

## **TAB Report to Council**

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Summary of the main TAB activities since the last Council meeting:

- Huge work on P11 session scheduling. 84 session proposals were received (17 BoFs, 36 IGs, 19 WGs, 12 Joint Sessions), compared to 73 for P10 (16 BoFs, 37 IGs, 14 WGs, 6 Joint Sessions, which was a low number, compensated somehow because some of the Groups invited other Groups to participate in their 'normal' session). All session proposals were examined by the TAB liaison and other TAB members, evaluations were shared in a summary table, and decisions were taken during a TAB meeting on 15 January 2018. Many proposers were contacted with suggestions to improve their session content and description, in some case as a condition for acceptance. For instance, 11 of the 17 BoF proposers were contacted. The proposers have been very responsive, which means better quality and relevance of the session description and in some cases of the session content. It is particularly noticeable that several BoF sessions were proposed by funders, to discuss topics of interest for them openly in front of and with the RDA community. Session proposals were due 28 December 2017, acceptance and scheduling messages were sent on 2 February 2018. Special thanks to Wenbo Chu who prepared the scheduling and to Timea Biro and her team who organise the whole process.
- RDA Plenaries continue to be a key milestone for the RDA activities. 14 new or updated Group case statements were received linked to P11 session call, in some cases as a result of TAB discussion with the session proposers.
- The Chair Collaboration meeting was held in Gaithersburg, 10-12 January 2018. Roadmapping (and Landscape Analysis) of RDA activities was the main topic, together with presentations from Groups on their outcomes. I. Dillo presented a short update on the Council Strategy Exercise during the TAB session. The paths proposed for roadmapping will be discussed again during P11 TAB/Chair meeting in front of a larger representation of the Chairs. One issue is of course the shortage of resources available at RDA level to support the required work.
- The alignment of the new TAB election process, of the relevant part of the RDA Governance documents, and of the “What we do” document managed by TAB, has been discussed with Secretariat (S. Kethers), and will be discussed in TAB.