

Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Description (TS-EAD) Report, 2012 Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting

The Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Description is happy to report a busy and successful year of work focused on the process of revising EAD.

Following our meeting at last year's SAA Annual Meeting, TS-EAD had five primary goals:

1. Prepare for March 2012 TS-EAD working meeting
2. Create a digested list of community comments
3. Summarize points of emphasis guiding the revision
4. Summarize technical design options for the revision
5. After the March working meeting, provide the Schema Development Team with a summary of changes to be effected.

TS-EAD posted the presentations from the EAD Revision Forum at the 2011 SAA Annual Meeting to the SAA Standards Portal following the meeting. Prior to its March working meeting TS-EAD posted three preparatory documents to the Standards Portal: EAD Revision: Digest of Comments, EAD – Technical Considerations, and EAD Revision – Points of Emphasis.

TS-EAD held conference calls in December, January and February, met for a three-day working meeting on March 7-9 at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, and held three conference calls after the March meeting. The working meeting was funded with support from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, the Nationaal Archief of the Netherlands, and the Beinecke Library. Additional grant support for the EAD revision from the National Endowment for the Humanities will be used to support a meeting of the Schema Development Team at the University of Virginia in October, and possibly a tag library editorial team meeting in the spring.

At the March working meeting TS-EAD focused on responding to the community input received during the comment period, discussing additional recommendations from committee members, identifying topics requiring further investigation, and establishing a timeline for the completion of the revision. The minutes of the working meeting and subsequent reports provided the SDT with documentation of changes to be implemented. The process of building consensus within TS-EAD regarding the revision is ongoing.

TS-EAD and the Schema Development Team will share the in-process revised schema prior to the SAA 2012 Annual Meeting and present a summary of agreed-upon changes at the EAD Roundtable meeting. The provisional timeline for the completion of the revision is as follows:

- Alpha release of schema and call for community feedback – early fall 2012
- Schema Development Team meeting – October 2012
- Beta release of schema, documentation and migration tools, final call for community feedback – January 15, 2012
- End of final comment period – February 15
- Tag library editorial team meeting – late February/early March 2013
- Finalize tag library and recommendations for schema – April 1, 2013
- Final schema and tag library release – July 1, 2013

TS-EAD will hold a joint annual meeting with the Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Context and the Schema Development Team on Wednesday, August 8th, 2012, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at the San Diego Hilton Bayfront, Cobalt 504. The agenda for the TS-EAD portion of the meeting is as follows:

TS-EAD meeting agenda:

- Updates and reports
 - Library of Congress EAD site report
 - EAD Roundtable (re: EAD Help Pages)
 - EAD Roundtable presentation

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- Schema Development Team
- Any news from the Standards Committee
- Russian tag library translation
- Revision review
 - Progress to date
 - Status of alpha schema
 - Outstanding issues
 - Restatement of Points of Emphasis
- Discuss remaining revision issues
- Timeline review and update
- Task assignments and next steps
 - Testing
 - Tag Library

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rush and Bill Stocking, TS-EAD co-chairs, July 2012.

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