

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, United Kingdom Representative
Subject: RDA models for authority data. UK Response.

The British Library and CILIP thank the Working Group for the paper, which the CILIP/BL committee discussed at its meeting on 10th September.

General Comments

We agree with the recommendations below which align RDA with Library Reference Model and support the internationalization agenda.

Recommendations

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.