

Council meeting 20 February 2017.

Present:

Juan (JB), Bernard (BM), Ross (RW), Doris (DW), Mark (MP), Fran (FB), Amy (AN), Andrew (AT), Françoise (FG), Patrick (PC), John (JW);

Hilary (HH, first item only)

1. Hilary presented on RDA/EU4

- Submission deadline 29 March, 3.5 Mio funding available, open competitive bid.
- Proposing to apply for a 30 month bid starting Jan or Feb 2018 under a Coordination and Support Action. EUR 3.5M.
- Structure based on recommendations from informal review and learnings in Europe where the partners are objective coordinators and much support goes to the establishment of “national nodes” across Europe
- There was discussion of the governance model and how this relates top the global RDA. An issue is whether the RDA Foundation should be a partner in the RDA/EU project.

Action: JB and MP to discuss (with John, Hilary, Doris and others as available) on Friday, 24 February 2017:

- RDA 4 governance model
- Future of RDA Europe
- RDA Europe / RDA Global link.

2. Status and next steps for Secretary General

Off-plenary Council meeting in June – see Doodle poll, please fill this in. Meeting could be on either East or West Coast of US, depending on dates.

As of today we have 8 candidates. Proposed process has been distributed by email. Two steps: Shortlisting down to 3 or 4. Shortlist committee (John, Kay, Fran, Doris, Ross, Françoise) to come up with shortlist. All of Council need to agree on shortlist. Then we interview, probably at P9.

Mark agreed to stay on until 30 June (including some vacation time)

Action: Stefanie to liaise with shortlist committee (John, Kay, Fran, Doris, Ross, Françoise) to finalise dates and intervies.

Action: Stefanie to share info about where to see the applications.

3. Council meeting in Barcelona

Aiming for a three-hour Council meeting at P9.

Agenda:

- Future Directions discussion and update (particularly tracking against it, is it making a difference?)
- Selection of next co-chair
 - Much discussion on how to do this.
- **Decision:** Small group to discuss the right process to follow offline and bring back a proposal to Council
 - volunteers: JB (lead), BM, RW, MP

4. *Funders' Forum and Funder Relationships*

For the Funders' Forum, there are three hours scheduled on Tuesday 4 April before the Plenary starts, Josh Greenberg is the chair. He may want to do something as defined by the funders, as last time. However, the meeting is hosted by Council and so we need to provide a briefing at that event. Fran and Mark will talk to Josh next week – it would be good to have Council's views.

The last Funders' Forum meeting went well because Josh Greenberg drove it in a direction that he thought funders would find useful, setting discussion topics they were interested in. We need to have something they can get value out of. But we also need to advance our agenda by giving them a high level update on our current funding, Future Directions and sustainability. We want to court potential funders, too, in this forum. Keep the Fun for the funders in Funders' Forum! Facilitate communication between the funders. We can brief them for 30-45 minutes. What are the main messages we want to get across in our briefing?

Action: FB and MP will talk to Josh and work up an agenda and report back to Council after the meeting

5. *Council Nominations*

Committee is underway. They are recruiting as well as receiving nominations.

Nominations go to the enquiries. The Secretariat organises and sends them on to the Nominations Committee. Council's only role is to provide names and have conversations with people who may apply. Send names to Secretariat. Process is specified on the page calling for nominations. Removed from Council. Only need to make sure good people are interested.

6. *Council Calendar*

Not discussed.

7. *Actions*

- SG Recruitment:
 - Stefanie to make applications available to all of Council.
 - Recruitment sub-committee (Francoise, Ross, Doris, Fran, Kay, John) to meet 21-23 UTC on March 7 or March 9. Stefanie to find the best date with this group and set up call.
 - Interviews for candidates will be at P9. Stefanie to figure out when to do 4 interviews at P9.
- Funder's Forum: Mark and Fran to talk to Josh about the funders' forum agenda. Early March, then get back to Council

- Council co-Chair process: Juan to head up group (Juan, Bernard, Mark, Ross) to choose Council co-Chair process to replace John. Bring process to Council for discussion at next call.
- Juan, John, Hilary, and Mark to arrange a time on Friday for all interested parties to discuss the governance model and related issues for the RDA/EU4 project.
Specifically:
 - - what is the RDA/EU4 governance?
 - - What is the longer term plan for RDA/EU as it evolves into a permanent structure?
 - - What is the relation to RDA/Earth?
- We need Agenda items for the P9 Council meeting: Mark, John, and Fran to think about this and get back to Council.
- We need to decide on the off-Plenary meeting in June: Council members, please fill in Mark's doodle.