Announcement & Call for Papers

RDA and rare materials

A seminar associated with the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA,   
2-6 November 2015, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Organized by the Cataloguing and Indexing Group in Scotland (CIGS), with members of the Association of College & Research Libraries’ Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), the European RDA Interest Group (EURIG), the CILIP Rare Books and Special Collections Group (RBSCG), IFLA and JSC.

Date and venue

Friday 6 November 2015

10.00– 16.00

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation, High School Yards, Infirmary Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LZ <http://edinburghcentre.org/Venue.html>)

Purpose & Objectives  
Prompted by organizational changes within JSC, the revision of ACRL’s Rare Books & Manuscripts Section’s *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials*, the international efforts of institutions and organizations to enhance bibliographic data sharing and interoperability, and the recognition that access to rare materials and special collections is vital for research and learning, this seminar brings together experts and practitioners from around the world. Participants will share, through a mix of presentations and discussion, their current practices and methods for the description of, and access to, rare materials. The objectives of this seminar are knowledge sharing to gain the widest possible picture of current practices and international collaboration on cataloging and descriptive standards.

Participation & Deadlines

* Papers 10-20 minutes in length will be accepted at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=rdarare2015> through 31 August 2015.
* Announcement of paper acceptance: 14 September 2015
* Final program announcement: 21 September 2015
* Presentations are in English

Possible topics

* RBMS Policy Statements development and infrastructure
* RDA treatment of rare books, manuscripts, and other rare information resources
* IFLA bibliographic standards and rare materials
* Aligning RDA and local practices
* Data interoperability
* Format-, genre-, provenance-specific challenges and solutions
* Standards not rooted in Anglo-American or DCRM practice
* Descriptive hubs vs. Catalogs of record

Registration & Attendance

* Registration will open 21 September 2015
* Registration fee: 48 GBP (includes VAT)
* Attendance limited to 75 participants

Associated events in Edinburgh 2-9th November

The seminar is associated with several events of potential interest to attendees. These are scheduled at contiguous times, and will be included in the registration process for the seminar, with the exception of the RLS-athon on 9 November.

Thursday 5 November 2015

09.00-12.00

**JSC meeting** agenda item on RDA and the work of the RBMS RDA-DCRM Task Force. Observers are welcome and should register in advance, details will be available shortly.

14.00-16.30

**Visits** to the research collections at the University of Edinburgh (2-3pm) and the National Library of Scotland (3.30-4.30pm). Numbers are limited and advance registration is required, details will be available shortly.

17.30-20.00

**RBMS RDA-Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials Task Force meeting**. Primarily a business meeting to receive external input on a small set of the most pressing/contentious issues facing the DCRM group. Due to space considerations, participation will be limited, registration details will be available shortly.

Monday 9 November 2015

**RLS-athon**

A jane-athon or hackathon using the RIMMF RDA data editor and focusing on the works of Robert Louis Stevenson (RLS). RLS was born in Edinburgh on 13 November 1850, and RLS Day is celebrated this week.

Separate fee and registration, details will be available shortly.

Organizing committee

* Francis Lapka (RBMS RDA-DCRM TF Chair)
* Nina Schneider (RBMS BSC Chair)
* Anne Welsh (CIG member and Lecturer, Department of Information Studies, UCL (London))
* Iris O'Brien (RBSCG BSC Chair and The British Library)
* Claudia Fabian (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek and IFLA)
* Alan Danskin (EURIG Chair, British Library)
* Graeme Forbes (CIGS Chair and Head of Ingest, National Library of Scotland)
* Paul Cunnea (CIGS Secretary and Digital Assets Manager, NLS)
* Gordon Dunsire (CIGS and JSC)

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