



JSC Places Working Group: 2014 membership and tasks Report at the EURIG Members Meeting, 25th April 2014

The Working Group was activated on 24th Feb. 2014 (nomination of the Chair) by Gordon Dunsire, Chair, Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA.

Chair

- Robert Rendall

Membership

- Christian Aliverti (Head of the Section of Bibliographic Access, Swiss National Library NL)
- John Hostage (Senior Continuing Resources Cataloger, Harvard Law School Library)
- Kate James (Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist, Library of Congress)
- Richard Moore (Authority Control Team Manager, British Library)
- Kevin M. Randall (Principal Serials Cataloger, Northwestern University Library)
- Robert Rendall (Principal Serials Cataloger, Columbia University Libraries)
- Esther Scheven (Specialist for Authority Control and Place Names, DNB)
- Adolfo R. Tarango (Assistant Program Director, Metadata Services, UC San Diego)

Tasks

1. Review the treatment of place as an entity and attributes of other entities in *RDA* and develop proposals for improving relevant aspects of *RDA*, including machine-actionability.
2. Liaise with the JSC Technical Working Group on issues of element analysis, linked data modelling and categorization relevant to places.
3. Review *RDA* instructions for places in an international context and develop proposals for improvement.
4. Make recommendations for the transfer of instructions relating to names of jurisdictions from *RDA* Chapter 16 to Chapter 11.
5. Make recommendations for the development of *RDA* Chapter 27 (Related places) and Appendix L (Relationship designators: Relationships between concepts, objects, events, and places).



Organization of the Group

The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek set up a wiki. Currently access to the wiki is restricted to the members of group.

Meetings, conference calls and a schedule are not yet fixed.

The Group's Main Challenge

There is a danger of misunderstandings between English and German speaking members. The main reasons for this are: Differences between current cataloguing practices (e.g. "country codes") and a different definition/approach of "What is place?" (e.g. larger place as part of the place name? and Only jurisdictional places or all sorts of places like rivers etc.?)

Further Information

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-12.pdf>

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-12-2014-Rev-1.pdf>

EURIG and JSC Places Working Group

As a librarian from a German speaking country I cooperate closely with Esther Scheven from the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek . But, I am open to all suggestions of EURIG members.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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