

CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY REPORT 2003-2004

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The Canadian Committee on Archival Description of the Canadian Council of Archives is pleased to give a brief report of its activities in 2003-2004 to our friends and colleagues of the Technical Subcommittee on Descriptive Standards of the Society of American Archivists.

RAD on the Web

Part I of RAD has been mounted to the web since fall 2001 and Part II since last summer. The RAD index was mounted as part of RAD on the web site in December 2003 as well as a RAD-EAD Crosswalk.

RAD2

Last year, CCAD decided to use the CUSTARD document entitled *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* as the basis for a comprehensive revision of *RAD* that could lead us to *RAD2*, a detailed, multimedia, multilevel archival descriptive standard with greater structural and substantive compatibility with *ISAD(G)* and *ISAAR(CPF)*. We've also prepared a background document to accompany the proposed standard. The official announcement for the consultation process was released on ARCAN-L on January 28. It was also announced on the ACA (Association of Canadian Archivists) and AAQ (Association des archivistes du Québec) web sites, on the Alberta and BC listserv. The target date was March 31. A new note was sent on April 1st with an extension to April 16.

CCAD members gave a preliminary report at the Bureau of Canadian Archivist's Symposium in May and at various conferences. Since then, we launched a second round of consultation that ends on September 30. CCAD will prepare a final report early 2005 that will give the portrait of the situation, make recommendations and give also options for the future of our descriptive standard.

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