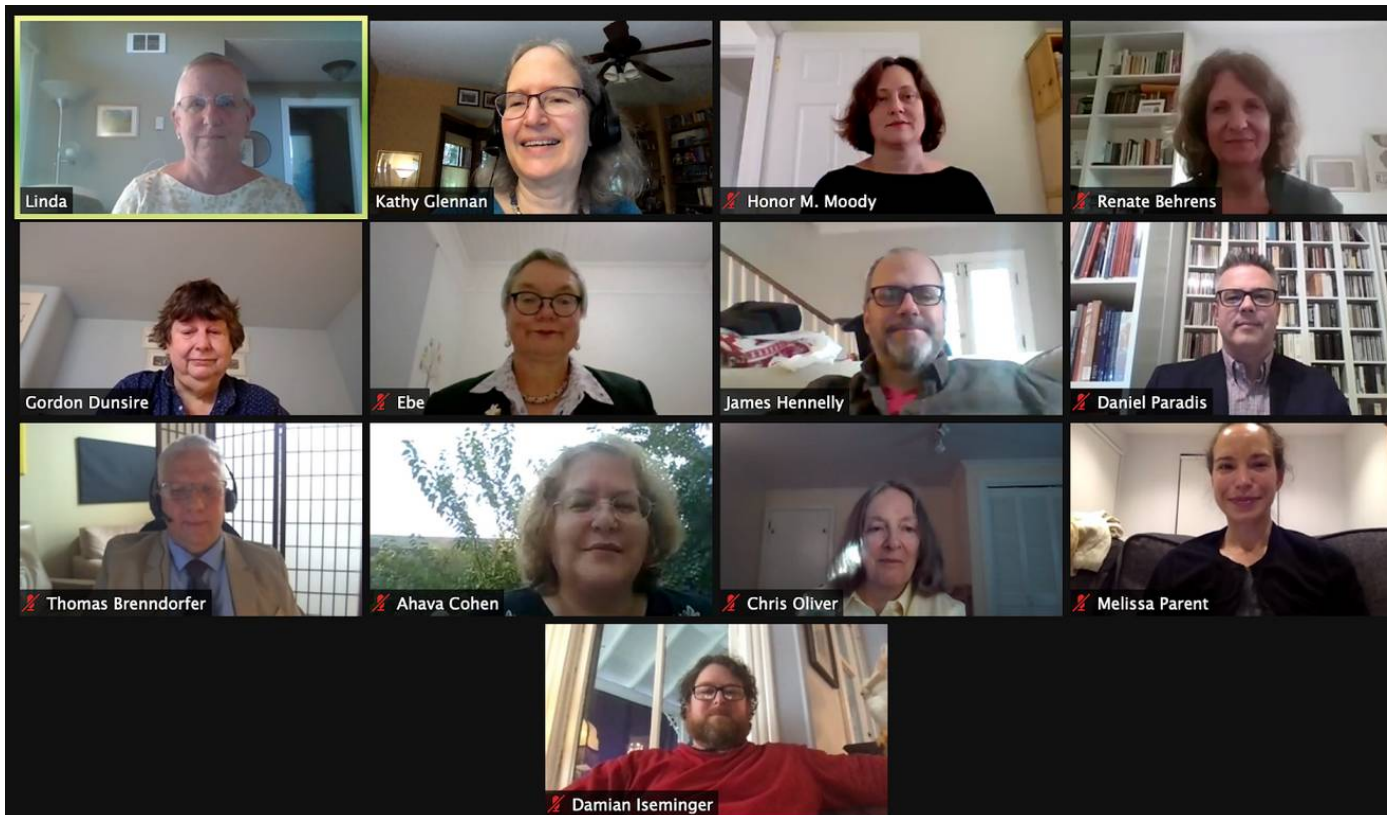Renate Behrens

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RSC Membership

– Catherine Amey stepped away as the representative from Oceania (ORDAC) in March and was succeeded by Melissa Parent.

– Damian Iseminger was appointed Technical Team Liaison Officer-Elect in May 2020.

– Gordon Dunsire concluded his term as Technical Team Liaison Officer in December 2020.

Meetings

– Quarterly Asynchronous Meetings (January, April and July)

– Virtual Meeting in October 2020 (synchronous and asynchronous parts)

Toolkit Switchover and end of 3R

– 15, December 2020, formely conclusion of the 3R Project

– The beta Toolkit became the official version of RDA

– The former Toolkit became the „Original Toolkit"

Changes

– New Structure of the Toolkit

– More Options

– Internationalization

– Community Resources

New Structure of the Toolkit

– The new Toolkit is orientated towards Linked Data Applications and designed with this in mind.

– Users who orient themselves to traditional standards sometimes have problems with this.

– It is the task of the user communities to mediate here and to prepare the standard accordingly. In many cases, this is time-consuming and cannot be implemented in a short time.

More Options

- The new RDAs are no longer to be understood as a set of rules, but offer options for the cataloguing of resources.

- User communities can and must work out the appropriate regulations for their requirements.

- on the one hand, this gives more freedom, but on the other hand, it creates more work for the user communities.

- Specialised communities welcome this approach as it makes it easier for them to find cross-sectoral solutions.

Internationalization

– The RSC supports the internationalization strategy of the RDA Board.

– Due to this approach several contents of the previous RDA have been separated from the actual text and will be placed in Community Zones (Community Resources) in the future.

– The process of internationalization has only just begun. It will be continued by the RSC with high priority in the near future.

– EURIG will and should have an important role in this process.

Community Resources

The RSC began to define the parameters for a new Community resources area within the RDA Toolkit, to house community vocabularies and community refinements. Content from original Toolkit appendices such as abbreviations, capitalization, and terms of rank will be re-located here, organized by language, as part of the shift to an international focus.

RDA Registry

The RDA Registry contains vocabularies that represent the RDA entities, elements, and controlled terminologies as RDA element sets and RDA value vocabularies in Resource Description Framework (RDF). Data contained in the Registry populate the Glossary, vocabulary encoding scheme term lists, and sections of each element page in the RDA Toolkit.

Translations

– Translations continue to be a significant focus of activity and development. Finnish and Norwegian translations started to be implemented in September 2020.

– Translators continued to make progress with RDA Reference translations and have been actively identifying and submitting inconsistencies as well as recommending improvements to the base English text.

Policy Statements

– The British Library began with an intensive analysis and manual approach.

– The Library of Congress began with an intensive analysis and a scripted approach.

– Files were tested in the April 2020 release, and have grown in number with each subsequent release.

Some questions

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Is the text of RDA in the new Toolkit a really completely autonomous version from the original version of the text?

Yes it is and can be used completly without the original version.

Even though the new RDA have a different structure and appears completely different at first glance, many of the original texts are still included. However, by adapting to the new IFLA LRM model, entirely new concepts have been incorporated and implemented.

How can cataloguers apply the new RDA without a guide and will there be more examples?

In order to be able to use the new RDA in practical cataloguing, most user communities need their own supplementary regulations. However, these will be very different. As before, there will be policy statements as from LoC and BL. Other communities will develop more detailed regulations, such as the cataloguing manual of the German-speaking community.

Further examples will be provided in the RDA text as well as in community based additions.

How long will the previous version of the RDA text remain available?

Currently there is no exact timetable for the deactivation of the original Toolkit. This will be determined by the RDA Board and the RSC in consultation with the regions.

Certain parts of the guidelines are missing in the new Toolkit? For example for religious works or cartographic resources.

All information that is not international or belongs to a special community will in future be found in the Community Resources. These communities can be language-specific (e.g. French-speaking) or also relevant for special materials (e.g. music).

More Questions?

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