RDA in Europe

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The European RDA Interest Group, **EURIG**, has a representative on the RDA Steering Committee, and is provided with feedback from the UK metadata community by members from the British Library, National Library of Scotland, and CILIP. Institutions interested in EURIG can find information on the group and membership here http://www.rda-rsc.org/europe

The UK Committee on RDA provides a forum for discussing issues within the UK, and supporting users and prospective implementers of the RDA standard. Anyone interested in joining the UK Committee on RDA should get in touch with the chair Jenny Wright jenny.wright@bdslive.com

A significant element of EURIG's contribution to the RSC is to be mindful of the heterogenous nature of libraries. European libraries represent many different languages, and some non-Latin scripts. In the coming year, EURIG is agreeing a revised text for the collaboration with RSC; providing feedback on new Toolkit to the RSC; working on application profiles for the new Toolkit and organising a satellite conference in Greece, prior to IFLA's WLIC2019, on August 21.

The annual meeting of EURIG was held in Budapest in May 2019. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the new RDA Toolkit, specifically its usability, and what is required from application profiles. In addition there were several interesting presentations, many of which are shared on the EURIG website http://www.rda-rsc.org/europe/meetings/2019meeting

Examples are not officially part of RDA, but an examples editor has been appointed and a Working Group is anticipated. EURIG plans to contribute, as the lack of relevant examples is a significant issue for European users. In addition, a new post-3R review process will need to be established. It is expected to be quarterly, speedier and more flexible than the past process.

During discussions about the new Toolkit, and what training would be needed for implementation, the broader point was made that cataloguers need training to support cataloguer judgement. Cataloguers who have worked in a very prescriptive environment need training to have the confidence in their judgement when they no longer have the prescriptive environment.

A Hungarian FRBRisation project, http://opac3.frbr.monguz.hu/ aims to link titles for the purposes of copyright information, so that titles could be legally provided online. There are additional copyright holders at every level of the Work, Expression, and Manifestation. An interesting aspect of the project was the tool developed to enable cataloguers to edit the relationships between entities – a graphical interface, used when the automatic matching was inadequate.

BIBFRAME

Leif Andresen from the Royal Danish Library presented on BIBFRAME (BF) in Europe. He argued that all modern discovery needs to be entity-based, and observed that while many catalogues have a user interface which is entity-based (FRBR-ised), there have been no such user interfaces for cataloguers. Leif sees BF as having a future which includes record exchange, but does not think that BF will be the answer for making library data communicate with the 'outside' world. European users of BF would like it to be better correlated with RDA. However, RDA is format neutral, so it's unclear how BF users will achieve stronger connection to RDA. The next European BF workshop will be in Stockholm, September 17-18 2019.