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American Library Association Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) Liaison

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In 2015, Elizabeth O’Keefe served as ARLIS/NA Liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA), which formulates official positions on descriptive cataloging policies and standards for ALA and other library and archives organizations within the United States. Representation on the CC:DA gives ARLIS/NA catalogers a role in the creation and revision of international descriptive cataloging standards, and showcases the special expertise of ARLIS/NA catalogers on issues related to descriptive cataloging of art documentation, graphics, and objects. Elizabeth O’Keefe will be succeeded by Karen Anton Stafford, who will take over as CC:DA liaison in Seattle.

Activities during her tenure:

- Reported to the CAC on upcoming ALA proposals of interest to art librarians, solicited feedback from committee members on these proposals, and submitted comments to the CC:DA blog concerning a wide range of different proposals submitted by ALA to the RDA Steering Committee, which is the governing body of Resource Description and Access (RDA)
- Communicated to the ALA representative, Kathy Glennan, comments from CAC members concerning proposals submitted by national libraries and national data standards bodies, including the Library of Congress, the British Library, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, the Australian Committee on Cataloguing, and others.
- Provided substantive input from the CAC to an early draft of 2.7 Production Statement: changing method of recording, a proposal submitted by the British Library (the CAC’s contribution was acknowledged in the final proposal).
- Served on the CC:DA Machine-Actionable Data Task Force, which submitted a proposal on machine-actionable elements for physical description in Chapter 3 of RDA. The proposal incorporated substantive comment from the CAC concerning measurement of dimensions for still images. The RDA Steering Committee recommended that work
continue on this issue; a new work group with international representation will carry on the CC:DA task force’s work. 

- Reported to the CAC on changes to the structure and governance of RDA, which will affect the role of the CC:DA and of liaisons to the CC:DA. Liaisons have been asked to consult their organizations on whether they wish to continue to be represented on the CC:DA, or whether they might wish to represent their organizations directly within the new body that will report to the RDA Steering Committee.