Beyond RDA’s First Release

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Overview of presentation

• Schedule for release and implementation

• Outstanding issues for the Committee of Principals (CoP)

• Joint Steering Committee’s (JSC’s) forward work program

• Implementation plans of the CoP national libraries
Key dates for RDA

• 13 October 2008 – full draft of content released in online product for comment

• 19 January 2009 – comment period closes

• Early March 2009 – JSC and CoP meet in Chicago. JSC finalises review of comments received

• Third quarter 2009 – RDA is released

• Last quarter 2009 – early 2010 – CoP national libraries evaluate RDA prior to implementation
Issues for the CoP (1)

- The future business model for RDA
  - collaboration has implications for Intellectual Property, policy on sharing content and budget
- Future governance and participation model for RDA
  - wider adoption of RDA at the international level has implications for how RDA is governed and developed
Issues for the CoP (2)

• Preparing for implementation
  • identify local system changes required
  • coordinate training and documentation
  • collaborate on pre-implementation evaluation of RDA
JSC’s forward work program

- Elect a new Chair in January 2009
- Continue to work with other data communities
- Review process for considering future changes to RDA
- Coordinate implementation – e.g., optional elements; sector training
National libraries implementation plans

Background


• May 1 2008 - LC, NLM and NAL issue joint statement announcing their intention to evaluate RDA to assist with implementation decisions
National libraries implementation plans (2)

Background

• April 2008 - implications of LC decision discussed at CoP meeting

• Two considerations influenced discussions:
  – the CoP national libraries Oct. 2007 joint statement on working together on coordinated implementation of RDA
  – the impact on international resource sharing of uncoordinated implementation
National libraries evaluation plans

• Evaluation plans for the pre-implementation period will focus on the costs and benefits of RDA implementation

• Evaluation will cover:

  – the usability of RDA data and the product
  – technical considerations
  – financial considerations
Usability of RDA

For instance:

• Ease of use of RDA for cataloguers

• Capability of library systems to accommodate RDA records

• Ability of users to find what they want using RDA records

• Applicability of RDA to a broad range of material
Technical considerations

For instance:

- Co-existence of RDA and AACR records
- Functionality of RDA online product
- System developments required prior to RDA implementation
- Implications for resource sharing
- Generating RDA records from other sources of data
Financial considerations

For instance:

- training, documentation
- altering workflows
- creating RDA records compared with AACR
- record conversion costs
- system changes
- managing cataloguing documentation online
Thank you

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