TAB report to Council

29 November 2017, F. Genova/A. Treloar

TAB Renewal

Four TAB members rotated off at P10 after completing their 3 year mandate, Françoise Genova, Carole Palmer, Rainer Stotzka and Andrew Treloar. As agreed by the Council one seat was added as a result of the election.

10 eligible candidates applied for the election, including Françoise Genova, Rainer Stotzka and Andrew Treloar. The TAB Election Process document contains the following clause:

"A TAB member who is elected as TAB co-chair towards the end of their first term on TAB will be considered to be automatically re-elected to TAB should their term as TAB member come to an end during their term as co-chair."

As Andrew Treloar became TAB co-chair in 2016, 2 years into his first elected term on TAB, this means that he was automatically re-elected to TAB at the 2017 TAB election (but would only be able to be co-chair for one more year). Françoise Genova and Rainer Stotzka were re-elected to TAB, and Françoise was re-elected without opposition as TAB co-chair at the first meeting of the new TAB.

In addition, we have two new members from the US: Sarah Ramdeen and Jane Wyngard. The addition of these two both reduce the average TAB age and mean that TAB is now officially female-dominated! In a good way, obviously.

TAB Reviews and Tracking

The tracking of TAB reviews remains a constant effort of TAB co-chairs and Secretariat Liaison. Thanks to the TAB members’ motivation the review time scale is now very close to the nominal 6 weeks, which includes the 4-week community Request for Comments. The review provided to Council and applicants consolidates the comments from the two TAB reviewers with the community comments, and is submitted to TAB for comments and approval. After a bit of a lull in new groups before P10, we are starting to see a nice pipeline of new WGs coming through.

P11 Planning

The TAB has already commenced its planning ahead of P10. TAB liaisons will be working with their groups to encourage them to submit session proposals and to then work with them to improve those proposals. Wenbo Chu will be working closely with Timea Biro to undertake the scheduling task on very tight timelines over January.

Landscape activities

One important aspect of TAB activities is its Landscape analysis task. Several attempts have been made, and we have learned from each attempt. A promising path is the usage of the Atlas of Knowledge developed by RDA Europe. The Chairs seem to agree to provide information in this framework.

In addition, TAB has been testing a folksonomy approach, and asked the Chairs to provide 6 keywords defining their activities. These informed a session with the Chairs prior to P10. An intern with Trust-iT took the terms after P10 and harmonised them. The resulting smaller tag set has now been mapped
against the DFT terms, and will be used as input to a Roadmap discussion session at the WG/IG Chairs Collaboration meeting to be held in mid-January in Gaithersburg, MD.