

JSC Annual Report 2012
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PEOPLE

JSC Members

2012 continued as a transition year both for implementers of RDA and for the JSC. The JSC representatives for ACOC, CCC, and LC changed during the year. Deirdre Kiorgaard from the National Library of Australia was replaced on **ACOC** by Kevin Marsh (State Library of Western Australia) at the start of the year, and Marg Stewart from the Library and Archives Canada, was replaced on the **CCC** by Bill Leonard (Library and Archives Canada) in September. Dave Reser replaced Barbara Tillett as the **LC** representative in December 2012. The CILIP representative position was left open for the first half of the year, but later Gordon Dunsire was assigned as the **CILIP** representative – he had acted as the CILIP representative for the Glasgow meeting.

At the start of the year, Christine Frodl from the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (**DNB**) joined the JSC to represent the German-speaking countries (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland).

JSC Chair and JSC Secretary

Following the November 2011 Glasgow meeting of the JSC, the new **JSC Secretary**, Judy Kuhagen, and the new **JSC Chair**, Barbara Tillett, took office. Barbara Tillett announced her December 14, 2012 retirement from the Library of Congress. It was voted by the JSC and agreed by the Committee of Principals (CoP) to continue her service to complete her term of office through December 2013. The JSC election for a JSC Chair Elect voted in Gordon Dunsire, who will become the new JSC Chair effective January 1, 2014.

JSC Groups

Two new groups were formed:

-- **RDA Examples Group 3**

Kate James (LC, U.S.A.), Chair
Pam Coleman (British Library)
Emma Cross (Carleton University, Canada)
Anita Krawalski (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany)
Laura May (Library of Parliament, Canada)
George Prager (New York University, U.S.A.; PCC Task Group on RDA Records)
Adam Schiff (University of Washington, U.S.A.)
David Wells (Curtin University, Australia)

and the **RDA Music Working Group** transitioned to more formally be part of the JSC's groups, with representatives from CAML (Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres), Library of Congress, and the Music Library Association (U.S.A.):

Steven Yusko (LC, U.S.A.), Chair
Rachel Gagnon (CAML, Library and Archives Canada)
Cheryl Martin (CAML; Western University, Canada)
Daniel Paradis (CAML; Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada)
Caitlin Hunter (LC, U.S.A.)
Geraldine Ostrove (LC, U.S.A.)
Janet Bradford (MLA; Brigham Young University, U.S.A.)
Robert Freeborn (MLA; Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.)
Tracey Snyder (MLA; Cornell University, U.S.A.)

Certificates of appreciation were sent to the following 21 individuals named at the 2011 JSC meeting (members of the two earlier Examples groups, the DCMI/RDA Task Group, and the Appendices Working Group):

Catherine Argus	Rachel Gagnon	Adam Schiff
John Attig	Kathy Glennan	Nathalie Schulz
Joan Biella	Diane Hillmann	David Sommerfield
John Bowman	Judy Kuhagen	Aaron Taub
Karen Coyle	Denise Lim	Jay Weitz
Kim Doyle	Jon Phipps	Kathy Winzer
Gordon Dunsire	Kevin Randall	
	Pat Riva	

In addition, certificates for 2012 were awarded to Corine Deliot and Laura May for work on RDA/MARC mappings, Laura May for proofreading, and Thurstan Young as past secretary.

JSC Liaisons

Christine Frodl was appointed as the JSC liaison to the **ISBD Review Group** (replacing Marg Stewart).

Gordon Dunsire will serve as the JSC representative to the **FRBR Review Group**. That group is consolidating the FRBR Family of models, so the JSC keeps in touch, as RDA is founded on the FRBR and FRAD models.

Future Structure of the JSC

During the year there was some discussion about the JSC representation. It was determined that a review should take place during 2014 to see who is implementing RDA worldwide and to assure proper representation for those implementing the code. There is great interest in adopting RDA in Europe, South America, Central America, Taiwan, China, Malaysia, and New Zealand, to name a few areas of the world.

Collaborations

The ongoing collaborations with EURIG, ISBD, ISSN, IAML, and publishers through the ONIX connections have in part resulted in several proposals before the JSC for the November 2012 meeting. The BL agreed to take the lead in resuming discussions with the publishers about the RDA/ONIX Framework, which is overdue for an update.

RDA CONTENT

RDA Instructions

An unprecedented number of proposals were discussed in Chicago by the JSC in November 2012. Fifty-four (54) proposals and three (3) discussion papers were received and commented on. Three hundred ninety-nine (399) responses to those proposals were welcomed from around the world, including from the usual JSC constituencies. This was the first time that proposals and discussion papers were received from non-JSC constituencies: 9 of the 57 were from European RDA Interest Group (EURIG), International Association of Music Libraries (IAML), and ISSN Network. The JSC approved 43 of the 54 proposals in whole or in part.

This level of activity is expected to continue for a few more years as the JSC moves the rules carried forward from AACR2 to a more principle-based and FRBR/FRAD-based set of instructions.

After the deadline for papers for the November meeting:

- two additional discussion papers were received from the IFLA ISBD Review Group on alignment of the RDA and ISBD element sets, including mapping of the ISBD Area 0 vocabularies with the RDA/ONIX framework vocabularies, and

- four additional discussion papers were received from the ALA and CILIP representatives about vocabularies, RDA namespace, and the Open Metadata Registry (OMR).

The Outcomes from the November meeting were posted on the JSC Web site.

Update/Releases of the RDA Toolkit in 2012 for Content of RDA

The JSC worked closely with ALA Publishing regarding the deadlines and targets for updates and new releases of the RDA Toolkit. Some highlights follow:

- April update: changes from 17 proposals approved at the 2011 Glasgow meeting (affecting 35 instructions with multiple sub-instructions; also the establishment of one new element and addition/revision of 7 glossary entries); 63 Fast Track corrections/minor revisions (most from US RDA Test participants' 2010 comments or questions; some from translators); one glossary correction

- June release: 35 Fast Track corrections/minor revisions; 25 glossary additions for vocabulary terms; 5 glossary revisions for vocabulary terms

- August release: 93 Fast Track corrections/minor revisions; 5 new relationship designators; 50 glossary additions for vocabulary terms; 2 glossary revisions for vocabulary terms

- October release: 18 Fast Track corrections/minor revisions; 15 glossary additions for vocabulary terms; 2 glossary revisions for vocabulary terms

- December release: reworded chapters 6, 9-11; 29 Fast Track corrections/minor revisions.

Judy Kuhagen proofread all of the updates/releases; Laura May (from the Library and Archives Canada and later the Library of Parliament, Canada) proofread everything except the October release; some of the JSC helped proofread the April update.

Rewording Project

In response to the recommendation by the US RDA Test Coordinating Committee as a condition for RDA implementation in the United States, intensive work on an initial four chapters (ch. 6, 9, 10, and 11) of RDA was conducted to reword so the English would be clearer and easier to understand. ALA Publishing as the editor for this project hired Chris Oliver to be the copy editor for the rewording. She produced drafts that were reviewed by the JSC and then by the US RDA Test Coordinating Committee (and some of the US test participants) for feedback on direction for the rewording.

In addition to the initial 4 chapters, the JSC also reviewed chapter 17, and individuals assisted with subsequent proofreading of the remaining chapters and final versions of chapters (Judy Kuhagen has proofread all the versions; Kate James (Library of Congress) helped with some of the proofreading, and Barbara Tillett proofread some early versions and the final versions of ch. 6, 9-11, and all remaining chapters and appendices; John Attig reviewed the proofs for most of the chapters; Bill Leonard assisted with some comments on a few of the chapters). Barbara remains the primary contact for the copy editor, Chris Oliver, on this project. With technical assistance from IMT, the project continues with a target completion date of all RDA chapters by April 2013.

Plans for Subjects and Chapter 17 (primary relationships)

During the Glasgow meeting, the JSC agreed on a general plan for dealing with subjects in the short-term, namely to point users of the code to existing systems for subject terms and classification, and a longer-term plan to explore the subject nature of other entities and to consider additional entities for time and to extend events to possibly include meetings, conferences, ad hoc activities, etc. These plans will be developed and proposals written for 2013.

Regarding the confusion in the current Chapter 17 on primary relationships, it was decided to fix the examples to be clearer about identifiers and to adjust the wording to remind users that the chapter would be applied once a system had FRBR-compatible relationship capabilities. The introduction to the chapter was reworded to clarify the relationships and to note the inadequacies of current encoding standards. These plans will be developed and proposals made during 2013.

Controlled Vocabularies

Still unresolved, issues continued regarding the controlled vocabularies used with RDA elements and entities, and how they were defined in RDA, in the RDA Glossary, and in the OMR for RDA Terms. It was agreed the “unconstrained” and the “constrained” terms/values should be branded as part of RDA, and ALA Publishing continues to work with the OMR contractors on this and related issues.

Mappings

The JSC has provided review and feedback regarding various mappings to the RDA elements and entities as ALA Publishing develops its policies and practices. Various groups have offered their mappings (e.g., IranMARC) and ways to make those mappings available internationally are being explored.

Essential RDA

Although designed from the start, work on a “concise” version of RDA was resumed during the November 2012 JSC meeting, with a working title “Essential RDA”. The plans are to be developed by ALA Publishing. It is clear there is increasing demand for such a print product, which may also be issued as an eBook and in other formats. The basic instructions and core elements are coded into the RDAToolkit in preparation for such a product.

PROCESS and COMMUNICATION

Policy Documents

Three 4JSC and 5JSC policy documents were revised and renamed during 2012:

- 6JSC/Policy/1: Statement of policy and procedures for JSC
- 6JSC/Policy/2: JSC Meetings
- 6JSC/Policy/3: Duty statement for the JSC Secretary.

Work continues on these documents.

A new formal document (6JSC/Chair/6) was prepared to give an overview of JSC responsibilities, activities, and procedures for new JSC members. Changes to the procedures regarding the JSC Chair and Chair Elect were prepared in November for CoP comment to be ready for constituency review during early 2013.

Fast Track

The JSC extensively used the new Fast Track process (and it continues to evolve) to propose simple corrections to the RDA content and introduce other changes that in some cases were moved to discussion through conference calls or on to formal proposals. The schedule for including such Fast Track changes into the RDA Toolkit also continued to be worked out through the year, enabling monthly updates when the volume of corrections warranted it, with the expectation that not each month would have updates.

GoogleDocs

The JSC also was greatly assisted by Jamie Hannelley of ALA Publishing, who set up a Google Docs system for the JSC to document opinions and decisions regarding Fast Track changes and other topics.

JSC Schedule

The JSC Chair established a calendar with JSC deadlines and activities, including when JSC members would be away, in order to schedule conference calls and other events throughout the year. The JSC also maintains a calendar about vacations and other times away, which was integrated with the JSC schedule using Google Calendar at the end of 2012.

Teleconferences

The JSC had five teleconferences during 2012:

- 6 February (discussion of revised proposals)
- 8 February (revision history; index entries; RDA instructions)
- 12 March (“RDA in Many Metadata Formats” [RIMMF])
- 14 May (vocabulary issues in general; layout vocabulary; RDA Element Set issues)
- 15 May (reports from meetings in Anaheim and London; chapter 17; procedures, processes)

JSC Web Site, Workspace, RDA-L, and Wiki

Updates were made and more are to come for the JSC Web site. The look needs revising (it still has the old color scheme), and content needs to be archived or updated. The platform, including a restricted site (“Workspace”) for JSC members, is being migrated to one controlled by ALA Publishing.

Similarly it is planned the RDA-L listserv would migrate from one operated by the Library and Archives Canada, to one under ALA Publishing control. At present, there are 2162 subscribers to RDA-L.

1690 messages were posted from Nov. 2011 to Oct. 2012.

1520 have been posted in 2012 so far (Jan. 2012 through Oct. 30, 2012).

The Committee is no longer using the JSC wiki that formerly was operated by the National Library of Australia; appropriate documents were moved to Google Docs.

Presentations and publications related to RDA

JSC members make presentations and prepare publications related to RDA. Listed in an attachment to this report are those 2012 presentations and publications as well as activities organized by the European RDA Interest Group (EURIG).

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Members of the JSC in 2012:

John Attig (American Library Association)

Alan Danskin (British Library)

Gordon Dunsire (CILIP: Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals)

Christine Frodl (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek)

William Leonard (Canadian Committee on Cataloguing)

Kevin Marsh (Australian Committee on Cataloguing)

David Reser (Library of Congress, December)

Barbara Tillett (Library of Congress, January-November)

Chair: Barbara Tillett

Secretary: Judith Kuhagen

JSC Members' Presentations and Publications; EURIG RDA Activities

John Attig (ALA representative):

* January 22, 2012, Dallas, Texas, "Joint Steering Committee Update," RDA Update Forum, sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, at the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association.

* May 2, 2012, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, "Preparing for RDA," presented as a preconference on "RDA--What's Happening, Where's It Going, and How Will SirsiDynix Help Us Get There?" at the Annual Conference of the Customers of SirsiDynix Users Group, Inc. [COSUGI]; also gave a demonstration of the RDA Toolkit.

* May 23, 2012, "How NOT to Catalog a Rare Book Using RDA," Rare Materials and RDA: Exploring the Issue, webinar sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services; presented with Robert Maxwell, who gave a talk on "How to Catalog a Rare Book Using RDA".

* June 23, 2012, Anaheim, California, "Joint Steering Committee Update," RDA Update Forum, sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association.

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Alan Danskin (BL representative):

* April 24, 2012, in Boston Spa, The British Library hosted an RDA Workshop and RIMFF seminar for Legal Deposit Libraries and Representatives from BDS and RLUK.

* June 18-19, 2012, University of Florence, [Global Interoperability and Linked Data in Libraries](#)

* June, 28, 2012, London, CILIP RDA Executive Briefing, CILIP, <http://www.cilip.org.uk/rda2012/Pages/default.aspx>

* "FRBR for the terrified", University of East Anglia, Norwich, 25th September and National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh, 12th October

* October 28-29, 2012, Guest moderator of CILIP Cataloguing & Indexing Group E-forum: "Practical RDA Cataloguing"
<http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/cataloguing-indexing/eforums/pages/practicalrda.aspx>

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Gordon Dunsire (CILIP representative):

* March 2012, "Linked data, libraries and the Semantic Web" (<http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/linkeddatalibsemweb.ppt>). Presented at the Library science talk organized by the Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists (AILIS) and the Swiss National Library, ITU, Geneva, Switzerland, 12 March 2012, and the Swiss National Library, Bern, Switzerland, 13 March 2012.

* April 27, 2012, "Turtle dreaming"
(<http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/turtledreaming.pptx>). Presented at the DCMI seminar "Five years on", British Library, London.

* June 18-21, 2012, "Semantic interoperability of library linked data: ISBD and RDA"
(<http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/SemanticInteroperabilityISBDRDA.pptx>). Presented at LIDA (Libraries in the Digital Age), Zadar, Croatia.

* November 28-30, 2012, "Shrinking the silo boundary: data and schema in the Semantic Web"
(<http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/ShrinkingSiloBoundary.pptx>). Presented at 16. seminar Arhivi, Knjižnice, Muzeji, Poreč, Croatia

Papers published in 2012:

* "RDA for acquisitions librarians". In: *Taking stock: journal of the National Acquisitions Group*, vol. 21, no. 1 (Summer 2012).

* "Linked data for manuscripts in the Semantic Web". In: *Summer School in the Study of Historical Manuscripts*, Zadar, University of Zadar, 2012.

* "Linked data vocabulary management: infrastructure support, data integration, and interoperability". Co-authored with Corey Harper, Diane Hillmann, Jon Phipps. In: *Information Standards Quarterly*, v.24, no. 2/3 (Spring/Summer 2012).

* "Reconsidering universal bibliographic control in light of the Semantic Web". Co-authored with Diane Hillmann and Jon Phipps. In: *Journal of Library Metadata*, v.12, issue 2-3 (2012), pp. 164-176. DOI: 10.1080/19386389.2012.699831

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Christine Frodl (DNB representative):

* June 24, 2012, Anaheim, California, "RDA worldwide – the German perspective". ALA Annual Conference.

* May 23, 2012, Hamburg, Germany, "RDA – Wie geht es weiter im deutschsprachigen Raum?" 101. Deutscher Bibliothekartag.

Two podcasts (in German language) on this website:

<http://www.dnb.de/DE/Standardisierung/International/rdaSchulungsmaterial.html>

Publications:

Behrens-Neumann, Renate, Frodl, Christine. "RDA – ein internationaler Standard für den deutschsprachigen Raum." In: *Dialog mit Bibliotheken* 24.2012,2 – S. 23 – 27.

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Judy Kuhagen (JSC Secretary):

* June 6-7, 2012, “RDA and serials: theoretical and practical applications.” Workshop presented for the North American Serials Interest Group.

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Kevin Marsh (ACOC representative)

NLA, in cooperation with ACOC, has so far conducted four 3-day courses for library educators and training agents, as well as larger libraries that are planning to train their own staff. There are two more courses to come. – The training dates are/were: 19-21 September, 26-28 September, 3-5 October, 22-24 October, 7-9 November, 26-28 November.

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Barbara Tillett (LC representative):

* January 12, 2012, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Drexel University iSchool, lecture on RDA for students and faculty.

* January 22, 2012, Dallas, Texas, American Library Association Midwinter Conference, RDA Update Forum

* March 1, 2012, Mexico City, Mexico, UNAM seminar on RDA, televideoconference from LC.

* March 21-23, 2012, Taipei, Taiwan, provided a 2½ day RDA Seminar, National Central Library

* March 27-29, 2012, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, provided a 2½ day RDA Seminar, National Library of Malaysia

* April 26-28, 2012, London, England, as JSC Chair, participated in the London 5th Anniversary Meeting (RDA/DCMI/Semantic Web/IEEE/LOM) at the British Library, provided a presentation on the background/history of RDA.

* May 21-25, 2012, Hamburg, Germany, 101. Deutscher Bibliothekartag, spoke May 23 “The International Development of RDA: Resource Description and Access” and answered RDA questions at the DNB booth and the deGruyter booth (regarding the RDA Toolkit).

* June 21, 2012, Washington, D.C., Library of Congress, RDA training for supervisors and trainers/reviewers, taught “FRBR, RDA, and MARC”

* June 24, 2012, Anaheim, California, participated in a panel/forum on “Lessons Learned” from RDA with Nannette Naught, Chris Oliver, etc.

* July 2, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina televideoconference, “RDA beyond MARC”

* July 9-11, 2012, Beijing, China, provided a 2½ day RDA Seminar, sponsored by the National Library of China and the Library Society of China; July 11, 2012, as JSC Chair, met with the Chinese Expert Group on Cataloging regarding the potential for implementing RDA in China

- * August 10, 2012, Helsinki, Finland, VIAF Council Meeting, provided update on RDA implementation activities.
- * August 14, 2012, Helsinki, Finland, IFLA, joint meeting with IDBD Review Group
- * September 4 and 6, 2012, Washington, D.C., Library of Congress, RDA Training for cataloging staff, taught classes “FRBR Fundamentals”, and “FRBR Practicum”.
- * September 21, 2012, Auckland, New Zealand, RDA Seminar, sponsored by the National Library of New Zealand and LIANZA, several presentations on RDA background, the international development of RDA, and future directions.
- * September 23, 2012, Palmerston North, New Zealand, RDA Seminar, sponsored by the National Library of New Zealand and LIANZA, several presentations on RDA background, the international development of RDA, and future directions.
- * September 25, 2012, Wellington, New Zealand, National Library of New Zealand meetings with cataloging staff and managers regarding RDA implementation
- * September 28, 2012, Dunedin, New Zealand, RDA Seminar, sponsored by the National Library of New Zealand and LIANZA, several presentations on RDA background, the international development of RDA, and future directions.

Publications related to RDA:

- バーバラ B. ティレット [Barbara B. Tillett]. (2012). 『RDA』 : 図書館をセマンティック・ウェブに適したものに [*Keeping Libraries Relevant in the Semantic Web with RDA*]. カレントアウェアネス [*Current Awareness*], (311), 17-23. (In Japanese) Also available online: CA1767 - 動向レビュー [Trend Review, CA1767] : 『RDA』 : 図書館をセマンティック・ウェブに適したものに [*Keeping Libraries Relevant in the Semantic Web with RDA*] / バーバラ B. ティレット [Barbara B. Tillett] | カレントアウェアネス・ポータル [*Current Awareness Portal*]. [March 2012]. Available at: <http://current.ndl.go.jp/ca1767>.
- “Virtual International Authority File (VIAF): mit kontrolliertem Vokabular ins semantische Netz,” Barbara B. Tillett. In *Bibliotheken für die Zukunft – Zukunft für die Bibliotheken*, Hrsg. von Ulrich Hohoff und Daniela Lülfig. 100. Deutscher Bibliothekartag in Berlin 2011. Hildesheim, Georg Olms Verlag, 2012, p. 353-370. (Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare. Kongressbände 2011) ISBN 978-3-487-14745-1 (In German)
- “RDA and the Semantic Web,” Barbara B. Tillett. *JLIS.itOnline*, v.3, no. 1 (June 2012). Available at: <http://leo.cilea.it/index>
- “Brief Report on “Five Years On”, British library, London, England, April 26-27, 2012. Submitted by Barbara B. Tillett, Chief, Policy & Standards Division, Library of Congress and Chair of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, v. 50, no. 5/7, Cataloging News, Events. Available at: <http://catalogingandclassificationquarterly.com/ccq50nr5-7.html#news>

Webcasts related to RDA:

[Importing Records for Textual Monographs: for LC RDA catalogers and technicians / Barbara Tillett, chief, Policy & Standards Division, Library of Congress](#). Presentation for ALA

Midwinter, Dallas, Texas, January 2012. Available at: <http://connect.ala.org/node/168689>
RDA: Looking to the Future. Webcast of speech given March 21, 2012 at the National Central
Library, Taipei, Taiwan. Available at:
<http://192.192.58.117/MetadataInfo.aspx?funtype=0&id=609423>
RDA mas alla de MARC. [In English with Spanish slides]. Webcast of speech given October 4,
2012 for the Bogota, Colombia Cataloging Conference.

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European RDA Interest Group (EURIG):

EURIG conducted a survey of members during 2012 to canvass plans regarding RDA
http://www.slainte.org.uk/eurig/docs/EURIG_Survey_2012_v1_Final.pdf

EURIG also organized the following meetings;

Technical Meeting: Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris 27th January
Working Group on Aggregates meeting, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, 15th
Members' meeting Madrid, Biblioteca Nacional de Espana, 21st September.