Archiving the Legacy of the Research Data Alliance

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INTRODUCTION

The multitude of working, interest, and coordinating groups in the Research Data Alliance (RDA) generate many digital objects that do not currently benefit from a coherent, comprehensive management strategy. As a result, efforts to coordinate work within and across groups are not optimal and the organization's ability to communicate RDA's full body of work to external stakeholders (e.g., potential adopters, funders), is not fully realized. The development of an organization-wide archiving strategy will be a crucial first step toward addressing these challenges in RDA.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Information Management	• Information management strategies for groups (i.e., file naming, versioning) • Identifying "homes" for various information types
Knowledge Management	• Managing knowledge throughout turnover • Knowledge sharing within and across groups
Archives and Records Management	• Appraising RDA records • Preserving & making accessible RDA legacy • Mitigating risk

OBJECTIVES

➢ Develop a records management and archiving plan for RDA records
➢ Advise Secretariat on workflows for ensuring proper management of RDA records
➢ Develop records management and archiving guidelines for RDA Secretariat and Interest Group and Working Group Chairs

(MINI) ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN*

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• Has a dedicated archivist
• Archives accounts for organization's decisions
• Important not to rely on rules for recordkeeping—create a structure that works for many stakeholders

Society of American Archivists
• Robust Records Retention Policy
• Partners with academic institution who employs an SAA Archivist and houses the archives
• Ensuring archiving of permanent records of component groups is each group's responsibility

*To be continued

RDA RECORDS

Governing Documents

Recommendations

Supporting Outputs

Other Outputs

WG Case Statements

IG Charters

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