

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Sally Strutt, JSC Chair
Subject: Call for proposals to simplify AACR2 Ch. 21 special rules

The JSC intends to review all the rules on choice of access points for inclusion in part II of *RDA : Resource Description and Access*. The JSC's objectives for this review include increasing consistency, eliminating redundancy and generalising where possible.

As we wish to take advantage of the expertise of our constituencies in the review process, the JSC seeks proposals to either eliminate or simplify AACR2 Chapter 21 special rules. Chapter 21 of AACR2 currently contains detailed special rules for musical works (21.18-21.22), art works (21.16-21.17), certain legal works (21.31-21.36), certain religious works (21.37-21.39), and certain academic works (21.27).

As part of JSC's general review, current provisions for choosing main and added entries will be replaced by a greatly simplified instruction to designate one access point as the primary access point for purposes of citing the work.

Constituencies should therefore provide a principle-based rationale for any proposals to either eliminate or simplify AACR2 Chapter 21 special rules, and give suggested wording only if necessary. Proposals submitted by constituencies will be considered as part of the revision process for incorporation into *Resource Description and Access*.

The JSC requests that constituencies submit any proposals by 25 July 2005 so that they can be discussed at the October 2005 JSC meeting.