

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: RDA models for authority data

ACOC thanks the Technical Working Group for this paper discussing the accommodation of authority data in RDA.

ACOC notes that it has not yet had the opportunity to consider the paper in the light of the full FRBR-LRM model, and that comments at this stage are therefore provisional in nature.

Recommendation 1: RDA should represent sub-types of Nomen as element sub-types of the appellation element.

ACOC did not find the wording of this recommendation entirely clear. We interpret the recommendation as advocating the view that the "preferred title" relationship between Work and Nomen should be construed as a specific subtype of a more general "has appellation" relationship. This broadly corresponds to the first of the two possible approaches listed at the top of page 4, and unlike the second approach does not imply that "preferredness" can be a property of a Nomen. If this is the case we support recommendation 1. Our responses to other recommendations below are predicated on this assumption.

Recommendation 2: Review and develop appropriate RDA elements for compatibility with the appellation-Nomen model by assigning element sub-types and ranges.

ACOC supports this recommendation.

Recommendation 3: a Consider adding the RDA elements *family name* and *given name* as sub-elements of *name of the person*. b Develop these for the RDA Registry in any case, to improve interoperability of RDA linked data.

ACOC supports both parts of this recommendation.

Recommendation 4: a Investigate the functionality and utility of "preferred" forms of appellation element sub-types in relation to RDA and application profiles in the context of the appellation-Nomen model. b Investigate the utility of relationships between Nomen and how RDA should accommodate them.

ACOC agrees that both parts of this recommendation should be investigated.

Recommendation 5: The RDA instructions for constructing AAPs should be replaced with general guidelines for assigning *Nomens* for applications supporting the user task explore, as part of the development of guidelines and instructions for creating *Nomen* data.

ACOC would be interested to see a proposal or more detailed discussion paper, but considers this may be best postponed until after the FRBR-LRM has been finalised.

Recommendation 6: The development of RDA guidelines, instructions, and elements with respect to entity labels, identifiers, and access points should be carried out in consultation with other cultural heritage communities.

ACOC supports this recommendation.