



Integrating RDA Efforts into Existing Work

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- The RDA mission requires a change in the way we think about collaboration, to put collaboration activities on the critical path to project success
- An important success factor for RDA WG/IG activity is active engagement by members
- As RDA WG/IG outputs are not (often) explicitly funded, work on them
 - ┆ Needs to align with priorities of daily (or funded) work
 - ┆ Offer clear and measurable benefit

“..I need to understand better what the data types are, which data types could be present in our collection (as base texts, as editorial annotations, as researchers’ annotations), and which data types we want to link to to enhance research value of our collection.. I want to know more about how to design and how to implement resolvable and persistent identifiers. Moreover, I want to know how should a machine-readable description of types and identifiers look like, how should types and identifiers be interpreted and resolved, and how can such a description from another collection be referred to in our automated processing workflow....” *N. Jovanovic*

- More than one model for successful integration of RDA WG/IG activity into existing projects and research
- Can we define a few which can work, and offer them up as a examples for others to follow?
 - 1 Explicitly including line items in grant work plans for RDA *participation*
 - 1 e.g. submitting a use case to an existing WG
 - 1 Explicitly including developing and/or adopting RDA outputs as grant deliverables
 - 1 But need to be clear about motivations
 - 1 Obtaining Institutional commitment to devote X% of an FTE
 - 1 Engaging students as part of curricula

- Also need metrics for measuring cost/benefit of participation
 - 1 Will differ depending upon type of activity
 - 1 Immediate cost of developing a collaborative solution against long-term potential savings of a more sustainable solution
 - 1 Citation metrics
 - 1 Comparisons to other existing models? (e.g. professional society memberships, etc.)

- Can we define and publish some recommended trajectories for participation?
 - 1 start with low commitment activities
 - 1 find a mentor?
 - 1 experiment with an existing output
 - 1 Signup for one or more IGs
 - 1 Identify relevant WG activity (existing or new)