a content standard
  - Encourage international applicability
  - Focus on an online product



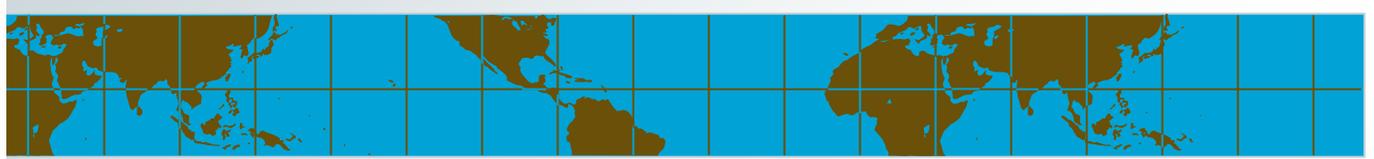
# *Organization of RDA – A History*

- Originally started out following AACR2 with two parts
  - Description
  - Access
- Then grew to three parts
  - Resource description
  - Relationships (persons, families, corporate bodies)
  - Access point control
- *And now...*



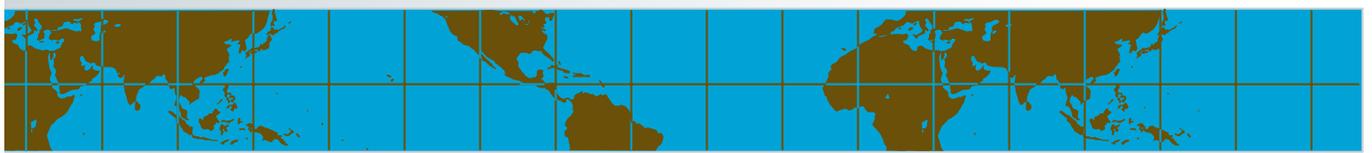
# *October 2007 Changes*

- JSC felt we were forcing new concepts into an old format – the two parts of AACR2 simply did not fit RDA
  - FRBR/FRAD conceptual models did not lend themselves to structure of AACR2
  - JSC wanted to emphasize FRBR user tasks – find, identify, select, and obtain
- Felt we were looking to the past rather than the future



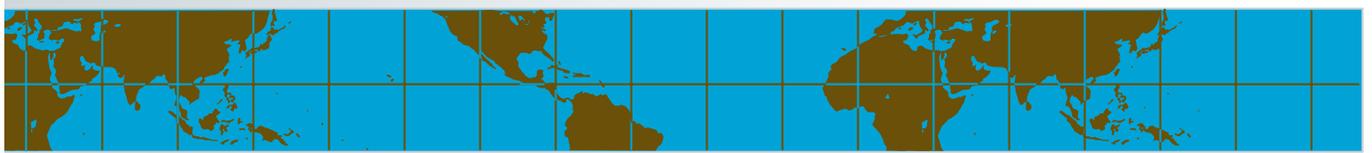
## RDA – *a New Look*

- The new organization explicitly relates each section and chapter to an FRBR user task and FRBR entity
- All FRBR groups are covered whereas only the first two had been included previously
- Group 3 entities (concept, object, event, and place) included as place holders for future development



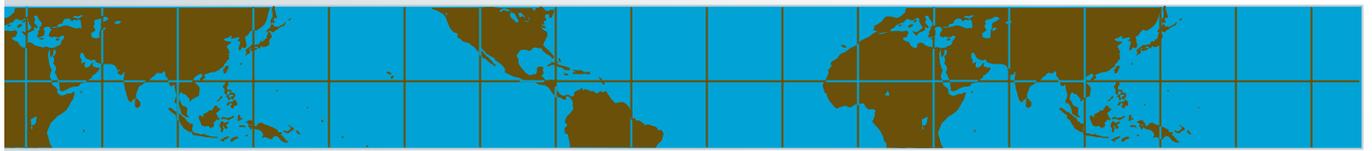
# RDA *Organization*

- Will consist of 10 sections
- First 4 sections deal with recording **attributes** of the three FRBR groups
- Sections 5-10 deal with recording **relationships** either *to* or *between* entities
- All three FRBR groups are included even though only “place holder” chapters for Group 3 entities will be included in RDA’s first release



# *Internal Structure*

- Uniform internal structure in RDA
  - Each section will contain general guidelines and a chapter for each entity
  - Each chapter will be associated with an FRBR user task
  - General Introduction and Appendices



# *RDA Implementation Scenarios*

- The table also provides three implementation scenarios for RDA
  - Scenario 3 – a flat file (no linking)
  - Scenario 2 – a file that can link bibliographic and authority records
  - Scenario 1 – uses a relational database showing relationships to and between entities



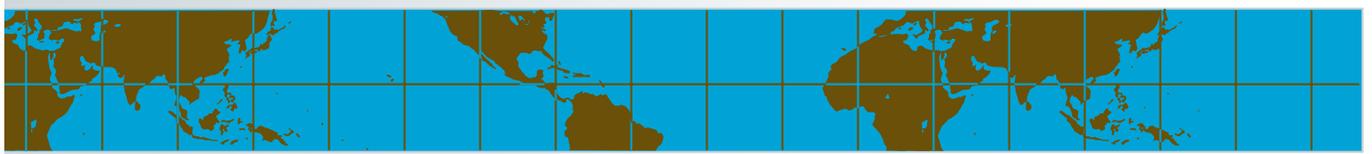
## *RDA Online Product*

- Selection of a vendor to develop the software for the RDA Online product
  - Canadian company
- Software development includes
  - An authoring system
  - The software for RDA Online itself



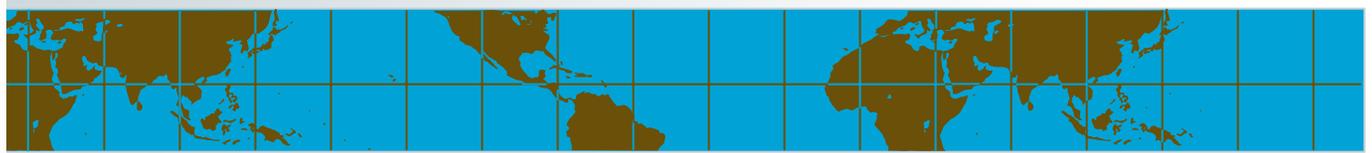
# *RDA Online Functionality*

- No more flipping pages
- Can create a customized version of the Web-based *RDA* to see only the instructions you need or want to see, e.g.
  - Cartographic instructions
  - Serial instructions
  - Can create workflows
- Can link to rules
- Designed so vendors can have RDA interface with their worksheets



## *When's the RDA Roll-Out?*

- First quarter of 2009
- BUT... won't be implemented immediately
- There will be a period for training before implementation occurs



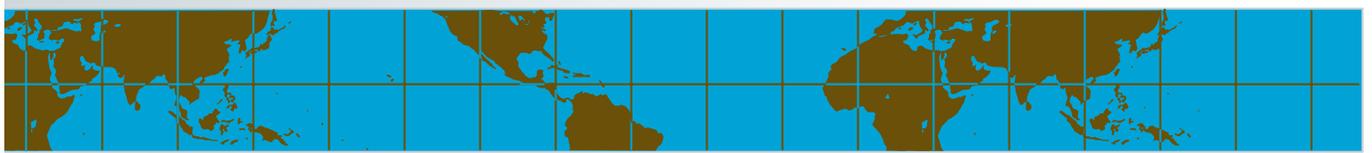
## *Plans for Training on RDA*

- The British Library, Library and Archives Canada, the Library of Congress, and the National Library of Australia issued a press release announcing coordination of training activities and materials
  - Meet in conjunction with JSC meetings
- ALA RDA Implementation Task Force
- Online product will assist with learning
- Implementation of RDA in late 2009 or 2010



# *Upcoming Meetings on RDA*

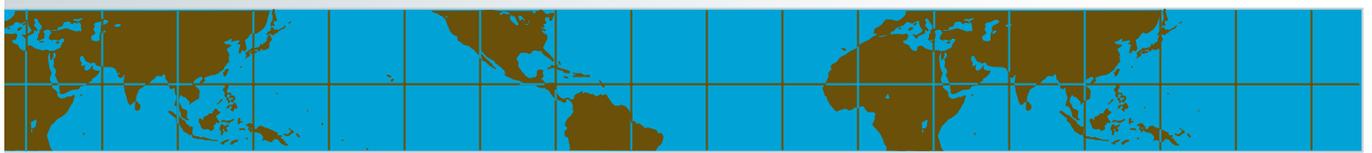
- ALA RDA Implementation Task Force
  - Meeting at ALA Annual to further discuss training and implementation
  - Program on RDA:
- IFLA Satellite meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>
- See IFLA Website for other programs on RDA



## *Conclusion*

- RDA's first release scheduled for early 2009 is coming up fast
- Keep up up-to-date with RDA activities between conferences by routinely checking the JSC website:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda/html>



***QUESTIONS?***