

Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Description (TS-EAD) 2014 Annual Report

The Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Description is pleased to report a busy year of work focused on the revision of EAD.

At our meeting during the 2013 SAA Annual Meeting, TS-EAD agreed that the new version of Encoded Archival Description shall be called EAD3.

After our meeting at last year's SAA Annual Meeting, TS-EAD had the following goals:

1. Share the progress report to the 2013 EAD Roundtable meeting via the SAA Standards Portal
2. Receive comments on the EAD3 Beta release through October 1, 2013.
3. Complete EAD3 and submit to the Standards Committee by the end of 2013.

TS-EAD posted the slides for the progress report delivered to the EAD Roundtable to the SAA Standards Portal soon after last year's annual meeting. Recognizing that the EAD user community needed more information about the pending changes to EAD, in September TS-EAD co-chair Mike Rush posted a series of six emails to the EAD list highlighting those changes and fostering further community discussion.

After the completion of the Beta review period, comments from the community and ongoing discussion within TS-EAD made it clear that significant additional changes were necessary and that it would be impossible to complete the revision by the end of 2013. TS-EAD held eight conference calls throughout the fall and winter working through variety of issues.

Because the changes made after the Beta release were significant, TS-EAD chose to release a Gamma version of EAD3 for comment by the community. The Gamma comment period ran from February 5th to March 1st, 2014.

After initially planning to complete EAD3 in time for the tag library to be published in time for the 2014 SAA Annual Meeting, it proved impossible for TS-EAD to complete all of the necessary work on the schemas and tag library on that schedule. The remaining work includes testing and refining the EAD3 schemas, completing the tag library, and completing the migration style sheets. TS-EAD will discuss the timeline for that work at the upcoming annual meeting, with the hope of completing EAD3 by the end of the 2014 calendar year.

TS-EAD will hold a joint annual meeting with the Technical Subcommittee for Encoded Archival Context and the Schema Development Team on Wednesday, August 13th, 2014, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in Balcony B of the Marriott Wardman Park. The agenda for the TS-EAD portion of the meeting is as follows:

TS-EAD meeting agenda:

- Updates and reports
 - Revision: progress and recap (Rush)
 - Schema Development Team (Catapano)
 - Tag Library Editorial Team (Shepherd)
 - Library of Congress EAD site report (Gardner)
- EAD3: Remaining work and timeline (Rush, Catapano, Shepherd)
- Post release activities
 - Workshop update (Fox, Kiesling)
 - "What's new?" webinar (Rush)
 - EAD Cookbook (Fox?)
- Governance for EAD post-revision – discussion (all)
- Any other business

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rush and Bill Stocking, TS-EAD co-chairs, July 2014.

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