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RDA (RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS) – ORIGINS AND CONCEPT

KEYWORDS: RDA. FRBR. FRAD. Cataloging rules. Holdings description. Bibliographic terminology.

ABSTRACT: **Thesis/objective** – RDA – Resource Description and Access, new American cataloging rules, are presented. Origins of RDA are described, including its relationship to the conceptual data model used within FRBR and FRAD structure, where entities, their attributes and relationships are analyzed. The description covers main principles of RDA, different concept of the record, changes in terminology and modified cataloging practice resulting from the implementation of new rules, including the enhancement of MARC 21 bibliographic and authority records. **Research method** – The following source texts are analyzed: RDA, FRBR and FRAD documentation, *Declaration of International Cataloging Principles*, various case studies and the description of the preliminary stage of RDA implementation in American libraries. **Results and conclusions** – RDA is a new paradigm, fundamentally different in its rules, terminology and goal from the contemporary cataloging rules. The introduction of new rules into the library environment, tools, formats and software used so far brings forward numerous doubts. Thus the relevance of the new cataloging concept can be fully assessed only along with the introduction of new tools ready to support the new model, incorporate the cataloging data into the Web and link them to the web resources.

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FRBR: THE WAY FORWARD

KEYWORDS: FRBR. Conceptual models. Cataloguing – Developments.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – This paper is a presentation of several issues – including user provided data on relationships and attributes, frbrisation, harmonisation of various models and display of bibliographic data – that have been hindering the full adoption of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) conceptual model as the basis of cataloguing. It also serves as an introduction to the complexity of bibliographic data that is often disregarded in texts on FRBR. **Research method** – Results of several of our studies using a wide range of methods are included to corroborate the statements in this presentation of current state of affairs. **Results and conclusions** – The paper provides research based hints towards solution of the identified issues, while pointing out possible problems along the way.

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RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS AS AN ELEMENT OF SEMANTIC WEB

KEYWORDS: Resource Description and Access (RDA). Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR2). Semantic Web. Linked Data. Resource Description Framework (RDF). RDA Registry. Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD).

ABSTRACT: **Thesis/objective** – The article is a description of steps taken by the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for Development of RDA in order to adjust RDA to be implemented within Semantic Web. **Research method** – The relationship of RDA and Semantic Web results from the decision of tight integration of this standard with the digital environment. The discussion covers new features of RDA intended to enhance computer catalogs with the potential offered by database systems and Internet as well as the results of research on making RDA compatible with Semantic Web. **Results and conclusions** – The attempt is made to show that JSC efforts brought significant results, although the evaluation of this efforts is not possible at the moment as there are no implementations of RDA employing full possibilities provided by the standard.

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THE UNIVERSAL VALUE OF BIBLIOGRAPHY EXEMPLIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

KEYWORDS: National bibliography. Bibliographic description. Recipients. Information retrieval.

ABSTRACT: **Thesis/objective** – The article is a presentation of the significance and role of the bibliography. The recent changes in the concept and common understanding of bibliography are described. **Research method** – The literature of the field is analyzed, mostly foreign and Polish conference proceedings. **Results and conclusions** – Changes in the process of bibliography construction are heavily influenced by the development of Internet and globalization. The technological progress provides quick access to bibliographic databases and changes the contemporary functions of the bibliography.