

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Renate Behrens, Europe Region representative
Subject: Early Printed Resources and Rare Printed Resources

EURIG - Editorial Committee thanks RSC Rare Materials Working Group for this proposal.

EURIG members and national committees submitted comments to the DNB wiki which were discussed by the Editorial Committee in series of web meetings during September.

EURIG – Editorial Committee agrees with the proposal.

We welcome the definition of "early printed resources". We welcome the flexibility for the time limits concerning old book. The resources are very heterogeneous and an extension makes sense. A minority in the EURIG Editorial Committee does not agree with the use of the term "manufactured"; this term should be reconsidered because this is a reserved¹ term in RDA.

A minority in the EURIG Editorial Committee does not agree with the proposed term and definition "Rare printed resources". In their point of view it is too narrow and is contradicted by its own definition. Their opinion is that RDA should provide agencies with a choice to select manifestations for more detailed description according to local needs or policies, and this choice can be made more explicit in Chapter 0. The rejection of this term obviously would have implications for other papers from Rare Materials Working Group. The EURIG minority group recommends that the changes proposed by the Rare Materials WG are referred to the Translation Working Group.

¹ See glossary: manufacture statement, manufacturer etc., manufacturer of, manufacturer's name