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RDA/TDWG Attribution Metadata Working Group: Final Recommendations

The Challenge:

Research collections are an important tool for understanding the Earth, its systems, and human interaction. Despite the importance of collections, many are not maintained or curated as thoroughly as they should. Part of the reason for this is the lack of professional reward for curation, maintenance, or collection.

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What is the solution?

To address this gap in metadata attribution, this Working Group recommends the use of PROV entities and properties to link people (Agent), the curatorial actions they perform (Activity), and the digital or physical objects they are curating (Entity). A separate technical document gives specific examples of three use cases as RDF Turtle representations and diagrams.

What is the impact?

This Recommendation supports standardized metadata for attributing work and tracking provenance in the curation and maintenance of research collections.

Find out more about this Recommendation

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