

The announcement below has been posted to the RSC website.

On Friday 6th November 2015, the first step in implementing the recent review of the RDA Governance Model was taken with the launch of the new governance branding.

At a reception, which followed the Joint Steering Committee meeting in Edinburgh, the names of the Committee of Principals and Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA changed to the RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee (RSC).

Chair of the RDA Board, Simon Edwards, said "This first step in the implementation of the Governance Review is an important one. It signals an important step in our commitment to further internationalise RDA. This year's Joint Steering Committee meeting was an ideal opportunity to launch the new branding as the location of the meeting has attracted representatives from a range of European countries who have come to observe the meeting and attend other satellite events. The location and range of satellite events further demonstrates our commitment to moving the meeting around and using the opportunity to engage with the wider community."

The RDA Board has agreed a 4-5 year programme of activity to enable the current structure to move, over time, towards the new governing structure. The key principles governing the transition include:

- Current key stakeholders will be actively engaged in the change process and will be tasked with helping to shape future structures and support mechanisms to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee will carefully balance retaining current skills and expertise and bringing new skills and representation in order to ensure that the stability of RDA as a tool does not suffer.
- The new structure will evolve gradually rather than as one big change.
- RDA Board aims to have the new structure firmly in place by 2019.

The reception also included the launch of the rebranded RDA Steering Committee website which can be accessed at www.rda-rsc.org. The website also includes information about the RDA Board.