

RDA Council Virtual Meetings

December 2016

1. “Meeting” agenda

1. Finalize the SG job announcement and any requirements about nationality of the candidates.
Subgroup: Fran, John, Bernard, Ross.
Coordinated by: Stefanie
Met through email
2. Develop a strategy for ensuring the major funders (EC, NSF, AU) are on board with our new business plan. None of our original funders were directly represented at the FF in Denver. We need to make sure they are on board and coordinated.
Subgroup: John, Fran, Ross, Doris
Coordinated by: Mark
Met through telecon 19 Dec. 2016
3. Confirm/refine strategy for determining location of P11-P14.
Subgroup: Bernard, Kay, Michael, Doris
Coordinated by Mark and Hilary
Met through telecon 13 Dec. 2016

2. Summary Status

- The Secretary General hiring group finalized and released the [announcement](#). They have established a process. Applications are due 15 Feb.
- The Council Nominations Committee is established and the [call for nominations](#) is out. Ross is the liaison to the committee. Spread the word! Nominations are due 20 Feb.
- Plans for the next several plenaries are coming together. See below.
- The subgroup on funder strategy generally agreed that we need to more actively engage and inform all our funders, especially the majors, but we need to do it on our terms. The notes below outline an initial strategy.

3. Major Funder Strategies

Attendance: Doris, Fran, Ross, Françoise, Mark

Prior to this discussion Mark had conversations with Augusto and Irene. Fran also joined the call with Irene. I gave them the same briefing Mark gave the Funders Forum in Denver. Ross has also had conversations with Ditta.

Discussion revolved around three issues:

- Do we need a mechanism for Council to consult with our major funders on the budget
- Do we need to better define FF? Put it on the web site.
- How to align national efforts and reviews with global

We agreed that that it is strategic to inform Funders of our budget and business plans and solicit their feedback. We want to ensure we have a good relationship with our major funders.

We agreed that we need to put a mechanism in place where representatives from Council and the SG periodically visit the major funders to update them. The next briefing could be a presentation on the Future Directions document and implementation status. The FD effort, was in essence a sort of review of the global organisation.

Action: Mark to draft a proposal to the funders that we periodically brief them on RDA work and budgets

Action: Ross to ask Augusto if there are names he would like to submit to the Council Nominations Committee

Action: Mark to work with Hilary and the Program Committee to invite Augusto to speak at P9 in Barcelona.

4. Plenary Plans

Here are the conclusions of the 13 December subgroup meeting on Plenaries. This lays out an approach for the next few years.

Attendance: Doris, Michael, Kay, Bernard, Mark.

Based on recommendations from the Strategy SubCommittee, the group agreed to the following approach.

1. Early in 2017, Mark and Hilary put out an open call for bids to host P11 March(ish) 2018. We specify that there needs to be some level of funding support identified and institutions or organisations active in RDA involved. The idea is to have a place that understands RDA, attracts current members and keeps momentum going. We do not have any restrictions on location, but the need for engaged institutions probably keeps us in the North Atlantic. We request bids by 10 March so Council can decide and we can make an announcement at P9.

2. Mark to work with CODATA and WDS to build a case for P12 (Sept/Oct 2018) in the global South in conjunction with International Data Week 2 . We would work with CODATA while ensuring RDA is a major part of the program..

Mark has a telecon with Simon and Mustapha next week. Where we can see if we can agree on an approach

3. We encourage the US to host P13 (March 2019). We are assuming (fingers crossed) the NIH proposal is accepted. This would align with that.

4. We continue to do ground work for a Plenary in South or Central America for P14 or P15.