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Report on implementation of RDA at the Vatican Library

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- The impact of RDA on local rules for some classes of names and titles
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The Library

Departments

The collections of the Vatican Library are managed by three Departments, which are structured as follows:

MANUSCRIPT DEPARTMENT

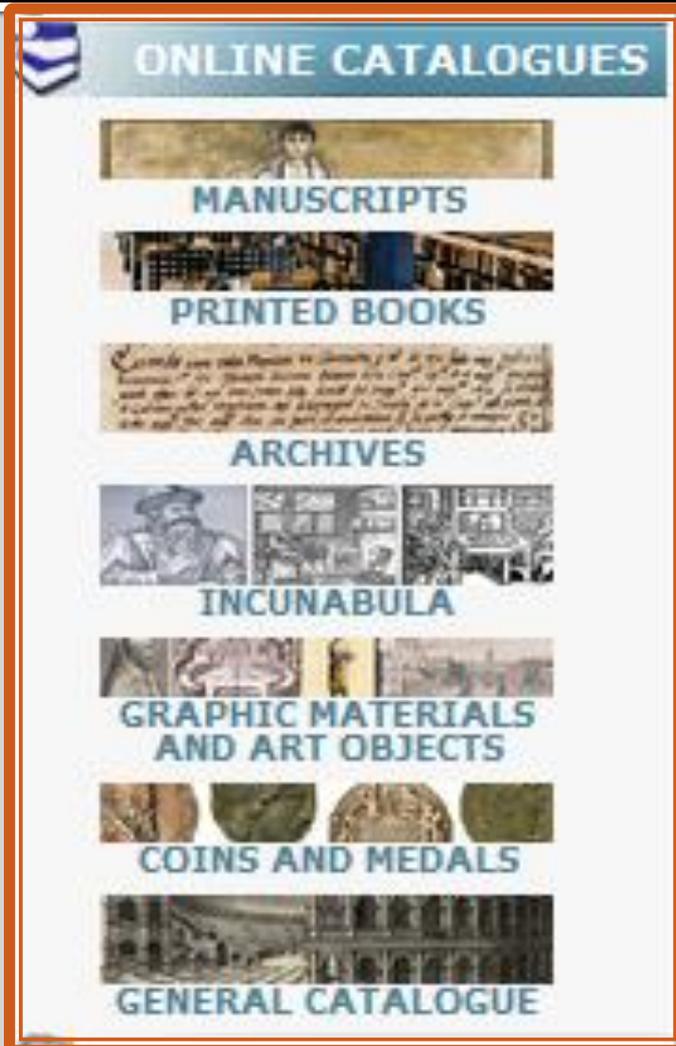
- Manuscript Section
- Archival Section
- Pontifical Addresses
- Reading Rooms and Stacks

PRINTED BOOKS DEPARTMENT

- Acquisitions Section
- Catalog Section
- Reading Rooms and Stacks
- Rare Books Section
- Prints Cabinet
- Non-Book Materials

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT

Web OPAC



ONLINE CATALOGUES


MANUSCRIPTS


PRINTED BOOKS


ARCHIVES

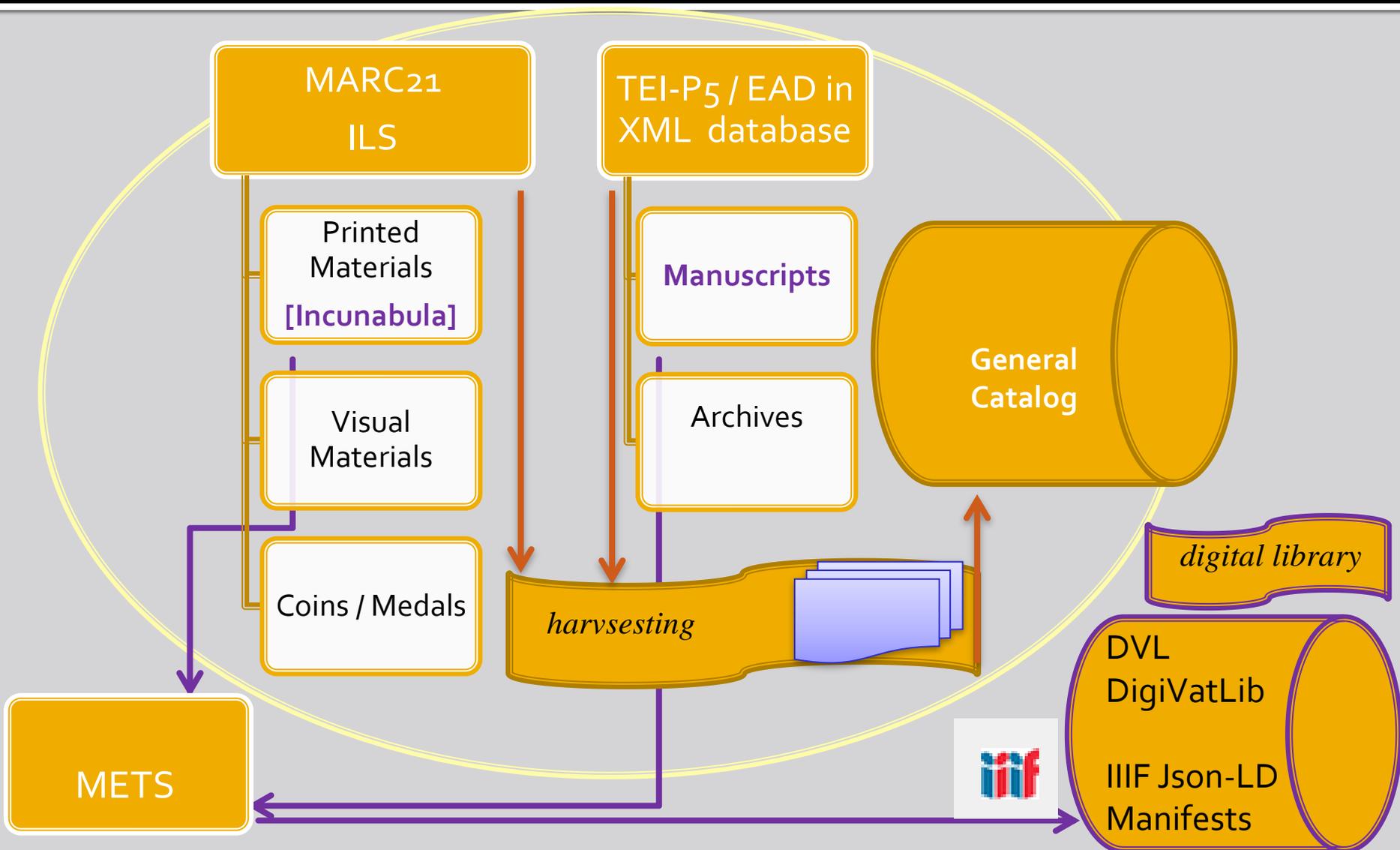

INCUNABULA


**GRAPHIC MATERIALS
AND ART OBJECTS**


COINS AND MEDALS


GENERAL CATALOGUE

Web OPAC → Descriptive metadata



Coordinating Committee and Technical Working Group for the translation of RDA cataloguing rules

The General Directorate for Libraries, Cultural Institutes and Copyright has established a Coordinating Committee in order to translate the new Anglo American cataloguing rules, RDA (Resource Description and Access) and has entrusted ICCU to establish a Technical Working Group whose task is the translation of RDA.

The Committee plays both a steering role as regards the translation carried out by the Technical Working Group and also connecting functions with the **Joint Steering Committee for development of RDA (JSC)**, thus promoting dialogue between Italian library institutions and the international catalographic context.

The technical Working Group is made up by various library and university institutions and by catalographic agencies and has started activities for the drawing up of the Italian version, which shall be uploaded into the online **RDA Toolkit system**.

Timeline (1) - RDA implementation



Training Plan

- Introduction to FRBR, FRAD (concepts and terminology, entities, attributes and relationships) and ICP (in the light of 2016 edition);
- Identifying manifestations, works, expressions, persons, families and corporate bodies;
- Describing content of works and expressions;
- Relationships in bibliographic and authority records;
- Exceptions

Test

- The way to interpret rules for different materials, in relation to the different descriptive metadata in use
 - MARC₂₁
 - TEI-P₅ Manuscripts
 - EAD [for a later implementation]
- Impact of the implementation on our local rules
 - preferred names and titles as authorized access points for :
Religious Bodies, Administrative Organs of the Catholic Church as well as Religious Provinces, Dioceses, Synods, Popes, Saints, Liturgical Works, Bible and parts of the Bible

e.g. (1) - exceptions

- **Concilium Plenarium Americae Latinae.**
and not
 - Catholic Church. Concilium Plenarium Americae Latinae
- **Papi (2013- : Franciscus)**
and not
 - Catholic Church. Pope (2013– : Francis)

e.g. (2) - exceptions

- **Bordeaux (provincia ecclesiastica).** Concilio provinciale (1850)
- Aristoteles, 384-322 a.C . **Metaphysica**
- Iohannes Chrysostomus , s., patriarca di Costantinopoli, 347-407. **In transfigurationem domini**
- Lelli, Teodoro de', **vesc.** di Treviso, 1427-1466
- Lacordaire, Henri-Dominique, **O.P.**, 1802-1861
- **Biblia. V.T.** Daniel. 3:26-90. Italiano

New initiatives

- *FRBRization* of catalogs
- Linked Data using RDA vocabularies
 - MARC21 records
 - TEI-P5 descriptions

Thank you for your attention



Nicholaus V, the Founder of the Vatican Library