

To: Committee of Principals for AACR
Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Attached is the annual report of the Joint Steering Committee for 2007.

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

This document contains the report of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) to the Committee of Principals for AACR (CoP) for the calendar year 2007. The Chair of JSC, Deirdre Kiorgaard, prepared the report with the assistance of the JSC Secretary, Nathalie Schulz.

Membership

The membership of the Committee was as follows:

American Library Association:	John Attig (Penn State University Libraries) from 16 April 2007 Jennifer Bowen (University of Rochester Libraries) until 15 April 2007
Australian Committee on Cataloguing:	Deirdre Kiorgaard (National Library of Australia)
British Library:	Alan Danskin
Canadian Committee on Cataloguing:	Margaret Stewart (Library and Archives Canada)
CILIP: Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals:	Hugh Taylor (Cambridge University Library)
Library of Congress:	Barbara Tillett
Chair:	Deirdre Kiorgaard
Secretary:	Nathalie Schulz

Meetings

Two meetings were held during the year. The first, hosted by the CCC representative, was held in Ottawa on 16-20 April 2007. The second was organized by the Project Manager and held in Chicago on 15-20 October 2007. During the April 2007 meeting, the JSC met jointly with the Committee of Principals (CoP).

Over the course of the year, the JSC also held nine conference calls and numerous 'conversations' using the RDA wiki that was set up in late 2006.

Change of name for the JSC

In April 2007, the CoP approved a change of name for the JSC from the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR to the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA.

New Organization for RDA

At the October 2007 meeting, the JSC agreed on a new organization for RDA. This organization is more adaptable, not tied to any specific record structures, and provides a more extensible framework for RDA. In addition, it relates the RDA data elements more closely to the FRBR and FRAD entities and user tasks.

The content of RDA is now organized in ten sections which fall into two groups, focusing on recording the attributes of each of the FRBR entities and on recording relationships between these entities, respectively:

Recording attributes

Section 1. Recording attributes of manifestation and item

Section 2. Recording attributes of work and expression

Section 3. Recording attributes of person, family, and corporate body

Section 4. Recording attributes of concept, object, event, and place

Recording relationships

Section 5. Recording primary relationships between work, expression, manifestation, and item

Section 6. Recording relationships to persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with a resource

Section 7. Recording subject relationships

Section 8. Recording relationships between works, expressions, manifestations, and items

Section 9. Recording relationships between persons, families, and corporate bodies

Section 10. Recording relationships between concepts, objects, events, and places

All of the content developed to date is being incorporated into the new structure.

The FRBR Group 3 entities of concept, object and event were not covered by AACR2, and these will not be covered by RDA in its first release. With the exception of Section 4, chapter 16 (Identifying places); the chapters in Sections 4, 7, and 10 will be placeholders for possible future development.

Fuller details of the new structure can be found in the [RDA Prospectus](#).

RDA Content development

2007 was a very productive year for the JSC and Editor as we work towards the first release of RDA in 2009. During the year, the JSC issued three substantial drafts for constituency review:

- March 2007: Revised chapter 3 (Carrier)
- June 2007: Revised chapters 6 (Persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with a resource) and 7 (Related resources)
- December 2007: Sections 2-4, 9 (corresponds to “Part B” Access Point Control in the former organization of RDA)

Each of these drafts was preceded by “pre-drafts” prepared by the Editor for JSC review.

The JSC also resolved numerous comments received on the December 2005 drafts of Part I, Chapters 1-2, 4-6. JSC used the RDA review wiki heavily for this purpose.

During the year, the JSC also completed their consideration of the following proposals (and constituency responses):

- Persistent identifiers and URLs ([5JSC/ACOC/1](#))
- Additions to RDA based on MARC 21 elements ([5JSC/ACOC rep/2](#))
- Change to AACR2 rule 5.5B1 (RDA 3.4.2.2.2) Extent of item for notated music, and Glossary definition of “Score” ([5JSC/ALA/4](#))
- Other agreements involving jurisdictions ([5JSC/CCC/1](#))
- Removal of “Introductory words” instruction ([5JSC/CILIP/5](#))
- IME ICC 5.2.4 Forms of Uniform titles ([5JSC/CILIP rep/1](#))
- Internationalization of part I ([5JSC/LC/5/Rev](#))
- Bible uniform titles ([5JSC/LC/8](#))
- Numbering for serials: alternative instruction ([5JSC/LC/10](#))

Detail on the specific outcomes of each meeting is available in the April 2007 meeting [Outcomes](#) and the October 2007 meeting [Outcomes](#).

JSC Working Groups

The JSC has relied heavily on specially formed working groups, and the members of which have made a substantial ongoing contribution to the content of RDA. Members of these groups are listed below with their constituency affiliations.

RDA Examples Group 1

Chair: Denise Lim (CCC)

Members: Catherine Argus (ACOC); John Bowman (CILIP/BL); Kevin Randall (ALA); Pat Riva (CCC); David Sommerfield (LC); Jay Weitz (ALA)

This group is responsible for Section 1, and Section 2, Chapter 7 of RDA.

RDA Examples Group 2

Chair: Adam Schiff (ALA)

Members: Catherine Argus (ACOC); Joan Biella (LC); John Bowman (CILIP/BL); Kim Doyle (CCC, from mid-July 2007) Rachel Gagnon (CCC, to mid-July 2007); David Sommerfield (LC); Aaron Taub (LC); Jay Weitz (ALA); Kathy Winzer (ALA)

This Group is responsible for Sections 2-6, 8-9 of RDA.

Both Examples Groups worked very hard to check and update the examples included in the drafts issued during the year for constituency review. The Groups also prepared composite examples that demonstrated the recording of multiple elements.

For some of the working documents, see the series: [5JSC/Chair/1](#)

Appendices Working Group

Chair: Judith Kuhagen (LC)

Members: John Attig (ALA); Kathy Glennan (ALA)

This Group is responsible for the appendices on Capitalization, Abbreviations, and Initial Articles.

For documents, see the series: [5JSC/Chair/9](#)

Outreach and Communication

The number of presentations on RDA given each year continues to grow. During 2007 members of the JSC, the RDA Outreach Group, and other people connected to the development of RDA, gave 40 formal presentations on RDA in locations around the world. A list of presentations is maintained on the JSC Web site: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rdapresentations.html>

Membership of the RDA discussion list, RDA-L, has grown by more than a third since 2006 and now has 850 subscribers from 32 countries.

RDA Outreach Group

In 2007, the membership of the group was as follows:

Chair: Christine Oliver (CCC)

Members: Everett Allgood (ALA); Matthew Beacom (ALA); Robina Clayphan (CILIP/BL); Gordon Dunsire (CILIP); Ebe Kartus (ACOC)

The Group continued to work with the Project Manager, and individual members of the Group were involved in giving presentations and writing articles on RDA.

Links with specific communities

- ***Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI)***

The JSC hosted a Data Model meeting at the British Library from 30 April – 1 May 2007. Barbara Tillet, Tom Delsey, and Gordon Dunsire represented JSC interests. The meeting identified future work that would be of benefit to both communities, including:

- development of an RDA Element Vocabulary
- development of an RDA DC Application Profile based on FRBR and FRAD
- disclosure of RDA Value Vocabularies using RDF/RDFS/SKOS

For outcomes of the meeting see: <http://www.bl.uk/services/bibliographic/meeting.html>.

Following the meeting, a joint DCMI RDA Task Group was set up to continue the work identified at the meeting, and to attempt to secure funding for that work. To assist with this work the Editor prepared the [RDA Element Analysis](#) that shows the relationship between RDA and both the <indec> Metadata Framework and the DCMI Abstract Model.

- ***RDA and MARC 21***

An initial discussion paper and mapping of MARC 21 fields to RDA elements was discussed at the MARBI meeting in January 2007. In December 2007, the JSC submitted a follow-up discussion paper to MARBI: “Encoding RDA, Resource Description and Access data in MARC 21” (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2008/2008-dp04.html>).

The JSC will continue to work with MARBI to identify possible changes to MARC 21 for the first release of RDA.

- ***Rule makers in other countries***

Rule makers in France, Germany, Sweden, and Norway submitted formal responses to the drafts of revised chapter 3 and revised chapters 6-7. Rule makers in Spain responded to revised chapters 6-7. These communities continue to show a high degree of interest in contributing to RDA’s development.

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