

Call for Applications for the RDA WG / IG Chairs meeting in Europe in June 2017

Dear colleague,

The recent RDA chairs meeting in Gaithersburg reminded us that we urgently need to take steps to organise the next chairs meeting which will be in June 2017 in Europe. Peter Wittenburg will be responsible to coordinate the activities for this next chairs meeting in close collaboration with Larry Lannom.

We are inviting European organisations to apply to host the next RDA Chairs meeting scheduled to take place in Europe in June 2017. The 2017 meeting will last two full days, spread over three working days, i.e. the meeting will start at lunch of the first day, have a second full day and finish after the lunch of the third day.

Local organisers are requested to cover the costs of the venue and catering while the RDA Europe project and RDA US will support travel costs for chairs, where needed. The venue should facilitate video meeting facilities to allow for remote participation.

Please send your application to Peter & Larry (peter.wittenburg@mpcdf.mpg.de; llannom@cnri.reston.va.us) by Friday 20th January 2017. The informal application (max. 1 page) should indicate the interest, the institutional embedding and other aspects of interest.

The RDA Europe project will then assess the applications and make a decision within one or two weeks after.

The agenda of the chairs meeting is defined through interaction between the chairs and will meet the criteria as lined out at the web-page (<https://www.rd-alliance.org/events/wg-ig-collaborative-meetings>). Together with a local representative and Larry, Peter will moderate these interactions. As a result of discussions in Gaithersburg about the June 2017 meeting agenda, the chairs would like to set a few focus topics such as “repositories”, “PIDs”, “metadata”, “vocabularies”, etc. and address questions such as “What are the activities and results in respective RDA groups?”, “Who else contributed to the respective topics with relevant results?”, “How far are we and what is missing from the perspective of scientific communities?”. We will initiate this discussion after the 9th RDA plenary in Barcelona (5-7 April 2017). In doing so we expect to be able to organise a highly relevant meeting in June. As always it will be possible to invite some local/regional experts to join the meetings.

If it is of interest for your institution to host such a meeting, please send us your application before 20 January 2017. For any further information or clarifications, please, do not hesitate to contact Peter by mobile phone: +49 15141858784

best regards

Peter & Larry