

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Renate Behrens, Europe Region representative
Subject: Providing greater flexibility in creating variant access points
(RDA Chapters 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11)

EURIG - Editorial Committee thanks ALA for this proposal with which we agree.

EURIG members' and national committees' comments were collated on the DNB wiki and discussed by the EURIG Editorial Committee in a series of voice conferences during September. Members expressed different views regarding the need for these changes. Some saw no need for the changes from an institutional or national perspective, but the overall view is that the more explicit guidance is helpful, with the following caveats:

- 1) the guidance must be clear that the VAP must be different from the AAP;
- 2) there must be a justification for making a VAP, i.e. it should be a credible search term.