

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

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2](#), viz.:

- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/EOO](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/EURIG response](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/NARDAC response](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/ORDAC response](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/RDA Examples Editor response](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/TranslationsTLO](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/TTWG response](#)
- [RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2/WCEO response](#)

Note 1: [NARDAC](#) supports Recommendation 1 in general, but finds the addition of the word “civil” unnecessary (in “excludes civil terms of address that simply indicate gender or marital status such as Mr. or Mrs.”).

Note 2: [NARDAC](#) supports Recommendation 1 but notes that although the name of the element is “term of rank or honour or office” the word “honour” is not used in the first sentence of the definition (in the [Toolkit](#) or [Registry](#)), and suggest its inclusion, viz.:

Marked-up copy only

A word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, rank, honour, office or a term of address for a person of religious vocation.

Note 3: [NARDAC](#) supports Recommendation 1 but passes on “A further clarifying reorganization of the definition” that was suggested in their discussion:

Clean copy only

A word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, rank, honour or office.

A term of rank or honour or office includes:

Terms of address for a person of religious vocation.

Initials or abbreviations representing an academic degree, or membership in an organization.

A term of rank or honour or office excludes:

Terms of address that simply indicate gender or marital status such as Mr. or Mrs.

Use for: title of person.

Note 4: [EURIG](#), the [TranslationsTLO](#), the [TTWG](#) and the [WCEO](#) approve recommendation 3 but suggest “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.” The [TTWG](#) provides a clean version of the text:

Clean version only

OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language in which the term was conferred.

OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language used in a country in which the person resides.

OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language preferred by the creator of the metadata.

The [WCEO](#) shares they “wholeheartedly support the proposal to revise the definition of ‘term of rank, honor, or office’ to be applicable to all religious denominations, thereby replacing the existing instructions for Popes and Bishops, etc.”

Note 5: [NARDAC](#) notes that “the phrase ‘an agent who creates the metadata’ should be used as this is the convention in the Toolkit.” If accepted, this would update the wording used at Note 4 to:

Clean copy only:

OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language preferred by an agent who creates the metadata.

Note 6: [NARDAC](#) notes that “the phrase ‘term of rank, office, or address’ should be in full in both the Condition and the Condition Option. Currently, the Condition Option only has the truncated phrase ‘term of rank’.” If accepted, this would update the wording of the CONDITION OPTION to:

Clean copy only

Add to the term of rank, office or address of the person a value of Place: name of place.

Note 7: [The RDA Examples Editor](#) approves of Recommendation 3 in principle, but advocates a CONDITION OPTION for persons of religious vocations. She stated approval of the wording offered by the TTWG splitting the main option in three, so for consistency, the Secretary is supplying the text as it would be implemented to allow for the same principle here:

Clean copy only

CONDITION

A person is of a religious vocation.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language in which the term was conferred.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language used in a country in which the person resides.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language preferred by an agent who creates the metadata.

Recommendation 1	Approve	NARDAC approves but queries the introduction of the term “civil” (See Note 1); NARDAC also suggests the word “honour” has been missed from the proposed definition and suggests its inclusion (See Note 2).
------------------	---------	---

Recommendation 2	Approve	
Recommendation 3	Approve	<p>EURIG, the TranslationsTLO and the TTWG approve but suggests a change in wording (See Note 4); NARDAC suggests splitting the first OPTION in two (See Note 4); NARDAC also suggests the phrase “an agent who creates the metadata be used” (See Note 5); NARDAC suggests the phrase “term of rank, office, or address” not be truncated in the OPTIONS to “term of rank” (See Note 6). The RDA Examples Editor approves in principle, but advocates a CONDITION OPTION for persons of religious vocation (See Note 7).</p>