

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: EURIG
Subject: Eliminating "Laws, etc." as a conventional collective title (RDA 6.19.2.5.1, 6.19.3.6, etc.)

EURIG thanks ALA for this proposal, which raised controversial discussions among EURIG members.

Some members agree with the elimination of "Laws, etc." as conventional collective titles, whereas others do not want to refrain from using conventional collective titles, especially for compilations of laws. Some countries appreciate such titles as they are an integral part of their cataloguing traditions; others have eliminated conventional collective titles years ago.

With regard to RDA's objective "responsiveness to user needs", conventional collective titles seem to be useful to gather related resources, but not for identification. "Laws, etc." is not a title that enables users to identify a resource.