

## DCMI/RDA Task Group Status Report, July 2008

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### Fundraising

We received to grants in response to our fundraising efforts:

\$5000.00 from Siderean Software

£5000.00 from the British Library

We are currently focused on completion of the work using a combination of funded and volunteer effort, and believe we can complete Tasks 1-2 and make some progress on Task 3 (the application profile) with our current funding.

### Work Completed

During the past year, the TG has been actively working on Tasks 1-2 of their workplan (available at: <http://dublincore.org/dcmirdataskgroup/>).

Task 1 was to “define RDA modeling entities as an RDF vocabulary (properties and classes).” At this stage we have defined a preliminary list of RDA Elements (around 80, see: <http://metadataregistry.org/schema/show/id/1.html>) and entered them provisionally on the NSDL Registry (<http://metadataregistry.org>). The Registry provides HTML pages and RDF schema representations of the vocabulary as well.

To begin Task 2, we also registered several RDA Value Vocabularies:

RDA applied materials (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/36.html>)

RDA base material (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/35.html>)

RDA colour (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/32.html>)

RDA Font Size (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/40.html>)

RDA layout (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/34.html>)

RDA Media Type (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/37.html>)

RDA Polarity (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/38.html>)

RDA production method  
(<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/33.html>)

RDA Reduction Ratio (<http://metadataregistry.org/vocabulary/show/id/39.html>)

The namespace being used (RDVocab.info) was agreed upon in discussions with the JSC and its governing Committee of Principals. We provided a report of currently

registered elements (and vocabularies) and an analysis of concerns to the RDA Joint Steering Committee for their April meeting.

In addition to the registrations, Alistair Miles set up an analysis of the registered vocabularies in use in the cataloger scenarios developed by the TG and other interested parties. (Scenarios: <http://dublincore.org/dcmirdataskgroup/Scenarios>; Analysis: <http://dublincore.org/dcmirdataskgroup/analysisTask1>). Our intention is to continue this kind of analysis as the element set registration and the roles are completed.

In addition, we have been promoting discussion on the DCMI/RDA list of topics that we encounter as we work on the registrations as well as those that come up as we work on scenarios and use cases, which are an active area of our wiki. Karen Coyle (consultant to the TG) and Diane Hillmann recently met with a group of library software vendors at the American Library Association meeting and have encouraged them to work with us on determining requirements for their activities, which could be added to our scenarios and use cases.

### **Work Ongoing**

We are currently working on a second group of elements, as well as the RDA Roles. Our task has been complicated by the fact that RDA development is still in process, and final elements have not yet been distributed. We expect a final set of elements to be passed to us by the end of July, and after that, work can be speeded up and completed.

The RDA schedule includes a beta version of an online tool, being developed as the first and most important of the RDA effort. An initial (beta?) version, intended to allow review of the RDA text in a hypertext environment, will be available this fall, and there's a good chance we'll be able to do a demonstration at DC-2008. One problem is that there still is not a business model for distribution of this product (or any related products) outside the traditional library market—although very heated discussions are going on about the necessity for broader distribution (the elements and vocabularies built by this TG will be freely available and are not included as part of the publisher distribution).

Final versions of the RDA text are intended to be completed in December 2008 and completion of the work on the vocabularies are scheduled for the end of 2008, assuming few or no changes to the text. Diane Hillmann and Karen Coyle have been working with Nannette Naught, the contractor chosen to work on RDA Online, to ensure that our work and the tool will be fully coordinated.

### **Associated Work and Outstanding Issues**

Gordon Dunsire has been working closely with the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and its FRBR Review Group. He has registered the FRBR Entities and Attributes, using the NSDL Registry, and will be showing the results of

that work and the RDA Vocabularies at the upcoming IFLA Satellite Meeting on RDA, Aug. 8, in Quebec City.

## **The TG in Presentations**

### **Gordon Dunsire:**

"If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why oh why can't I?": Introduction and metaview of issues in Web2.0 and cataloguing. In: WIDWISAWN: who is doing what in Scotland and what's needed-, 6(1) (Apr 2008). Available at:  
[http://widwisawn.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/issues/vol6/issue6\\_1\\_1.html](http://widwisawn.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/issues/vol6/issue6_1_1.html)

(original presentation is available at: <http://www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries/cigs-web2-overview/>)

“Resource description and access for the digital world.” Presented at IDF Open Meeting: Resource Access for a Digital World, 17 June 2008, Brussels. Available at:  
[http://www.doi.org/doi\\_presentations/members\\_meeting\\_2008/presentations/Dunsire.ppt](http://www.doi.org/doi_presentations/members_meeting_2008/presentations/Dunsire.ppt)

### **Diane Hillmann**

“The Emerging Cataloging Future: RDA, DCMI, and the Semantic Web.” Presented at the Massachusetts Library Association, May 7, 2008, Falmouth, MA. Available at:  
<http://www.slideshare.net/smartbroad/emerging-cataloging-future/>

“Another View of our Bibliographic Future.” Response to Karen Calhoun keynote at PALINET Symposium, May 29, 2008, Philadelphia, PA. Slides and audio recording available at: <http://www.palinet.org/futurecatsym.aspx>

“After the Report: Reactions to ‘On The Record,’ Report of the LC WG on the Future of Bibliographic Control.” Presented at the American Association of Law Libraries, July 14, 2008, Portland, OR. Available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/11115>

Karen Coyle

"RDA in RDF: Can Resource Description become Rigorous Data?" February, Portland, OR. Available at: <http://www.code4lib.org/conference/2008/kcoyle>

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