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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the December 2025 (213) issue of Catalogue & Index, which is all about RDA, with a focus on the engagement of UK libraries, looking forward to the roll out of Official RDA next year. We are pleased to share that this issue has been curated by members of the UK Committee on RDA (UKCoR), with special thanks to Anastasia Kerameos for her part in coordinating the articles.

If, like many people, you are confused by all the groups (and their acronyms) which are concerned with RDA in the UK then Anastasia Kerameos' informative article will help clarify who is who, what they do, and why RDA matters to you.

Similarly, Anne Welsh's piece 'Xenoglossophobia' attempts to scare away the fear of RDA Toolkit-speak and gives concrete steps and advice in conquering it.

Thurstan Young reports on the British Library's implementation of the Official RDA Toolkit. Although the roll out began in June 2025 it was based upon five years of preparatory work and the development of policy documentation. He discusses the challenges, as well as the procedures, and looks forwards to the next steps.

Gordon Dunsire guides us through the architecture of the WEMI (Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item) stack, and the flexibility of how it presents with the use of application profiles.

Rounding off the articles in this issue Anastasia Kerameos and William Peaden present the results

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the 'RDA in the UK implementation survey 2025' which was conducted during the autumn by UKCoR and MDG. This provides the sector with some interesting information about current plans for implementation and engagement with Official RDA, and can also be mapped against a similar survey undertaken in 2013 regarding the adoption of Original RDA in the UK.

In the review section we are pleased to publish Sergio Alonso Mislata's review of *The AI and Data Revolution* by Martin De Saulles.

Our next issue in March will be looking at subject analysis, within classification and subject headings, if you wish to contribute an article on this topic (or indeed any other metadata related one) please contact the editors at [catalogueandindex@gmail.com](mailto:catalogueandindex@gmail.com).

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