

To: RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee
From: Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Subject: RSC Report, February 2025

This report was prepared by Renate Behrens, RSC Chair, with assistance from the RSC Secretary, Anne Welsh, and input from the rest of the RSC.

Since the last Board meeting, the RSC has met online (20-23 January), with a Public Session on Wednesday 22 January at which Michaela Edelman and Mathias Manecke from the DNB (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek) demonstrated [the RDA Dach Manual](#). Just under fifty observers attended the presentation, which was organised in response to requests [following Renate Behrens' presentation at the Outreach Day on 13 November 2024](#). Questions were answered from observers from the UK, USA and New Zealand, and [the presentation and Q&A is available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel](#).

An invitation is being extended to the National Library of New Zealand to present at the next Public Session in April on their implementation of Official RDA.

The RSC Secretary has been instructed to set up a web page on the RSC website to share implementation news, and will do this as soon as possible after completing the Minutes of the January Meeting.

The January Public Session also highlighted the publication of the White Paper by the Joint Board / RSC Working Group, [Considering AI in the Growth of RDA \(RSC/Papers/2025/1\)](#). The Working Group is currently updating its charge document to cover its next steps.

Updated charge documents have been published for the other RSC Working Groups, having been approved at the January Meeting ([RSC/Chair/2025/2-7](#)). This includes the transference of the Religions in RDA Working Group to the new category of Advisory Working Group (approved by the Board at its last meeting) and the extension of the Extent Working Group until the end of December 2025 (also approved by the Board at its last meeting).

The Archives Working Group held its first meeting on 27 January, and is updating its charge to reflect its current activities. It is an Advisory Working Group (as approved by the Board at its last meeting).

The terms of reference for the new class of Working Group have been enshrined in updates to RSC/Operations/1 and RSC/Operations/3 and these [have been published](#).

The [Slides for Educators](#) prepared by the Education and Orientation Officer were published in November, alongside a separate [Outline](#). Both are available from the newly-updated [Learning Resources webpage](#).

The new Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group, Christopher Holden, began his role on 1 January, with Damian Iseminger stepping into the role of Past Chair until July (announced [here](#)). This includes his first Registry release, which will coincide with the next Toolkit Release this month.

The RSC discussed the recruitment required this year. The main focus will be the recruitment of a Chair Elect, which falls to the Chair, Renate Behrens, and the Director of ALA Digital Reference. Renate Behrens shared with the Board her intention to ask Szabolcs Dancs to continue to a second term as Translations Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Translations Working Group.

The RSC's plans have been captured and published in its Action Plan 2025-2027 ([RSC/Chair/2025/1](#)). Its Annual Report is in final drafting and will be published later this month.

ORDAC has appointed Charlotte Christensen to a second term the Oceania Representative and Jack Ennis-Butler as Backup for a second term (announced [here](#)).

The last report to the Board ([RSC/Chair/2025/16](#)) has been published, now that all business confidential activities have been completed and can be made public. Similarly, Minutes for the November Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)) of the RSC have been authorised and published. Minutes for the January Meeting are in the final stage of drafting.

We continue to share regular updates on the [RSC News page](#).