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Long-term Repositories: Taking the Shock out of the Future

A two-day forum on PREMIS Preservation Metadata and the Trusted Digital Repositories Methodology, August 31 and September 1, 2006.

Conference Room, [National Library of Australia](#), Parkes Place, Canberra, ACT.

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Day One: The National Library of Australia and APSR are pleased to sponsor this workshop which is designed to increase the sustainability of institutional repositories through the use of preservation metadata.

The National Library of Australia, as part of its work for the APSR Digital Sustainability Program, has been working on an implementation of Preservation Metadata. The specification will be based on the PREMIS (PREservation Metadata: Implementation Strategies) final report, the [Data Dictionary for Preservation Metadata](#).

This forum is intended to be a practical exploration of the issues associated with the implementation of a preservation metadata scheme based on the PREMIS work. Discussion will include practical aspects of preservation life-cycle management, repository

functionality and architecture, tools and technologies to support data acquisition, automation and workflows. The workshop will be conducted from the perspective of the management of university-based data collections and repositories in national and state cultural institutions, and is aimed at those who have practical responsibility for this development. This includes repository managers, programmers, digital curators and all those who have a role in preservation planning for digital materials.

*Day One will conclude with **drinks in the foyer of the National Library**, providing an opportunity to mingle with colleagues and discuss the day's events.*

Day Two: The second one day forum will consider the [RLG-NARA Audit Checklist for Certifying Digital Repositories](#).

The checklist is useful in helping those working with or responsible for repositories to determine the criteria they need to plan for and to meet for safely storing and migrating digital materials. It also serves producers of digital materials by helping them know what to expect from the repositories they work with and how to streamline interactions with the repositories. The checklist will help organisations considering an external agency to serve their preservation needs to ensure that contracted organisations are executing the task adequately. A standard, objective method for audit and certification of digital repositories is a mandatory tool in the digital preservation arsenal. This work of the RLG-NARA Task Force on Digital Repository Certification is the first phase of fulfilling that requirement.

This forum will provide an introduction to the RLG NARA work, and will examine practical ways in which the checklist can be implemented. It will also examine and discuss the setting of acceptance levels and consider the certification approach discussed.

Who should attend?

- Those who are aware of an issue in digital preservation, and are keen to investigate solutions,
- Those who know about the concept of preservation metadata and want to gain enough knowledge to implement something appropriate,
- Those who know about PREMIS and want to implement it,
- Those who are keen to ensure that their repository meets international audit standards for long term viability.

A [Fedora Developers Group Meeting](#) will be held on the day prior to Long-term Repositories.

Speakers

Speakers will include:

Robin Dale, Taskforce Co-Chair and Project Officer for the Digital Repository Certification Project, RLG-NARA;
Rebecca Guenther, Senior Networking and Standards Specialist at the Library of Congress Network Development and MARC Standards Office and Co-chair of PREMIS, an OCLC/RLG Working Group on Preservation Metadata Implementation Strategies.
Ron Jantz, Social Sciences Data Librarian at Alexander Library, Rutgers University and Chair, Fedora Preservation Working Group;
Deb Woodyard Robinson, Digital Preservation Consultant, New Zealand.

Cost

Before 30 June: \$120 for both days and \$100 for a single day.

After 30 June: \$150 for both days and \$120 for a single day.

This amount is subsidised by the Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories which is funded to do outreach work in this area

by the Department of Education, Science and Training as part of the Commonwealth Government's "Backing Australia's Ability - An Innovative Action Plan for the Future" and by the National Library of Australia.

Places for this event are limited because of the size of the venue.

Registration

Registrations for this event have now closed.

Registration for the [Fedora Developers Group Meeting](#) is still possible and should be done separately.

Accommodation

Those who need to book accommodation in Canberra may like to consider [University House](#) on the campus of the Australian National University. The cost for a single room with breakfast is \$115.

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