



Beyond RDA's First Release

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Overview of presentation

- Schedule for release and implementation
- Outstanding issues for the Committee of Principals (CoP)
- Joint Steering Committee's (JSC's) forward work program
- Implementation plans of the CoP national libraries

Key dates for RDA

- **13 October 2008** – full draft of content released in online product for comment
- **19 January 2009** – comment period closes
- **Early March 2009** – JSC and CoP meet in Chicago. JSC finalises review of comments received
- **Third quarter 2009** – RDA is released
- **Last quarter 2009 – early 2010** – CoP national libraries evaluate RDA prior to implementation



Issues for the CoP (1)

- The future business model for RDA
 - collaboration has implications for Intellectual Property, policy on sharing content and budget
- Future governance and participation model for RDA
 - wider adoption of RDA at the international level has implications for how RDA is governed and developed



Issues for the CoP (2)

- Preparing for implementation
 - identify local system changes required
 - coordinate training and documentation
 - collaborate on pre-implementation evaluation of RDA



JSC's forward work program

- Elect a new Chair in January 2009
- Continue to work with other data communities
- Review process for considering future changes to RDA
- Coordinate implementation – e.g., optional elements; sector training



National libraries implementation plans

Background

- Jan. 2008 – report of the LC Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control released. Recommends LC “suspends work on RDA”.
- May 1 2008 - LC, NLM and NAL issue joint statement announcing their intention to evaluate RDA to assist with implementation decisions



National libraries implementation plans (2)

Background

- April 2008 - implications of LC decision discussed at CoP meeting
- Two considerations influenced discussions:
 - the CoP national libraries Oct. 2007 joint statement on working together on coordinated implementation of RDA
 - the impact on international resource sharing of uncoordinated implementation



National libraries evaluation plans

- Evaluation plans for the pre-implementation period will focus on the costs and benefits of RDA implementation
- Evaluation will cover :
 - the usability of RDA data and the product
 - technical considerations
 - financial considerations

Usability of RDA

For instance:

- Ease of use of RDA for cataloguers
- Capability of library systems to accommodate RDA records
- Ability of users to find what they want using RDA records
- Applicability of RDA to a broad range of material

Technical considerations

For instance:

- Co-existence of RDA and AACR records
- Functionality of RDA online product
- System developments required prior to RDA implementation
- Implications for resource sharing
- Generating RDA records from other sources of data



Financial considerations

For instance:

- training, documentation
- altering workflows
- creating RDA records compared with AACR
- record conversion costs
- system changes
- managing cataloguing documentation online



Thank you

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