RDA Secretary General Update for RDA Organisational Assembly
21 July 2020

1. **RDA Global Strategic Plan**: the RDA council is defining the strategic plan 2020 – 2023 and we will be inviting the OA to provide feedback on the draft plan in October 2020 (with community presentation and consultation planned for November).

2. **RDA COVID19 Recommendations and Guidelines for Data Sharing**: First of all, thanks to the members of the Organisational Assembly who took some time to provide feedback on the pre-final version. The final endorsed version was published on 30 June and can be accessed here - [https://doi.org/10.15497/rda00052](https://doi.org/10.15497/rda00052) – together with the infographic. A series of events, news articles, and joint statements have been published as a result of this work and all of these and more resources are available at The Value of RDA for COVID-19 web page. Please let me know if there are visibility opportunities or if you would like us to make a presentation to your colleagues, organise a webinar, etc.- hilary.hanahoe@rda-foundation.org. Related activities include:
   a. OECD Policy document – publication in July / August
   b. International COVID19 Data Research Alliance & Workbench – collaboration agreement
   c. RDA is seeking opportunities to broaden the conversation and raise the profile of this publication, I believe it would be helpful if we could identify scientific journals who would publish an article on this. Are any of the organizational members in a position to support this community work by publishing a policy news article to discuss the impact of the document, or a research article to provide a reader for the publication (which is written for multiple audiences)? If so please contact me at hilary.hanahoe@rda-foundation.org

3. **RDA and STM strengthen collaboration.** As part of the STM Research Data Year (RDY), RDA & STM signed a statement of intent on 14 July, this statement focuses on collaboration on the following 5 specific activities.

   - Adoption by academic journals of Data Availability Statements as developed and recommended by the RDA-Interest Group on Data policy standardisation and implementation
   - The uptake of SCHOLIX, the universal reference model for linking data and publications, developed by the RDA/WDS Publishing Data Services Working Group
   - Data Citation principles as recommended by RDA, DataCite and FORCE11
The TRUST Principles for digital repositories as produced by RDA/WDS Certification of Digital Repositories IG, recommended by CoreTrustSeal, RDA and endorsed by many international organisations.

Read the full Statement of Intent

4. **Endorsing the Trust Principles:** Since launching the announcement of the TRUST Principles in May 2020, 15 organisations have requested to be added to the list of endorsers. The TRUST Principles are the result of an RDA community effort. These principles offer guidance for maintaining the trustworthiness of digital repositories, especially those responsible for the stewardship of research data. For more information visit [https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-community-effort-trust-principles-digital-repositories](https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-community-effort-trust-principles-digital-repositories). If your organisation would like to endorse the TRUST principles, please send an email to enquiries@rd-alliance.org, with the name, surname and email of the contact person as well as your organisation's logo to be used on the endorsement page.

5. **RDA 16th Virtual Plenary Meeting:**
   a. **Call for Sessions:** reminder that [call for virtual breakouts sessions](https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-community-effort-trust-principles-digital-repositories) and it is open until 4 August 2020. The Secretariat together with the P16 local organizing committee are investigating the most efficient and effective technology platform to run the virtual plenary meeting. If feasible, a small, local, physical presence will be facilitated.
   b. **Call for Posters:** is now open, submission deadline 11 October, more information at [https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-16th-plenary-meeting-call-posters](https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-16th-plenary-meeting-call-posters)

6. **IDW2021 (8-13 November 2021):** International Data Week 2021 is convened under the overarching theme of 'Data to Improve Our World'. In addition to highlighting the need for data education and governance, demonstrating the importance of high-quality research data stewardship, data science, and data infrastructures, and exploring the ‘state of the art’ in all things data, IDW 2021 will also emphasise the following subthemes:
   - Research Transparency and Reproducibility
   - Data, Research, and Industry: The Interface between Data-intensive Research and Innovation
   - Empowering and Enabling Society: Data (Science) Education and Data Literacy
   - Transdisciplinary Research and Citizen Science

7. **IDW2023:** The 4th edition of International Data Week, RDA’s collaboration with CODATA and WDS (also RDA Affiliate members), will take place from 23-26 October 2023, in Salzburg, Austria. Please see - [https://www.rd-alliance.org/plenaries/international-data-week-2023-salzburg](https://www.rd-alliance.org/plenaries/international-data-week-2023-salzburg)

For any further information on any of these, or other aspects, please feel free to contact me at hilary.hanahoe@rda-foundation.org. Thank you to all the RDA Organisational and Affiliate Members, I am very grateful for your continued support, collaboration and cooperation.

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