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CC: RDA Steering Committee

From: Renate Behrens, RSC Chair

Subject: Protocol between the RSC and the Share Family / Share-VDE Advisory Council

Background

“RDA is a package of data elements, guidelines, and instructions for creating library and cultural heritage resource metadata that are well-formed according to international models for user-focussed linked data applications” ([RDA Steering Committee website](#)).

“The Share Family creates connections across the bibliographic catalogues and authority files of libraries with similar characteristics and focus areas in shared discovery environments that are tailored to each specific domain or discipline, in order to accommodate distinct systems, habits and cataloguing traditions. The concept behind the Share Family originates in Share-VDE, the practical continuation of an initial pilot project which began in October 2016 with the aim of contributing to bring BIBFRAME into practice. Thanks to the active involvement and collaboration of a group of prominent North American, Asian and European national and research libraries and in an exchange of ideas and shared principles with the Library of Congress, Share-VDE has evolved from a Research and Development pilot project to become a real and effective environment for library linked data, with an advanced, collaborative entity management system and entity discovery portal. Its role in linked open data for libraries is outlined in detail in the [Share-VDE Executive Summary](#). Share-VDE also adopts an [Open Metadata Policy](#), approved by its Advisory Council” ([Share Family website](#)).

This agreement aims to establish the relationship at the strategic level between the Share Family / Share-VDE Advisory Council (SF/SVDE AC) and the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), the managing body for RDA.

Liaison can take place directly between the SF/SVDE AC and the RSC. Individual review groups reporting to either RSC or the SF/SVDE AC may form relationships as needed at more technical levels. The liaisons between the SF/SVDE AC are through the position of the Chairs. At the Chairs’ discretion, the liaison may be delegated to another suitable person, but the liaison itself remains with the Chairs’ positions, not with any specific human being.

Duties of the RSC

The RSC Chair will be the liaison to the SF/SVDE AC and will provide the Chair of the SF/SVDE AC with their contact information. In the unlikely event that the RSC Chair is unable to be the liaison to the SF/SVDE AC they will delegate liaison to another member of the RSC and will provide the Chair of the SF/SVDE AC with their contact information.

The RSC recognizes the SF/SVDE AC liaison as a channel of communication between the SF/SVDE AC and the RSC, informing the RSC of relevant SF/SVDE AC information or activities that may impact the SF/SVDE community activities.

Duties of the Share Family / Share-VDE Advisory Council

The SF/SVDE AC Chair will be the liaison to the RSC and will provide the Chair RSC with their contact information. In the event that the SF/SVDE AC Chair is unable to be the liaison to the RSC they will delegate liaison to another member of the SF/SVDE AC and will provide the RSC with their contact information.)

The SF/SVDE AC recognizes the RSC liaison as a channel of communication between the RSC and the SF/SVDE AC, informing the SF/SVDE community of relevant RSC information or activities that RSC judges important for the SF/SVDE community to know, and informing RSC of relevant IFLA activities and information that may impact RDA and RSC activities.