Cataloguing Committee
Report of activities since CAML’s 2017 AGM in Toronto, Ont.

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As Chair of the Committee, Daniel Paradis attended two teleconferences meetings of the Canadian Cataloguing Committee (CCC), the first on October 11, 2017 and the second on May 9, 2018. Due to the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (3R) project, there was no RDA revision proposal to review this year. A significant part of the October meeting was devoted to issues of an administrative nature. On the one hand, because of the dissolution of the Canadian Library Association and the creation of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations in 2016, CCC’s terms of reference needed to be updated. On the other hand, the creation of the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC), which will represent the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), required that CCC gave its input on the new body’s terms of reference.

According to its new terms of reference, CCC consists of two representatives from each of the three founding organizations and single representatives from the consulting organizations. It can also include up to three members-at-large (two have been appointed at this time).

Founding and successor organizations are:
  - Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA), successor to the founding organization, Canadian Library Association
  - Association pour l’avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation (ASTED)
  - Library and Archives Canada (LAC), successor to the founding organization, National Library of Canada.

Consulting organizations are:
  - Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA)
  - Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)*
  - Canadian Association for Information Science (CAIS)
  - Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL)
  - Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (CAML)
  - Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)
  - Canadian Council of Archives (CCA)
  - Library of Parliament.*

* Organizations marked with an asterisk are new CCC members.

Although CCC always aims to reach a decision by consensus, provisions have been made in case a ballot needs to be conducted. Previously, only the representatives of the founding organizations had a right to vote. This right is now extended to the representatives of the consulting organizations, including CAML.
The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) has been established as the entity responsible for representing the North American region (Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and the United States of America) on the RDA Steering Committee. Its current six members represent the following organizations: the American Library Association, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and the Library of Congress. Its first meeting was convened on February 28, 2018. More information about its members and terms of reference can be found on the RSC website at http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica.

As Chair of the Committee and Canadian representative, Daniel Paradis is also a member of the RSC Music Working Group. Because new revision proposals are not accepted during the 3R Project, the Working Group has no new activity to report.

It should be noted that the initial release of the redesigned RDA Toolkit is scheduled for June 13, 2018. It was announced that this will be a beta version of the new site in English only, which will include, among various features, an initial implementation of IFLA’s Library Reference Model and reorganized RDA instructions. Periodic updates following the initial June release will include further improvements as well as the introduction of translations and policy statements. The goal is to have the site fully functional in early 2019. For more information, please refer to the full announcement here.

Following Terry Horner’s retirement from the University of British Columbia, the current roster of the Committee is as follows:

Megan Chellew, McGill University
Carolyn Doi, University of Saskatchewan (ex-officio)
Daniel Paradis, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (Chair)
Andrew Senior, McGill University

I would like to give a warm thank you to Terry for his service on the Committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all interested persons to apply to be part of the Committee. The charge of the Committee is as follows:

*The Cataloguing Committee shall be responsible for giving advice on proposed rule changes as brought forward by the Canadian Cataloguing Committee. The Committee should also play a role in communicating information to members about developments in the field of music cataloguing.*

Committee members must be members in good standing of CAML for the duration of their appointment. It is expected that members will bring their experience, skills and knowledge to group discussion. If you are interested in getting involved with the Committee, please send me a brief application by email stating 1) your background in the field of cataloguing, especially your experience with RDA and 2) how your background and experience can support the work of the Committee.

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