



IG Archives and Records Professionals for Research Data

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Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Updates on charter & IG status
- The Archival Context
- Discussion of potential activities (breakout)
- Wrap-up

Introductions



- Round table introduction for participants
 - Name
 - Affiliation/job
 - Why you're here

IG charter and status



Charter available to view at <http://tinyurl.com/z4dcsy9>

Your input needed!

Objectives:

to provide a forum for discussion of how archives/records management principles can apply to data curation.

to communicate and coordinate with archives/records management professionals who may be outside of RDA to foster synergies, bring them into RDA, and bring the IG and relevant WG activities to the attention of the archives/records management field.

Characteristics of archival materials



- Only a small percentage of unique materials warrant acquisition by a library or archive. Not every person, organization, or topic is important enough to be documented over the long term.
- Items within collections can lose much of their meaning if the broader context of creation and original use is missing. Archival materials are managed as organic collections, not as individual items.
- A collection can be enormous. For example, the papers of an elected official, a university president, or a large commercial firm can contain millions of items.
- Aspects of copyright law differ from published materials.

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- Privacy considerations must be mitigated.
- A single collection may grow over time as new material is accessioned, requiring additional processing and changes to metadata.
- The standard descriptive data elements that are found on published materials often do not appear on archival materials.
- Archival collections are more likely to be described using collection-level metadata rather than at the item level, as is done for general library holdings.

Archival Expertise



- Ownership
- Donor Relations
- Intellectual Property
- Appraisal
- Context of Creation and Use
- Authenticity
- Restrictions on Access and Use
- Transfer of Ownership
- Permanence
- Collection-Level Metadata

Potential activities & outputs



- Outreach to recordkeeping professional organizations
- Research data appraisal & retention guidelines
- Others?

Liaising with recordkeeping organisations



How to connect with recordkeeping professionals outside RDA? What are the incentives?

Listservs/Orgs to reach out to?

How do we show that RDA is relevant to archives & records professionals?

Research data appraisal & retention guidelines



If you're a data curator, where do you go to find guidance on appraising/deciding what data to take into repository?

If you're a researcher, where do you go to find guidance on what data is important to share?

What else?



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Where else is this work happening?

Suggested resources?



What do you envision as the next steps for the group?



Moving forward

YOU

- Join group/listserv on RDA website
- Volunteer to co-chair

WE

- Send out meeting notes to the list (by 2016-03-15)
- Submit proposed Charter for community review (by 2016-04-01)

Contact



Join the IG here: <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/archives-records-professionals-for-research-data.html>

Draft charter: <http://tinyurl.com/z4dcsy9>

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