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CORE VIRTUAL IG WEEK: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

12PM CST / 1PM EST / 11AM MST / 10AM PST

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The IG is fortunate to hear from three groups on their latest activities and reports:

- By **Thurstan Young**, British Library about [MARC/RDA Working Group](#)
- By **Ben Abrahamse**, MIT, Co-Chair about [PCC Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion](#)
- By **Jackie Shieh**, Smithsonian, Co-Chair and **Steve McDonald**, Tufts, Co-Chair about [PCC SCA Task Group on Enhancing Metadata and Practices in MARC Bibliographic Records](#)
- **Q&As**

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“RDA and MARC 21 Development : Report on the MARC RDA Working Group and Wider Community Initiatives”

By **Thurstan Young**, Collection Metadata Analyst, the British Library

- The [MARC RDA Working Group](#) was first set up at the end of 2019 in order to consider the issues around implementing changes which arose from the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign (3R) Project. This report provides an overview of the MARC RDA Working Group’s activities and accomplishments over its lifetime between 2019 and 2022. It also summarizes the work of the wider community in making RDA related changes to the MARC 21 formats during this period. The report goes on to consider outstanding issues and the lessons learned from the process of aligning MARC 21 with RDA.



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“BIBFRAME to MARC Conversion: the Current State of Play”

By **Ben Abrahamse**, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, MIT Libraries

- The [PCC Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion](#) was created in February 2022 by the PCC Policy Committee, and given a charge to develop a simplified set of MARC fields to support the conversion of data created in BIBFRAME to functional MARC records. The membership of the Task Group consisted of thirteen cataloging and metadata librarians, representing a variety of institutions and metadata specializations. We examined existing BIBFRAME to MARC 21 conversion specifications, and evaluated their alignment with existing metadata application profiles, as well as the MARC format. The collaborative effort lasted through the summer, and the final report was issued in October 2022. I will share some of the accomplishments of this Work Group, which include a preliminary repertoire of MARC fields suitable for BIBFRAME-to-MARC conversion, as well as the identification of challenges that remain for data conversion from BIBFRAME to MARC.



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“Linked Data in MARC: Report of the Task Group on Enhancing Metadata and Practices in MARC Bibliographic Records”

By **Steve McDonald**, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Tufts University & **Jackie Shieh**, Descriptive Data Management Librarian, Smithsonian Libraries

- The [Task Group on Enhancing Metadata and Practices in MARC Bibliographic Records](#) was charged in July 2022 to make recommendations on changing descriptive practices and non-access MARC fields to take advantage of linked data. The task group submitted its final report in January 2023. The report is scheduled to be discussed by the PCC Policy Committee in March 2023. The co-chairs will present the background, methodology, and resulting report of the task group.



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