

**Report and slate of nominees for RDA Council Membership  
Produced by the RDA Council Nominations Committee  
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1. Methodology

The RDA Council Nominations Committee counted five members:

- Rachel Bruce
- Ingrid Dillo (chair)
- Josh Greenberg
- Laurel Haak
- Andreas Rauber
- Yasushi Ogasaka

The Committee started working in December 2016 based on the Terms of Reference that were received from the RDA Council.

In a number of calls and email conversations the Committee organized its work, discussed the selection criteria and composed a longlist of names of possible nominees, based on nominations received through the official RDA call as well as suggestions of committee members.

From this longlist each committee member extracted a personal 'top 5'. These combined top 5's were the basis for our final shortlist.

At the end of the process this shortlist was debated in a call and led to an agreement on the three candidates that the committee would like to nominate for Council membership. These candidates were personally approached by the chair and all of them accepted their nomination.

2. Selection criteria

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Information</b>
Geographical spread	Leaving: 2 Europeans, one African member Remaining Council membership: US                    2 Europe                1 Africa                 - Australia            1 Asia                    1 South America    1
Affiliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public – private sector</li> <li>• Institutional</li> <li>• Funder</li> </ul>

	Leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The only private sector representative</li> <li>• An independent, end of career representative</li> </ul>
Non-controversial and appealing to funders	
States person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proven career path</li> <li>• Not out for individual advantage</li> <li>• Unbiased</li> </ul>
(Preferably no English nationality)	In relation to Brexit

### 3. Slate of nominees

#### **Kay Raseroka**

##### Information received from nominee

This is to indicate my interest in being a nominee for a second term as member of Council. I have served as a member of Council for the last three years.

During this period, I undertook RDA advocacy projects by targeting:

1. African Research communities and institutions, (specifically the African Academy of Sciences, Nairobi, Kenya) by raising awareness on Open Data relevance to sustainable development and innovation that may be attained through openly sharing data in accordance with agreed Open Data/ Open Science principles.
2. spearheaded networks between the RDA data professionals and the IFLA Librarians that resulted in a joint workshop through which shared professional activities were identified and advocated as "23 Things..." now adopted as part of projects that enhance skill development among librarians.
3. In collaboration with the leadership of RDA and CODATA, I was instrumental in the visit and presentations on Open Data/ Open Science to the Research Community and Government of Botswana. As a result Botswana is preparing for a national consultative process for an awareness development project on Open Data/ Open Science as a base for planning of a national policy.

Engagement with the RDA Community has been enriching. For this I am deeply grateful. I would appreciate an opportunity to consolidate the awareness activities that have been initiated so far.

### Motivation Committee

The Committee feels that it is very important that the African continent continues to be represented in the RDA Council. Mrs Raseroka has been doing important work in the area of African awareness raising and the Committee would like to see her reap the fruit of these activities in the coming years.

### **Edit Herczog**

#### Information received about nominee

Mrs Herczog is a managing director of Vision & Values SPRL. Between 2004-2014 she was a Member of the European Parliament VP. In the EP she worked on several legislation mostly in the field of ICT, Energy and Industry. She was governor of European Internet Foundation and many other pan European organisations. She was member of the Hungarian National Parliament (1998-2004). After receiving her MSc degree as Food Engineer in 1985, she started her career in the University of Horticulture (today University Corvinus) as assistant lecturer (1985-1994). In her entire career she stands for science based progress, from research to final beneficiaries.

Last year Mrs Herczog was one of the panel members at *Weaving The Internet Of Data*, the High Level European Policy Meeting On Funding Research Data To Support Open Innovation, organized in Amsterdam by the Dutch EU Presidency.

#### Motivation Committee

Mrs Herczog has a deep knowledge of European institutions, both as an insider as well as an outsider. As a statesperson with a long European career, she can take up high level interactions with the European Commission as one of RDA's main funders.

### **Sandra Collins**

#### Information received from nominee

A recognised leader in the area of Open Data, with extensive leadership experience (Director and senior management roles), and diverse experience across the public sector, industry and academia. Since my PhD in mathematics I have worked for 20+ years across a range of roles in the field of data management. In 2011 I established and led the Digital Repository of Ireland, a green-field national open access data repository, and built an international reputation as an advocate for Open Data, with a particular focus on research data and cultural heritage data. I was appointed as the Director of the National Library of Ireland in 2015 where my goal is to provide open access to more than 10 million objects, which form our unique and irreplaceable cultural heritage.

I am experienced in international committee work including (currently) Rapporteur of the EU Commission's Expert Advisory Group on Research Infrastructures and member of the

EC's Expert Advisory Group on FAIR Data, member of the Openaire-Connect International Advisory Board, and Irish representative at CENL and CDNL (the European and Worldwide networks of National Librarians).

I serve on many national Boards and Councils including the Irish Government's Open Data Governance Board, the Irish National Steering Committee on Open Access Policy, and the Irish Government's Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations. Also a member of the Council of National Cultural Institutions of Ireland, the Board of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, the Chester Beatty Library Board of Trustees, the Consortium of National and University Libraries, and the Council of the Library Association of Ireland. In 2013 I was named as one of the Top 38 Irish Technology Women (Intel & Technology Voice), and in 2014 as one of Silicon Republic's Top 100 Women in Technology. In 2015 Inspiring Ireland, a national digital cultural project I led, won three Irish eGovernment Awards and was nominated for a World Summit Award.

My contributions to the Research Data Alliance to date include:

- Chair of the RDA Council Strategy Subcommittee
- Co-author of the Council-approved report: RDA Future Directions <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/future-directions-planning.html>
- I volunteered to host, and co-organised the Third RDA Plenary in Dublin in April 2014
- Partner in the current RDA European Commission funded project that supports EU participation in RDA
- Organised the Irish National RDA event in 2015 and co-organising the next Irish National RDA event in 2017
- Represented RDA at an EU Parliament event on Open Research
- Contributor to multiple RDA WGs, IGs and European Synchronisation Assembly for RDA.

If elected to Council I would seek to strengthen relationships with the European Commission and key European and global stakeholder organisations, act as statesperson on behalf of RDA, contribute to the governance and oversight of the RDA, and actively contribute to the RDA's principles of balance and inclusivity (including gender, career stage, geographical, disciplinary and sectoral coverage).

#### Motivation Committee

The Committee feels that Mrs Collins has proven to be a strong believer in RDA. Over the last years, she has been very active within the organization, promoting the principles of balance and inclusivity. From her work at DRI Mrs Collins has a lot of experience in dealing with multiple funders. Furthermore, she can be seen as a representative of the humanities, a domain that is still underrepresented within the RDA community.

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On behalf of the RDA Nominations Committee,  
Ingrid Dillo (chair)