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Agenda

- Place/Jurisdiction Working Group by Esther Scheven
- Official Language Working Group by Hanoch Roniger
- Extent Working Group by Thomas Brenndorfer, Gordon Dunsire, Alice Robinson
- Religions in RDA Working Group by Patrick Harrington
- The RSC Working Groups by Renate Behrens
- Complexity of bilingual policy statements: Updates from Library and Archives Canada by Hong Cui
- NARDAC Update by Clara Liao



Place/Jurisdiction Working

Presenter: Esther Scheven

Members

- Esther Scheven (chair)
- Amit Niv, Israel
- Robert Bratton, USA
- Nerissa Lindsey, USA
- Damian Iseminger, USA

<http://rda-rsc.org/node/688>

Task

Minutes to the 2018 RSC-meeting in Montreal

132.4 Place and jurisdiction: The RSC hoped to be able to sort out the semantics for places and corporate names as part of the 3R Project, but it may not be possible before the English text is stable. If not, this issue will be added to a list of post-3R development efforts. The American law community may have some opinions about this and should be consulted.

Tasks Terms of reference

2. Review the elements and instructions related to place and jurisdiction in both the original Toolkit and official Toolkit and evaluate the intended cataloguing outcomes for each. This includes elements in Nomen and Work entities, as well as in Corporate Body and Place. The RSC has a commitment to not unnecessarily disrupting cataloguing data created by earlier versions of RDA.

Organisation and work

11 Videocalls
(first 28.2.2022, last 31.07.2023)

Working in a confluence wiki of DNB

Reports to RSC

Two Proposals <http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/744>

Proposal 1, 21 April 2023

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/743>

RSC/PlacesWG/1 consisted of 7 recommendations.

The first three recommendations were accepted by RSC May 2023

2023 Recommendation 1: Revise element definitions and instructions across RDA to clarify the distinction between a jurisdiction and a government.

Proposal 1, 21 April 2023

2023 Recommendation 2: Propose a glossary term and definition for the concept 'court.'

2023 Recommendation 3: Revise the element name for Work: enacting jurisdiction to 'enacting government' and Corporate Body: enacting jurisdiction of to 'enacting government of.'

Proposal 1, 21 April 2023

Not accepted:

2024 Recommendation 4: Deprecate the elements Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of.

2023 Recommendation 5: Add elements for Work: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of, in order to relate a work that is a law to the place it is applicable to.

2023 Recommendation 6: Add elements for Work: applicable government and Corporate Body: applicable government of, in order to relate a work that is a law to the government that it is applicable to.

2023 Recommendation 7: Add elements for Corporate Body: governing jurisdiction and Place: governing jurisdiction of, in order to relate a corporate body that is a government to the place that it governs

Proposal 2, 31 July 2023

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/765>

RSC/PlacesWG/2 consisted of 3 recommendations.

Recommendation 1: Revise the labels for Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of to Corporate Body: place governed and Place: place governed of.

Recommendation 2: Revise the definition of the current Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed.

Recommendation 3: Revise the definition of the current Place: jurisdiction governed of.

Proposal 2, 31 July 2023

RSC/PlacesWG/2 consisted of 3 recommendations.

They were all approved in October 2023.

http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/RSC_PlacesWG_2023_2_summary.pdf

Thank you for your attention!

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more info: <http://rda-rsc.org/node/688>



Official Languages Working Group

Hanoch Roniger, The Hebrew University of
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Members

- Chair: Peter Rolla, Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles)
- Daniel Paradis, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
- Hannes Lowagie, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR)
- Hanoch Roniger, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Valentina Sebastiani, Swiss National Library

Charge

- The purpose of the Official Languages Working Group is to support the improvement of the RDA standard by examining the concept of “official language” for corporate bodies in RDA.

Charge

1

RDA 05.63.25.57
Corporate body:
preferred name of
corporate body.

2

RDA 83.87.47.23
Corporate Body:
category of
corporate body.

3

RDA 45.55.16.02
Corporate Body:
category of
government.

4

RDA 84.02.77.60
Place: preferred
name of place.

Issues addressed

- Difficulty determining the official language
- Complex conditions
- Inflexible conditions
- Inconsistent conditions

Suggested changes

- Simplify the instructions
- Add the condition option “record a value in a language that is preferred by an agent who creates the metadata” consistently
- Use of the indefinite article -- Support for multilingual authorities
- More flexibility i.e. more condition options (application profiles)

Issues for the future

- Re-examine the principle of representation when a different script is used
- Preferred names for persons

Extent Working Group Update

NARDAC Forum
2023-11-13

RSC Extent Working 2022-2023

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Canada, Chair
- Gordon Dunsire, UK
- Keith Knop, USA
- Liz O’Keefe, USA
- Mark Scharff, USA
- Alice Robinson, Switzerland
- Damian Iseminger, Technical Team Liaison Officer, ex officio
- Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary, ex officio

Elements to consider

- Manifestation: extent of manifestation
- Expression: extent of expression
- Expression: duration
- Manifestation: dimensions
- Manifestation: dimensions of cartographic image
- Manifestation: dimensions of still image
- Work: extent of representative expression
- Work: duration of representative expression

Issues

- How to handle “aspect – unit – quantity” (AUQ)
- Extent manifestation statements
- String encoding schemes for recording extent data
- Vocabulary and definitions
- Extent and containers

and

- Extent in ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM)...



Extent in ISBD for Manifestation

Presented by
Gordon Dunsire

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ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM)

- Align ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description with IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) Retain interoperability with RDA
 - Phase 1: Align with Manifestation entity [Phase 2: Content standard for other LRM entities]
 - Prescriptive Standalone ISBDM (entity-based cataloguing) Backwards-compatibility and continuity not a priority
- Online: <https://www.iflstandards.info/ISBDM/>

Kinds of extent

ALA: Quantitative value: Aspect, Quantity, Unit

Unit: Standard unit of measurement

Quantity: Number (integer)

Aspect: 4 broad kinds

Extent of unitary structure

Extent of unit

Extent of embodied content

Extent of aggregated content

Extent of unitary structure

- The number of sub-units of the same category of carrier of the manifestation.
Sub-unit = physical part
- Vocabularies for “extent unit”:
Carrier type
Extent of unitary structure (specific carrier/content units)
- Examples: “4 audio discs”; “3 sheets”; “2 volumes”; “10 postcards”; “5 coins”; “4 audio discs + 1 volume”; “20 activity cards + 1 globe + 1 wallchart”

Extent of unit

- A measurement of a component or characteristic of the manifestation or a sub-unit that is available to embody content.
 - Includes extent that does not actually carry content.
- Terms for “extent unit” are standard measurement units plus specific terms related to carriers
- Examples: “3600 feet” (length of tape); “14 leaves” (sheets bound in a volume)
 - Includes blank tape, blank sheets, etc.

Extent of embodied content

- A measurement of the layout of content that is embodied in the manifestation.
- Vocabularies for “extent unit”:
Layout of embodied content (specific arrangement of content in carrier)
- Examples: “44 pages” (sides of leaves carrying content); “912 KB” (size of data file); “70 x 50 cm” (dimensions of reproduced image)

Extent of aggregated content

- The number of expressions of the same kind that are embodied in the manifestation.
- Vocabularies for “extent unit”:
 - Content type
 - Extent of aggregated content (specific kinds of content)
- Examples: “4 texts”; “15 still images”; “10 performed songs”; “7 photographs”

Element hierarchies

Legacy elements reflect latent structure and fit into attribute hierarchies

- ↳ has extent of manifestation
- ↳ ↳ has extent of aggregated content
- ↳ ↳ has extent of embodied content
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has designation of number of sound channels
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has image resolution
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has number of sound channels
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has playing time
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has reduction ratio
- ↳ ↳ has extent of unit
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has bibliographic format
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has dimensions
- ↳ ↳ ↳ has number of recording tracks
- ↳ ↳ has extent of unitary structure

Compound extent values

- Use only broad “extent of manifestation” element. Repeat elements for different values, or concatenate values with a string encoding scheme, or both
- ISBDM SES: {has extent of unitary structure} + "(" + {has extent of unit} + "; " + {has extent of aggregated content} + " in " + {has extent of embodied content} + ")"
- Examples: “3 volumes (124 leaves; 150 photographs in 200 pages)”; “1 volume (122 pages) + 1 audio disc (15 performed songs in 49 min 14 sec)”

Pagination and other statements

- Pagination, etc. may be missing, incomplete, erroneous, or misleading as an indication of extent
 - Use “manifestation statement of extent” element to transcribe stated pagination
 - Use “note on physical characteristic” for detailed description of pagination, etc.
- Total number of leaves in a volume, including blanks: “extent of unit”
- Total number of pages of content in a volume: “extent of embodied content”

Thank you!

Religions in RDA Working Group

Presenter: Patrick Harrington

Members

- David Roth (co-chair)
- Kate James (co-chair)
- Guido Bee
- Geneva Blackmer
- Kjerste Christensen
- Charlene Chou, ex officio

Charge

- Review the official Toolkit instructions for resources or agents related to religions “to move RDA toward unbiased and inclusive treatment of world religions”
- Specific goal of expanding non-Christian coverage in RDA

Background

- Many rules give only Christian examples
- Many rules assume audience is working in the English language
- Insufficient discussion of other means of organization for religious communities

First proposal

- Eliminate specific options and instructions related to Access point for person
 - Pope or Antipope
 - Saint unless person is pope, emperor, empress, king or queen
 - Spirit
- “Inclusion of titles for specific religions should be community based and not part of base RDA”

Responses to first proposal

- North American RDA Committee
 - Did not support
 - Supported generalizing examples over deletion
 - Concern over singling out religious terms for removal
- Oceania RDA Committee
 - approved with options
 - preference for retaining information in Community Resources

Responses to first proposal

- RDA Examples editor
 - Supported proposal
 - noted some redundancy with instructions for access point
- UK Committee on RDA
 - Supported recommendation
 - identified term of rank or honour or office as having similar issues

Questions raised by responses

- Where should specific instructions be placed within the Toolkit?
- How does deleting options affect cataloger workflows or other parts of Toolkit?
- How do we balance desire for specificity with concerns about bias and inclusivity?

Second proposal

- Recommendation 1: revise the definition of term of rank or honour or office
- Recommendation 2: move specific instructions for Popes and “Bishops, etc.” to Community Resources
- Recommendation 3: revise instructions for Other persons of religious vocation to apply to terms of address without implication of rank

Recommendation 1

- Proposed: revise definition of term of rank or honour or office
 - A word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, ~~ecclesiastical~~ rank, ~~or~~ office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation.

Recommendation 2

- Proposed: Remove instructions for Popes and Bishops, etc. from base RDA
 - legacies from AACR2
 - Could be recorded as either policy statements or the Community Resources portion of Toolkit

Recommendation 2

- Proposed: move instructions for following terms out of base RDA
 - Antipope
 - Archbishop other than cardinal
 - Bishop other than cardinal
 - Chorepiscopus or Chorbishop
 - Cardinal-bishop, cardinal-priest, and cardinal-deacon
 - Ecclesiastical prince of the Holy Roman Empire

Recommendation 3

- Proposed: revise instructions for Other persons of religious vocation
 - Change name to “Persons of religious vocation”
 - Provide option for recording a term of rank within this option
 - Allow for recording this information in three ways
 - as it was conferred
 - in a language used where the person resides
 - in a language preferred by the creator of the metadata

Responses to proposal

- Most revisions were supported, but with helpful revisions to make them consistent with other parts of the Toolkit
- Split language instructions into three separate options with additional conditional options

In summary

- Removing overly-specific examples can make RDA more inclusive, but work cannot stop there
- Deciding where specific instructions belong within RDA remains a challenge
- Review and commentary by RSC members has been invaluable

Proposals and responses

- Links for first proposal
 - [First proposal text](#)
 - [Summary of decisions taken](#)
- Links for second proposal
 - [Second proposal text](#)
 - [Summary document collating decisions and responses](#)

The RSC Working Groups

Renate Behrens
RSC Chair

RDA – an international Standard

- The RDA committees have been working for a long time to make the standard more international and applicable to user communities worldwide.
- At the same time, it must be ensured that the data remains compatible and can communicate with each other.
- In addition, all regulations must comply with the basic models (ICP and LRM).
- The technical framework conditions must also be taken into account.

New challenges after 3R

- The 3R project was an important step in making the requirements for more internationality possible in the first place and in creating a starting point for the necessary changes and adjustments.
- The work in the area of internationalisation is diverse and a major challenge.
- The work on these challenges began with the release of the new official Toolkit and will be a focal point of the RSC's work in the coming years.

Internationalisation components

- We have more and more experience from user communities worldwide.
- We try to get and stay in contact with communities all around the world (outreach events, presentations, publications, etc.)
- **Working groups for special topics**

Existing Working groups

- We have selected the topics of the current working groups according to a special need.
- However, they will certainly only be the beginning. Further topics will follow (e.g. music, archives).
- All RSC working groups are set up as task and finish working groups. If needed, however, their term can be extended if the topic requires it.
- The RSC discusses the work of the working groups at each of its quarterly meetings and plans further work.

Working group membership

- For all working groups, it is essential that their members come from different areas. This applies to both expertise and cultural background.
- This is the only way to achieve true internationality.

RSC Examples Working group

- This working group has just been set up.
- It is not a task-and-finish working group and is directly linked to the position of the RSC Examples Editor.
- However, internationality also plays a major role here in order to have examples from different cultures in different languages and scripts.

Thank you

On behalf of the RSC, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all colleagues for their willingness to participate in or even lead one of the working groups. This work cannot be taken for granted, but it is extremely important.

Thank you for your attention and I am looking forward to your feedback.

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Complexity of bilingual policy statements: Updates from Library and Archives Canada

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LAC's context

- National bilingual institution
 - Bilingualism policy
- Bibliographic and authority records created in English or French, or in both languages
- Access to English and French RDA Toolkit
- Bilingual policy statements in the RDA Toolkit

Cooperative Programs

- NACO member for the creation of authority records in English
 - LC/NAF File
- PFAN member for the creation of authority records in French
 - Canadiana File

Evolution

- Original RDA Toolkit

- LAC PS

- ÉP de BAC-BAnQ

2 sets of statements with collaboration

- Official RDA Toolkit

- LAC PS

- ÉP de BAC

2 sets of statements without collaboration

LAC PS: Requirements

- In English and French
- Specific to LAC's practice, especially related to the bilingual requirement
- Align with PCC and PFAN practices when applicable
- Translation of PCC practice in French

Main stages

- Creation and revision of English PS in spreadsheets
- Creation of English and French LAC-BAC boilerplate texts in CMS
- Creation of English LAC PS documents in CMS
- Translation in French of LAC PS that are not boilerplate texts

LAC-BAC PS : practices

English version

- **LAC PS**

- LAC practice:
- PCC practice:
- PFAN practice:

French version

- **ÉP de BAC**

- Pratique de BAC :
- Pratique du PCC :
- Pratique du PFAN :

PCC practice

English version

- **LAC PS**
 - PCC practice:
 - [copy/paste from original PCC practice]

French version

- **ÉP de BAC**
 - Pratique du PCC :
[Translate with Trados]

PFAN practice

- PFAN practices will ideally be available in boilerplate texts only.
 - One boilerplate in French
 - One boilerplate in English



PFAN practice in LAC-BAC PS

English version

- **LAC PS**

- PFAN practice:
[« Conref »
from the English
PFAN
boilerplate]

French version

- **ÉP de BAC**

- Pratique du PFAN :
[« Conref » from the
French PFAN
boilerplate]

Next steps

- Stay up-to-date with PCC PS
- PFAN Standards Committee (including LAC) to work on PFAN practices
- Bilingual Documentation

Implementation

- LAC plans to have the first policy statements live in the Official RDA Toolkit by the January 2024 release, starting with Manifestation elements.
- LAC plans to have a rolling implementation of Official RDA after the LC implementation.

Questions?

Normes de catalogage / Cataloguing standards:

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NARDAC Update

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North American RDA Committee

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2023 NARDAC Members

American Library Association (ALA) Representatives

- Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University
- Adam Schiff, University of Washington

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library
- Hong Cui, Library and Archives Canada

Library of Congress (LC) Representatives

- Clara Liao, PTCP
- Melanie Polutta, PTCP

Organizational Roles

NARDAC Chair

Clara Liao, Library of Congress, PTCP

NARDAC Representative to the RSC

Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University

NARDAC Representative back-up

Melanie Polutta, Library of Congress, PTCP

NARDAC Coordinator of Web content

Melanie Polutta, Library of Congress, PTCP



NARDAC activities July-Nov., 2023

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Comments to RSC proposals

- **Submitted comments to 4 RSC proposals**

- RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1: Jurisdictions, Governments, and Courts in RDA
 - [RSC PlacesWG-2023-1-NARDAC response.pdf \(rda-rsc.org\)](#)[4 pages]
- RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2: Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of
 - [RSC PlacesWG 2023 2 NARDAC response.pdf \(rda-rsc.org\)](#)[1 page]
- RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/1: eliminate a set of options that are specific to certain religions
 - [RSC ReligionsWG 2023 1 NARDACresponse.pdf \(rda-rsc.org\)](#)[3 pages]
- RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2: Proposal to Revise Term of Rank or Honour or Office
 - [RSC ReligionsWG 2023 2 NARDAC response.pdf \(rda-rsc.org\)](#)[3 pages]

PCC RDA Introductory Training

- Four NARDAC members are working on PCC SCT RDA Introductory Training
- 17 Training Modules are finalized and will be posted by the end of the year
- A series of webinars will be available early next year with Q&A sessions.

RDA Steering Committee (RSC) Meeting

- The Fall RSC Meeting was held in Vienna last month
- An outreach event was held October 16, 2023: “RDA: Think Globally, Act Locally”
 - Barbara Pfeiffer presented on the RDA DACH project <https://sta.dnb.de/doc/RDA>
 - Chrostoph Steiger presented on RDA in Austria
 - James Hennelly spoke about Community Resources in the Toolkit
 - Damien Iseminger gave a presentation on choice of RDA elements
 - Honor Moody spoke about the process of developing RDA examples
 - Elisa Sze discussed teaching RDA

RDA Steering Committee (RSC) Meeting

Public session October 17, 2023

- Discussion of soft deprecated terms
- RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction of: **Approved (with minor changes)**
- RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2 – Proposal to Revise Term of Rank or Honour or Office: **Approved (with minor changes)**

RDA Steering Committee (RSC) Meeting

- The remainder of the meeting consisted primarily of reports and discussion from representatives and working groups.
- A discussion was held of RSC's role in the development of application profiles.

RSC Meeting Schedule 2024

- RSC will hold online public meetings
 - January 30
 - April 16
 - July 16
 - These meetings will be 9-11PM Central European Time (= 2-4 PM Eastern Time)
- RSC's next in-person meeting will be November 11-15, 2024, place (and date of the public meeting) as yet undetermined.
- Attendance information for the public meetings will be announced shortly in advance of the meetings.

Looking Ahead

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Future Forums/Updates

- NARDAC Spring Update Forum (possibly in April)
 - Policy Statements/MGD updates after PCC RDA Test
 - RDA implementation topics
- NARDAC ALA Pre-Conference Workshop (tentative)

Questions?