To: RDA Steering Committee

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Subject: RDA models for relationship data

The text below reflects the decisions made by the RDA Steering Committee during its November 2016 meeting to implement Recommendation 1 and Recommendation 2 in the Working Group paper.

Associated updates have been made to RDA Reference and the RDA Registry, including the corrected changes of Recommendation 1, and the addition of a set of high-level, cross-entity relationship elements with technical documentation.

These changes are preparatory work for the 3R Project. Instructions for supporting new relationships will be incorporated into RDA Toolkit during the project.

24.1.3 Related Entity, Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item

The terms related entity, related work, related expression, related manifestation, and related item are used as follows:

related entity▼: An entity associated with an entity being described.
related work▼: A work associated with an entity being described.
related expression▼: An expression associated with an entity being described.
related manifestation▼: A manifestation associated with an entity being described.
related item▼: An item associated with an entity being described.

29.1.3 Related Agent, Person, Family, and Corporate Body

The terms related agent, related person, related family, and related corporate body are used as follows:

related agent▼: An agent associated with an entity being described.
related person▼: A person associated with an entity being described.
related family▼: A family associated with an entity being described.
related corporate body▼: A corporate body associated with an entity being described.
M.2.1 **Subjects**

Record an appropriate term from the lists at M.2.2–M.2.8 with the identifier, authorized access point, and/or description indicating the relationship between a work and its subject (see 23.4). Apply the general guidelines on using relationship designators at M.1.

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M.2.6 **Person as Subject of a Work**

*described in (person)* A work that describes a described person.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* description of (person)

*description of (person)* A person described by a describing work.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* described in (person)

M.2.7 **Family as Subject of a Work**

*described in (family)* A work that describes a described family.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* description of (family)

*description of (family)* A family described by a describing work.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* described in (family)

M.2.8 **Corporate Body as Subject of a Work**

*described in (corporate body)* A work that describes a described corporate body.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* description of (corporate body)

*description of (corporate body)* A corporate body described by a describing work.  
*Reciprocal relationship:* described in (corporate body)