

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2 – Proposal to Revise Term of Rank or Honour or Office

General remarks:

EURIG welcomes the continuing work of the Religions in RDA Working Group to broaden Toolkit guidelines by recommending a shift from prescriptive language to community based practice. We are especially glad to see that the comments sent by UKCoR in response to the Working Group's first proposal (the lingering presence of religious bias in "Term of rank or honour or office") have been addressed in this new proposal.

EURIG approves the proposal and notes that all Christian examples which arose in our discussing could be adequately handled by guidelines which would remain in the Toolkit were this proposal to be accepted.

Recommendation 1:

Approve

Recommendation 2:

Approve

Recommendation 3:

Approve

Within the general approval of this recommendation, we would suggest that the first option, "Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language..." be split. There are three implicit options in the statement:

- in a language in which the term was conferred
- in a language used in a country in which the person resides
- in a language preferred by the creator of the metadata.

Making these three implicit options explicit makes the options more easily actionable on the part of policy and community resource writers.