EURIG
Minutes of the Members' Meeting 2025

22-23 May 2025, National Library of Sweden, Stockholm

Content

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Jenny Wright, welcomed everyone to this year's members' meeting and gave thanks to our hosts, the National Library of Sweden, before introducing Miriam, who is

Miriam Björkhem, Head of Metadata and National Bibliography Unit, National Library of Sweden, welcomed everyone to our host library and told about the history of the library.

A list of attendees is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Chair report

EURIG has 53 member institutions, with a good level of engagement. This is shown not only by the presence and contribution of all attending here, but also in the 8 new representatives we have since last year as member institutions keep EURIG in mind when there are staff changes.

So, Welcome all and in particular to the new faces 'at the table'.
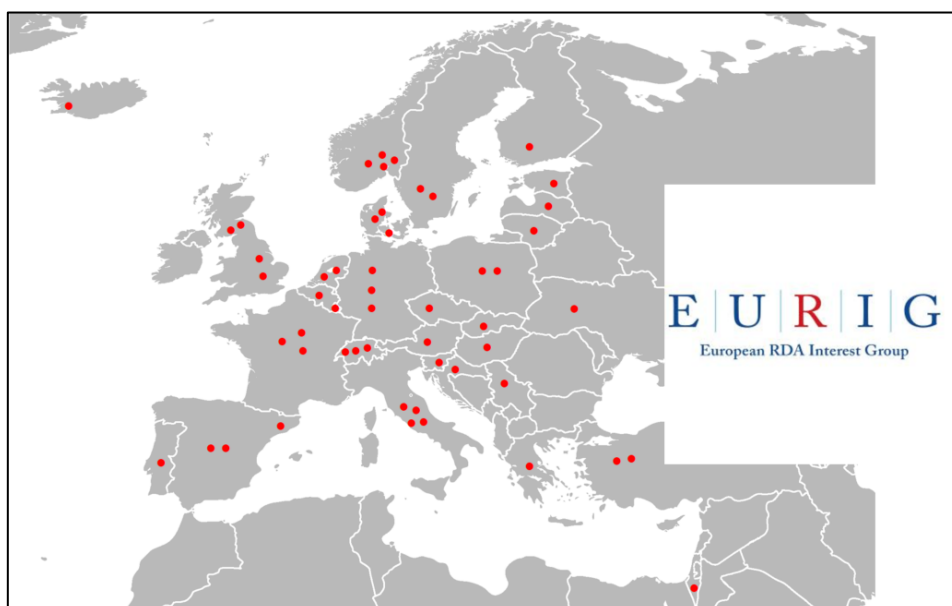
EURIG exists to promote the interests of current and potential users of RDA in Europe, and to provide a forum for discussion and co-operation, where we can communicate and benefit from each others' experiences. We are also charged with the dissemination of information from the RSC, and to contribute to the development of RDA by working with the RSC.

As well as putting together the content for our annual meeting, and keeping the membership list up to date, the EURIG Executive committee have improved the website, thanks in large part to Hannes Lowagie.

Since our last meeting we have also followed up on the vote that took place to choose a new logo, and that is now in place.

On the meetings page you will find links to past presentations, and in due course the presentations from this meeting too. It is a useful source of inspiration and information which I recommend to you all.

As more of us make the move from original RDA to the official RDA, and bearing in mind there's now an end date for original RDA being available, which is May 2027, the sharing of good practice and resources will continue to be vital. The Executive hope that sharing of Application Profiles will be beneficial, and we've mocked up a Webpage to show you what that could be.

Bearing in mind that external documents cannot ignore RDA copyright by unfairly copying large parts of the Toolkit, any organisation wanting to share their AP must honor the RDA permissions policy and respect the copyright. We hope that many EURIG members will see this as beneficial and share their APs. A show of hands approved this plan.

I want to repeat that EURIG exists to promote the interests of current and potential users of RDA in Europe, and to provide a forum for discussion and co-operation, where we can communicate and benefit from each others' experiences. If you have any ideas of ways in which EURIG could help its members more, the Executive Committee would love to hear from you

A principal task of the Executive is to make sure we have an annual meeting. I'm delighted to report that a member institution has offered to host us next year, and that is the Royal Library of Belgium, so I look forward to seeing you in Brussels next year.

I'm not completely finished with my duties as Chair, but the final Chair Report at the end of my 2 year tenure seems the best place to thank you, and especially my colleagues on the Executive committee – you've made my job very easy. Huge thanks also to Liv and Katerina and their team for hosting us here at the National Library of Sweden, it is much appreciated.

3. Report of the Europe Regional Representative to RSC

Ahava Cohen reported on the work of the Europe Regional Representative to RSC.

Her report is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Report of the Europe Representative to the RDA Board

Christian Aliverti, whose role as representative formally ended in 2024, could not attend.

Hannes Lowagie from KBR was announced as new European representative to the RDA Board.

Jenny Wright gave a report, as she also has a place at the RDA Board, as copyright holder representative.

She informed that the board is working on getting a new strategic plan in place. This is due next year.

She also encouraged EURIG members to get in touch with their representatives if they have any suggestions for the Board, as it is there to serve the users of RDA.

5. News from the RSC

Renate Behrens, Chair RDA Steering Committee, and James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference, shared news from the RDA Steering Committee.

Their presentation is attached as Appendix 3.

6. Executive Committee – office bearers

With great thanks to Jenny Wright for her service, EURIG members were invited to stand as new Chair, the post being due for election.

Luna Sindin Cordery, Biblioteca de Catalunya representative, volunteered to be Chair and was elected unopposed.

7. Update on UNIMARC (remote presentation)

Florence Tfibel provided an update on UNIMARC development with respect to RDA, on behalf of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

The presentation is attached as Appendix 4.

8. Report from the European BIBFRAME Workshop 2024

Matias Frosterus reported on the activities of the Bibframe Workshop in Europe.

His presentation is attached in Appendix 5.

9. Group discussion on AI

The delegates were divided into groups and held discussions in separate rooms, guided by a list of prompt questions (see Appendix 6). Upon reconvening, a spokesperson from each group shared the key points from their discussions.

There was a widespread interest in the potential of AI in cataloguing, particularly in enhancing metadata, improving workflows, and increasing accessibility of resources. Participants mentioned the potential of AI in assisting cataloguers by identifying inconsistencies in bibliographical records, suggesting additional fields in records, and aiding with ISBD punctuation.

Several concrete AI initiatives currently in place were highlighted. For example, tools have been developed to assist cataloguers in selecting classifications, subjects, or related authorities. Additionally, projects aimed at improving older data with AI were mentioned, such as matching duplicate records and adding language codes to records based on transcribed metadata in M21 fields like 245.

However, concerns regarding AI were also raised:

Legal concerns: There are questions about whether AI will respect copyright and comply with GDPR, for instance regarding the inclusion of author information in authority records.

Environmental concerns: The use of AI should be judicious and not applied indiscriminately.

Quality concerns: Reliable data is paramount, but the basis for AI-generated metadata can often be unclear, leading to potentially inaccurate, illegal or problematic results. Data provenance was mentioned as a key point here.

Employment concerns: Although AI can improve workflows, there is apprehension that it may pose a threat to certain jobs within the library sector.

Language Concerns: The effectiveness of AI may vary significantly depending on the language community involved.

In summary, while there is recognition of the potential benefits of AI, there is also a clear understanding of the need to manage expectations carefully.

Appendix 1: Attendees

In person

Maïté Roux, Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (ABES)

Julia Neumann, Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Verbundsysteme / The Consortium of Library Networks

Christoph Steiger, Austrian Library Network

Jenny Wright, BDS

Olivera Nastic, Belgrade City Library

Jasmina Ninkov, Belgrade City Library

Luna Sindin Cordery, Biblioteca de Catalunya

Roberto Gómez, Biblioteca Nacional de España

Anastasia Kerameos, British Film Institute

Thurstan Young, British Library

Giovanni Aldi, Casalini Libri

Hanne Hørl Hansen, DBC Digital

Camilla Petersen, DBC Digital

Emilie Ullerup Dejgaard, Royal Danish Library

Michaela Edelmann, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek

Marta Marija Aleknavičiūtė, eLABa (Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library)

Rūta Smažinienė, eLABa (Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library)

Linas Salelionis, Kaunas University of Technology

Magný Rós Sigurðardóttir, National and University Library of Iceland

Kristín Lilja Thorlacius Björnsdóttir, National and University Library of Iceland

Matias Frosterus, National Library of Finland

Ahava Cohen, National Library of Israel

Christel Kayser, National Library of Luxembourg

Anders Jensen, National Library of Norway

Liv D'Amelio, National Library of Sweden

Katarina Synnermark, National Library of Sweden

Olov Ylinenpää, National Library of Sweden

Jarmila Pribylova, National Library of the Czech Republic

Renate Behrens, RDA Steering Committee

Hannes Lowagie, Royal Library of Belgium

Martin Krejčí, Slovak National Library

Radoslav Maslík, Slovak National Library

Chrisitane Niklowitz, SLSP

Nadiia Strishenets V. Vernadsky, National Library of Ukraine

Online

James Hennelly, American Library Association

Eleftheria Koseoglou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Florence Tfibel, Bibliothèque Nationale de France

Daiva Jurksaitiene, eLABa Consortium

Xavier Agenjo, Fundación Ignacio Larramendi

Sita Bhagwandin, KB, National Library of the Netherlands

Lana Krišto Lončarić, Nacionalna i sveučilišna knjižnica u Zagrebu/National and University Library in Zagreb

Martin Engberg, National Library of Finland

Minna Kantanen, National Library of Finland

Satu Niininen, National Library of Finland

Marja-Liisa Seppälä, National Library of Finland

Matīss Bolšteins, National Library of Latvia

Marta Kivkule, National Library of Latvia

Maira Kreislere, National Library of Latvia

Aija Uzula, National Library of Latvia

Carol Campbell, National Library of Scotland

Fatima Klanco Al Mulki, National Library of Sweden

Anneke Houtkamp, RDA Commissie Nederland

Ewa Nieszkowska, RERO +

Anna Tuominen, The National Library of Finland

Stefano Bargioni, URBE

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European RDA Interest Group

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Report from the
Europe Representative to the RSC
EURIG Annual Meeting, 2025

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Meetings

- RSC meeting in person meeting, Washington DC (USA) November 2024
- Online joint RSC/RDA board meeting – April 2025
- 3 asynchronous meetings (July, January, April)

- All asynchronous meetings had public sessions

- No in-person meeting 2025

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RSC Membership

- Damian Iseminger completed his term as Technical Team Liaison Officer. Christopher Holden succeeded to December 2026.
- ORDAC and EURIG representatives appointed for second terms.

- First terms ending December 2025:
  - Translations Team Liaison Officer Szabolcs Dancs (December 2025).
  - RDA Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski
  - Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze
  - RSC Secretary Anne Welsh (December 2025).
  - NARDAC representative Robert Maxwell (December 2025).

- Second term ending December 2025:
  - Wider Community Engagement Officer Charlene Chou

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Official RSC

- Fast Tracks
- Proposals
- Community Resources
- Protocols
- Working Groups
- Education

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Fast Tracks

Source:

- Translation WG: 2
- RSC Secretary: 1

Proposals – 2024/2025

- Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body
  - Prepared by the Religious WG. Discussed and approved at the November 2024 meeting. Allows recording official name of corporate body even when publications use a different name
  - Religions WG was given specific permission to go beyond the limits of their mandate and identify broader areas in the Toolkit where their proposal would apply.
- Proposal to add glossary definitions for fictitious entity and non-human entity
  - Prepared by Technical Team Liaison Officer and Examples Editor. Discussed at the November 2024 meeting and approved with changes to wording. Request to include "exhibiting human characteristics" to definition of non-human entity not approved.

Proposals – 2024/2025

- Proposal to revise the definitions of aggregate, aggregating work and aggregates guidance
  - Prepared by Technical Team Liaison Officer and Education and Orientation Officer. Discussed at the November 2024 meeting and approved with changes to wording.
- [Proposal on] Dual-language naming of Corporate Body and Place
  - Prepared by ORDAC. Approved at November 2024 meeting after work by a Rapid Action Group. Final wording of text was left to the admin team. Issues of scripts remain untreated.
- Proposal on numerals associated with given names
  - Prepared by NARDAC. Approved with amendments in the April 2025 Public Session of the RSC Meeting. A draft of RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/Decisions is with the North America representative and the Technical Team Liaison Officer.

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Community Resources

Technology ready to accept communities;
application available online

Protocols

Protocol between the RSC and the BIBFRAME
community represented by the
Share Family / Share-VDE Advisory Council
Approved at April 2025 meeting; final draft sent to
BIBFRAME community for approval.

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Slides for educators

[Template RDA Teaching Slides](#)

[RDA Teaching & Training Tips](#)

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Working Groups

- **Extent Working Group**

- **Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence**

- **Religions in RDA Working Group**
- **Archives Working Group**

- **Music Working Group: draft for July 2025 meeting**

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Working Groups

Standing Working Groups
- **Examples Working Group**
- **Technical Working Group**
- **Translations Working Group**

Task and Finish Working Groups
- **Extent Working Group**
- **Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence**

Advisory Groups
- **Religions in RDA Working Group**
- **Archives Working Group**
    - ❖ **New Terms of Reference approved at April 2025 meeting**
      2 members from Switzerland, 2 from Israel, two from USA
    - ❖ **Started survey of RDA in archives**

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Editorial Committee – 2025

Mélanie Roche - Bibliothèque nationale de France	June 2023 - June 2026
Maïté Roux – ABES (replaces Héloïse Lecomte)	January 2023 – January 2026
Thurstan Young – British Library	June 2022 – June 2025
Anastasia Kerameos - CILIP	May 2025 – May 2028
Christian Aliverti	Ex officio – RDA Board IR
Jenny Wright	Ex officio – EURIG Chair
Ahava Cohen	Ex officio – EdCo Chair
Hannes Lowagie	Ex officio
Szabolcs Dancs	Ex officio
Emilie Sørine Ullerup	Ex officio

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Translations

Full translations:

- Arabic
- Catalan
- Finnish
- French
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Norwegian
- Portuguese
- Spanish

Partial translations:
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- Estonian
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Korean
- Latvian
- Slovenian
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Chinese
- *Vietnamese*

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In Europe

Full Translations: (9)

Partial translations: (14)
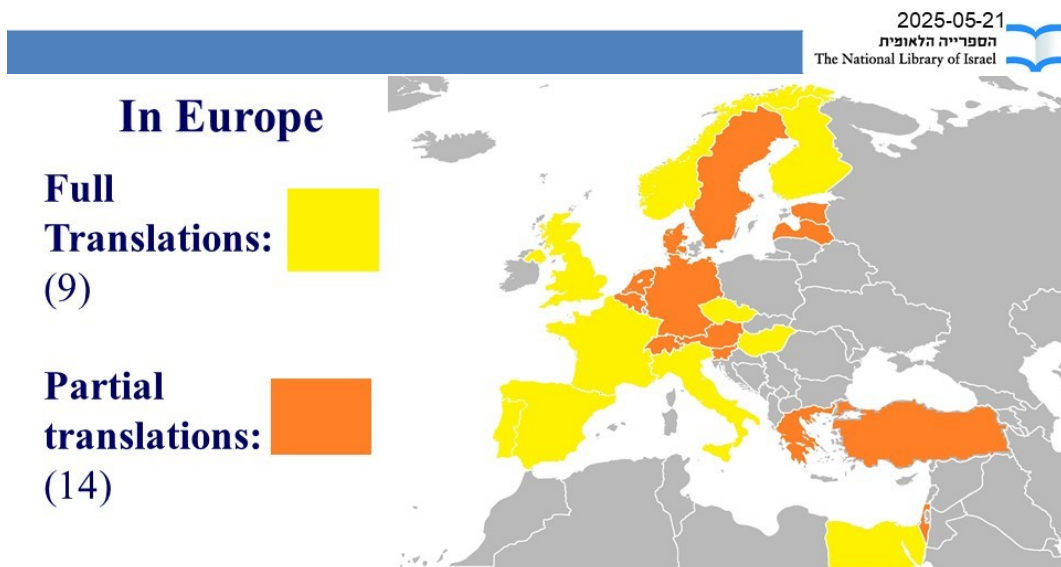
RDA Translation Statuses (last updated: May 2025) can be found on Googe Drive

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Questions? Comments?
Fast Track/Proposal ideas?

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RDA – a standard on the way to more partnership

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James Hennelly
Director, ALA Digital Reference

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RDA as a Cataloguing standard

- RDA was always intended as a cataloguing standard. It comes from the Anglo-American tradition and the Original Toolkit has largely continued this tradition.

- But cataloguing was already in a phase of upheaval at this time.

- This process has been intensified in the following years and all standards, not just RDA, must face up to the new challenges.

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RDA since 2015

- The committees responsible for RDA took up this challenge back in 2015, and the 3R project marked the start of a paradigm shift for cataloguing with RDA, some of which is still ongoing.
- This has changed a lot for the user communities, which does not always seem easy at first, but offers new opportunities for many.
- The circle of user communities has thus been significantly expanded and numerous applications in the field of cultural institutions have been created since then.

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What has changed?

- Internationalisation
- Options
- Community Resources
- Web-based Toolkit
- Linked-data Applications
- …

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What must change?

- RDA has a firm and proven committee structure.
- This helps to manage the standard, make it reliably available and carry out the ongoing customisation processes.
- But tried and tested procedures also need to be reviewed and adapted.

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This process was initiated by the RDA committees and initial results are available.
James Hennelly will now report on this.

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What We Are Working on

- Community Resources

- Companion Subscription

- Representation

- Training

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Community Resources

Partner
- Work in the Toolkit CMS
- Fee involved

Contributing
- Work in the HTML editor
- No fee

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Partner Organizations

- Käyttäjäyhteisöjen aineistot
- Legacy RDA Community resources →▤

Contributing Organizations

Contributor	Title	Language	Document Type
ALA	▤ Jamie's Test	English US	Workflow
The National Library of Israel	▤ Moreh Nevuchim	Hebrew	Local policy
The National Library of Israel	שנות הוצאה לאור בלוחות שונים ▤	Hebrew	Local policy
The National Library of Israel	▤ Sefer, etc. at start of title proper	English US	Workflow

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Manifestaatioiden hakutiedot

Noudatetaan seuraavaa ohjeistusta merkittäessä elementin Manifestaatio: manifestaation hakutieto →▤ arvo.

Noudatetaan seuraavia lyhenteitä tiettyjen kielien sanoissa ja fraaseissa.

Manifestaatiomerkinnöt

Noudatetaan seuraavaa ohjeistusta merkittäessä elementin Manifestaatio: manifestaatiomerkintö →▤ arvo tai *elementin alatyypin* arvo.

Manifestaatiomerkintöjen isot alkukirjaimet suomen kielessä

Noudatetaan seuraavaa ohjeistusta tietyissä kielissä isolla alkukirjaimilla kirjoitettavista sanoista ja fraaseista.

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Expression > duration
Moving images; Sound recordings
Enclose a value of Expression: duration in **parentheses** and precede with a **space**

Example
(32:00)

Expression > medium of performance of musical content
  ○ All scores except instrumental hire sets
  ○ Instrumental hire sets

All scores except instrumental hire sets

Generally record a value in conventional score order because we think this is more intuitive for users.

However, if an AAP for a combination of instruments shows another order (suggesting a different score order for particular groups of instruments e.g. wind quintet) then follow this order instead.

Example
Score for a wind quintet:
flute 1 oboe 1 clarinet 1 horn 1 bassoon 1 5

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Companion Subscription

- New subscription level for groups or institutions that want to permission to create an online cataloguing manual

- Intended for those sharing an online manual for a large community of libraries

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Companion Subscription

Benefits include

- Permission to publish an online cataloguing manual based on RDA
- Access to RDA content management system for translation, PS, and CR
- Toolkit Access that aligns with the needs of the community served
- Membership in proposed group*

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Companion Subscription

Pricing

- Flexible pricing

- Based on community population

- Renewal required to maintain permission

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Representation

- Looking for new ways to better engage with RDA Toolkit stakeholders.
- Proposal for an Advisory Council that would meet with RDA Board twice a year.
- Propsed council would align with the broader strategic and business issues that is teh Board's role and expand participation in the Board.

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Training

There remains great demand for training.

Training needed for the practices that are specific to a region.

RDA Board is exploring how we can develop trainers for all parts of the world.

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Conclusion

- With these changes, the RDA committees want to take a forward-looking approach and shape the future of cataloguing with RDA together with the user communities.

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Thank you for your attention and grateful for your input!

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RDA / UNIMARC harmonization: UPDATE #5

Structuring principles, current situation and upcoming work

RDA in Europe Annual Meeting, May 23rd 2025
Florence Tfibel (BnF, France), on behalf of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC, IFLA)

International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions

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nationale de France

Presentation plan

1. PUC activities in 2024-2025

    1. Updates to the format and its documentation

    2. Working groups and projects

2. Focus : the « Future of UNIMARC » project

    1. Survey results

    2. Roadmap for the future

UNIMARC IN 2024-2025

An overview of the Permanent Unimarc Committee's activities

UNIMARC 2024 updates

- 27 proposals were to be discussed (34th annual meeting in June, additional meeting in July and corresponding meeting in September)
  - Mostly for structuring and extending UNIMARC/A to accommodate attributes and relationships elements aligned with IFLA LRM
  - Cluster ISSN (within UNIMARC/B field 011)
  - Electronic Archive Location and Access (new UNIMARC/B field 857)
  - URI ($3 – Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number (extended), $R – Real World Object (URI) (new))
- 20 were accepted and published in the 2024 edition of the Manual

Proposals and discussion papers

Proposals for changes and additions to the UNIMARC formats are discussed annually at meetings of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC). Proposals should be submitted to the national UNIMARC committee or library institution working with the PUC. For UNIMARC users from countries without professional institutions affiliated to the PUC, it is possible to submit the proposal directly to the PUC by prior consultation with the PUC.

The proposal should be prepared according to a defined structure using a template:

UNIMARC_proposal_form **Download**

Please note that the explained examples are the mandatory part of the proposal.
For major changes in content or structure, a discussion paper should be attached, presenting the conceptual idea with a detailed analysis of the problem, the proposed solution scenario with its advantages and limitations, and the justification for the change. Examples of the proposed applications should be included where appropriate.

Format (indicate):	Bibliographic / Authority
No. of proposal (TBA by PUC)	
Date of proposal:	
Source of proposal:	
Type of proposal:	☐ Addition ☐ Change ☐ Deletion
Field(s) / Subfield(s) affected:	
Content of proposal:	
Rationale for proposal:	
Comments:	Changes: • •
History/status:	

https://www.ifla.org/g/unimarc-rg/permanent-unimarc-committee-puc/

UNIMARC Manuals

❑ Full online publications since 2023

❑ Updates in 2024 with supporting documentation & workflow :
   ✓ IFLA repository versions
   ✓ web page
   ✓ history list

❑ 2024: Endorsement process (in progress)

UNIMARC Authorities Format Manual (online ed.)

The online edition is published as the latest version in PDF format. The version numbering of the online editions is determined by the type of updates and revisions. Suggestions for the improvement of the standard and the manual can be sent to the e-mail address of the chair of the PUC.

Version	File	Release Date	Notes
1.1.0	PDF	20. 1. 2025	Not yet endorsed by the IFLA Professional Committee or Governing Board. Includes 2024 revision and updates. See also: Editing history list. Edited by Gordana Mazić, Branka Badovinac with Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan, Maria Aslanidi, Héloïse Lecomte, Miguel Mimoso Correia, Florence Tfibel and Olga Zhlobinskaya.

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2*	2025-01-23 09:05:11	Update to version 1.1.0: Metadata corrections and added contributors.
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* Selected version

Working groups and projects

Mappings and harmonization

- UNIMARC – IFLA LRM Mapping (closed)
- LRM, RDA, UNIMARC Authorities, BIBFRAME Mapping for Musical Works (in progress)
- UNIMARC – ISBDM Harmonisation : with ISBD Review Group Task Force on ISBD for Manifestation (in progress)

Tools and documentation

- Manuals and documentation (ongoing)
- IFLA Namespaces : with Metatec (in progress)

"Future of UNIMARC"

- 6th UNIMARC Users' Meeting (closed)
- Worldwide survey (closed)
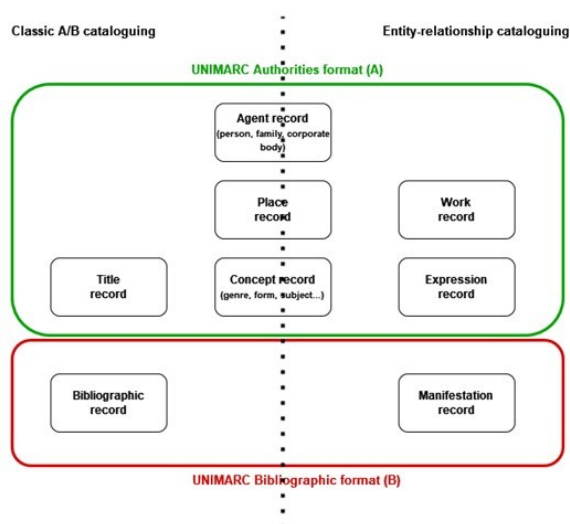- Webpage (ongoing)
- Roadmap (in progress)

FUTURE OF UNIMARC

UNIMARC and the new ER based standards

General principles so far :

- Compatibility of IFLA standards
  - Full LRM implementation
  - RDA as an intermediary (but also ISBD-M)
- One format, two cataloguing options
  - Not a new, distinct format
  - But also direct entity relationship management

Pending questions :
  - Implementation strategies
  - ISBD consequences ?

Classic A/B cataloguing   Entity-relationship cataloguing

UNIMARC Authorities format (A)

- Agent record (person, family, corporate body)
- Place record
- Work record
- Title record
- Concept record (genre, form, subject...)
- Expression record

- Bibliographic record
- Manifestation record

UNIMARC Bibliographic format (B)

Future of UNIMARC

A project launched in 2023, which aims to facilitate exchanging, sharing and generating knowledge about the future of UNIMARC.

It focuses on exploring UNIMARC's range of uses, increasing familiarity with its entity-relationship (ER) cataloguing track, and gathering information about the library community's needs.

Future of UNIMARC

IFLA's UNIMARC encoding and exchange format has undergone a major transformation with the adoption of a new entity-relationship (ER) conceptual model the IFLA Library Reference Model (IFLA LRM), which brings innovative cataloguing approaches for the digital environment. This shift from traditional metadata practices suggests promising benefits for both libraries and end-users. The key transformations and improvements to UNIMARC are:

- Two cataloguing tracks: UNIMARC has evolved to provide two cataloguing options: 1) UNIMARC-ER (entity-relationship cataloguing) and 2) the "traditional" UNIMARC cataloguing. This flexibility allows agencies (institutions, networks etc.) to choose the most suitable track for their specific needs.
- Entities and relationships: UNIMARC now accommodates almost all aspects of the IFLA LRM model, expanding UNIMARC's scope, cataloguing choices and future potential.
- UNIMARC-ER features: UNIMARC-ER supports a highly structured approach to library data. It enables enriched description and comprehensiveness. Entity records are created using the

- A webpage since early 2024
- 6th UNIMARC Users Meeting: Charting the Course: Future-Forward Cataloguing with UNIMARC, 12th November 2024 (Maribor, Slovenia/Online)
- A worldwide survey (April-July 2024) : Landscape of Data Structure and Exchange Standards Survey
- **Goal for 2025-2026 : Publication of a roadmap (strategy) on UNIMARC entity-based cataloguing with IFLA metadata content standards (PUC position paper)**

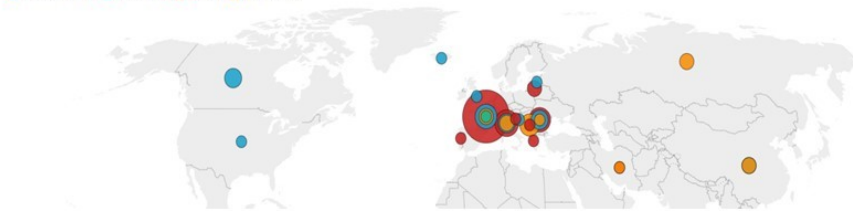Landscape of Data Structure and Exchange Standards Survey Results

UNIMARC in the world

Number of survey responses by country
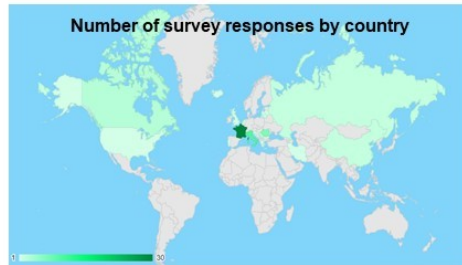
- 69 full answers, from 18 countries
- Almost always from a national library/bibliographic agency
- From different types of users : direct users (for cataloguing or exchange), users of UNIMARC-based formats, or of other formats keeping updated.
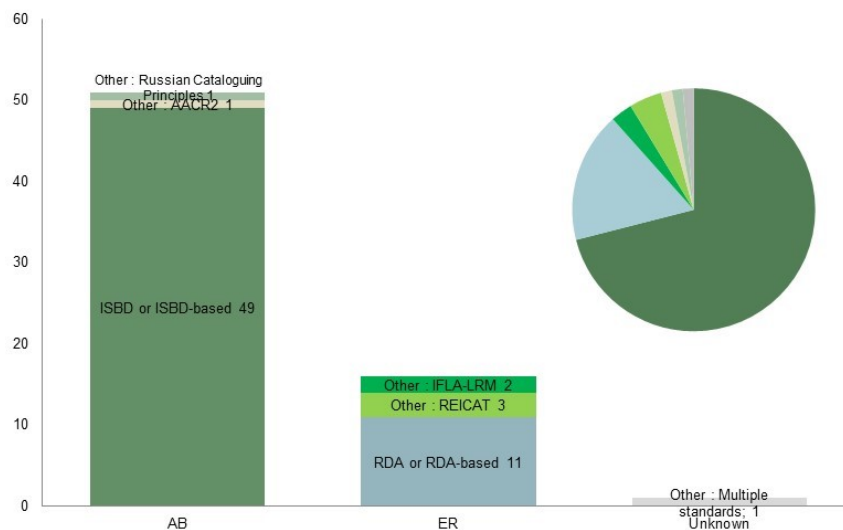
Geographical distribution of cataloguing/encoding formats

Other MARC formats ■ Other standard ■ UNIMARC ■ UNIMARC-based

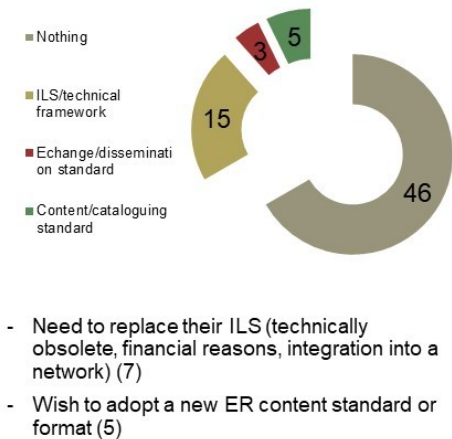Landscape of Data Structure and Exchange Standards Survey Results

UNIMARC and the new standards

Other : Russian Cataloguing Principles 1
Other : AACR2 1

ISBD or ISBD-based 49

Other : IFLA-LRM 2
Other : REICAT 3

RDA or RDA-based 11

Other : Multiple standards; 1
Unknown

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CONTENT STANDARDS USED BY UNIMARC OR UNIMARC-BASED USERS FOR PRODUCTION

Landscape of Data Structure and Exchange Standards Survey Results

Plans for the future

To change or not to change, and why ?

- Nothing
- ILS/technical framework
- Echange/dissemination standard
- Content/cataloguing standard

5
3
15
46

- Need to replace their ILS (technically obsolete, financial reasons, integration into a network) (7)
- Wish to adopt a new ER content standard or format (5)

User expressed needs

Better and more user-friendly documentation online (manuals, information about UNIMARC ER)

Tutorials, especially on how to migrate from classic UNIMARC to UNIMARC ER

Compliance with RDA, with frequent updates

A Strategy ("roadmap") for entity-based cataloguing with UNIMARC

➢ (Re)evaluate long-term strategy for UNIMARC within IFLA metadata standards
  ▪ Review of survey and 6th UNIMARC Users Meeting
  ▪ Review of ISBD-UNIMARC Harmonization Group Report to the PUC
  • SWOT analysis of UNIMARC development
      • Strengths, Weaknesses (internal factors)
      • Opportunities, Threats (external factors)
  • PUC position paper?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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https://www.ifla.org/g/unimarc-rg/permanent-unimarc-committee-puc/

Report on BIBFRAME Workshop in Europe 2024

Held September 17th and 18th in 2023 in Helsinki

Matias Frosterus

EURIG 2025

What is the BFWE?

- Series of annual workshops coordinated by the Organizer Group
  - A forum for sharing knowledge about the practice of, production with, and planning of BIBFRAME implementation
  - First one in Frankfurt in 2017
- A mailing list with now more than 500 participants
  https://lists.dnb.de/mailman/listinfo/eurbibframe
- Repository of presentation from past editions at www.bfwe.eu
- Slack Channel https://bfwe.slack.com
  - Active during the workshop

BFWE 2024

- Held in Helsinki, September 17th-18th
  - ~100 in-person participants
  - Almost 400 online participants
- All of the slides and recordings are online
 - https://www.bfwe.eu/helsinki_2024

Photo: Marko Oja, National Library of Finland

Modern MARC

- Library of Congress' set of guidelines for producing MARC records that are easier for BIBFRAME
  - Aims to better comply with RDA
- https://www.loc.gov/marc/ModernMARC-index.html
- Less coded data in fixed fields
  - Favors strings and identifiers
- More identifiers
- Minimal ISBD punctuation

BIBFRAME 2.4

- Relations between entities from direct to indirect
  - This removes "hardcoding" from these relations and allows easier interoperability with, e.g., RDA relations
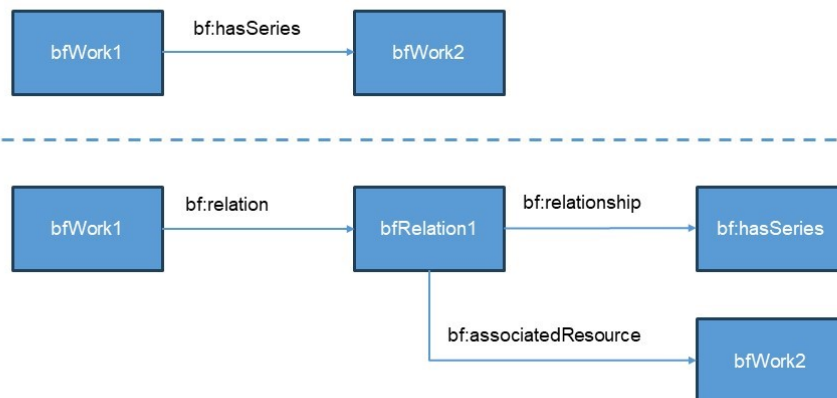
BFWE 2024: Community Updates

- Library of Congress update
  - Sally McCallum, Library of Congress (LoC), Chief of Network Development and Standards Office
- BIBFRAME Shapes: Validating our Approach
  - Nancy Lorimer, Stanford University, Associate Director for Metadata Services
- Planning and Designing: An Update from Blue Core
  - Kalli Mathios, Stanford University, Linked Data Community Outreach Librarian

BFWE 2024: Community Updates

- Share Family: advancements in linked data collaboration
  - Tiziana Possemato, @Cult, Founding partner & Director
  - Serena Cericola, Casalini Libri, R&D assistant
- Normalising and coordinating types in bibliographic data
  - Andreas Andersson, National Library of Sweden, Metadata Specialist

BFWE 2024: From theory to practice

- Report from RDA Steering Committee
  - Renate Behrens, RSC, Chair
- Expressions and Aggregates in BIBFRAME
  - Matias Frosterus, National Library of Finland, Information Systems Manager
- Building a Semantic Knowledge Graph at National Library Board Singapore
  - Richard Wallis, Data Liberate, Founder

BFWE 2024: From theory to practice

- Adventures in BIBFRAME: Cataloguing Rare Books Using Sinopia at the University of Leeds
  - Trevor Hough, University of Leeds, Metadata & Discovery Coordinator
  - Kim Taylor, University of Leeds, Metadata & Discovery Manager
- Toward a new way of cataloging: investigating the feasibility of implementing an entity-relationship model in Flemish central cataloging
  - Gwenny Vlaemynck, Cultuurconnect, Innovation Manager
  - Hannelore Baudewyn, Cultuurconnect, Product Owner Open Vlacc
  - Lynn Van Kerckhove, Cultuurconnect, Domain expert IT
  - Guy Cools, Cultuurconnect, Metadata specialist

BFWE 2024: BIBFRAME Environments

- Working with linked data at scale in library workflows
  - Jeff Mixter, OCLC, Senior Product Manager Metadata and Digital Services
- Unlocking BIBFRAME: Practical Insights for Alma and Primo
  - Adina Marciano, Ex Libris, Product Manager
  - Margarita Perez Martinez, University of Miami, Cataloging & Metadata Librarian and Law School Institutional Repository Manager
- Practical use cases for shared bibliographic infrastructure
  - Sebastian Hammer, Index Data, President
  - Tiziana Possemato, @Cult, Founding partner & Director

BFWE 2024: BIBFRAME Environments

- Linked Data LMS: Experiences from Production
    - Magdalena Olofsson, Axiell, Product Manager
    - Emma Tennevall, Metadata Specialist
- The UNIMARC-BIBFRAME mapping in SHARE Catalogue: an evolving path
    - Claudio Forziati, University of Naples Federico II, Librarian
- KORMARC data mapping for BIBFRAME transforming
    - Mihwa Lee, Kongju National University

BFWE 2024: Roundtables

- BIBFRAME editors in the future
- The Era of Dual Format Environments: BIBFRAME and MARC
- Insights into the practicalities of working with BIBFRAME

BFWE 2025

- 16th and 17th of September 2025
  - Hosted by the University of Naples Federico II, Italy
    - Note that September is prime tourist season for Naples so make your reservations well in advance
  - Online participation also possible
- Attendance to the conference is free
  - Registration: https://www.bfwe.eu/naples_2025
- Presentation proposals still open
  - Deadline May 27th

Some other news of interest

- BIBFRAME advisory committee under consideration
- Share-VDE liaison to RSC
  - Aimed to ensure consistent data interoperability among BIBFRAME and RDA
  - Share Family, composed of a community of BIBFRAME users, has MARC and UNIMARC users
- BIBFRAME Interoperability Group BIG
  - Building machine-readable application profiles for minimum BIBFRAME shapes for interoperable exchange of BIBFRAME

Conclusions

- BIBFRAME is here
  - Many implementations are old enough that challenges and solutions are more mature
  - The tools are more and more concerned with user experience and smooth processes
  - The whole metadata ecosystem is considered
  - Library system vendors adding BIBFRAME support
- Another major theme was one of co-operation.
  - Multiple collaborative initiatives had presentations
    - strong progress being made on true sharing of data.
  - RDA also present as an important consideration in practical BIBFRAME implementations

Thank you and welcome!

EURIG 2025 Annual Meeting
Discussion prompts on AI in Cataloguing

Understanding AI in Cataloguing

- How do you define AI in the context of cataloguing and metadata management?
- What specific AI technologies or tools are you currently using or considering?

Impact on Workflows

- In what ways do you think AI can enhance or streamline cataloguing workflows?
- Are there specific tasks that you believe AI could perform more efficiently than humans?

Quality Control

- How can AI assist in maintaining the quality and accuracy of metadata?
- What are the potential risks of relying on AI for quality control in cataloguing?

Training and Adaptation

- What skills do you think cataloguers need to develop in order to effectively work alongside AI tools?
- How can libraries support their staff in this transition?

Ethical Considerations

- What ethical concerns do you have regarding the use of AI in cataloguing?
- How can we ensure that AI systems are fair and unbiased in their processing of metadata?
- How do you address concerns related to data privacy and security when implementing AI solutions in cataloguing? What best practices should be followed?

User Experience

- How might AI improve the user experience for library patrons in terms of accessing and discovering information?
- Can you provide examples of AI applications that enhance user engagement?

Collaboration with AI

- In what ways do you envision collaboration between human cataloguers and AI systems?
- What tasks do you believe should remain solely in the hands of human professionals?

Future Trends

- What emerging trends in AI do you think will have the most significant impact on cataloguing and metadata management in the next five to ten years?

Case Studies

- Can you share any successful case studies or experiences where AI has been implemented in cataloguing?
- What lessons were learned from these implementations?

Integration Challenges

- What challenges have you faced or anticipate facing when integrating AI tools into existing cataloguing systems?
- How can these challenges be overcome?

Feedback Mechanisms

- How can we create effective feedback mechanisms to continuously improve AI systems used in cataloguing?
- What role do cataloguers play in this process?