

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Analysis of the proposed CONSER standard record vis à vis RDA

The JSC Chair and Secretary have prepared the attached review of the CONSER standard record in relation to RDA. This document will be used to assist in the discussion of these issues at the October 2007 JSC meeting.

No constituency responses to this document are required.

CONSER Standard Record¹ and RDA

Issues for resolution

Abbreviated title. RDA 2.3.10 Abbreviated title

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

210 Abbreviated title \$a, \$b A= Mandatory if applicable Note: Do not put in 246

Appendix M Recommendation #8. Abbreviated titles

5JSC/Editor/1: “CONSER has recommended that RDA include instructions to provide access to abbreviated titles (both abbreviated key titles and other abbreviated titles) when the information is assigned by the agency preparing the description or is readily available. In order to explicitly accommodate the practice recommended by CONSER, RDA would need to be revised either to define abbreviated title as a sub-type of the title element or to include instructions under variant title to explicitly address abbreviated titles.”

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2 “The title proper and earlier and later variants of the title proper are required. Other titles are optional.”

Cover letter to 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2

“2.3.9 [i.e. 2.3.10] Abbreviated title “JSC will need to revisit the issue of abbreviated titles raised in discussions on the CONSER standard record, and provide direction on the scope and instructions for abbreviated titles.”

Numbering. RDA 2.6 Numbering of serials

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

362 1 Dates of publication/designation First indicator “1” unformatted style
A= Mandatory if applicable

- “Use unformatted 362 (1st indicator 1, “Began...”) to supply numbering/dates of publication whenever this information is available, regardless of whether the first/last issue(s) are in hand or not.
- Captions and months may be transcribed as found (including abbreviations and capitalization) or they may be recorded using standard AACR2 abbreviations.
- Numbers (including ordinal numbers) may be transcribed as found or they may be recorded as Arabic numerals, whichever is easiest.
- If numbering is not present or known, indicate the year publication began or a copyright date when publication began if known.
- If numbering includes both issue number and date, put parentheses around the date.

¹ CONSER Standard Record Documentation 5/30/2007 <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/conserdoc.pdf>

- Include new series designations, changes in numbering, etc., in this field or in the 515, whichever is clearer. See examples in Appendix B. (Cf. LCRI 12.7B10).”

Appendix M Recommendation #7. Numbering only as note (unformatted 362)

5JSC/Editor/1: The Editor’s comments have been superseded by 5JSC/LC/10 and decisions made at the April 2007 JSC meeting. To be discussed with 5JSC/LC/10/LC follow-up.

Optional publication date. RDA 2.8.5 Date of publication

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

260 Publication, distribution etc \$c Date of publication NR = Not Required

Note: It is not required to supply dates in 260 \$c. See field 362 for instructions about recording dates of publication

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2 Date of publication is required.

Optional series statement. RDA 2.10 Series statement

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

4XX Series statement/title NR = Not Required

“If series authority records exist or are being established and/or updated in the national authority file, it is not required to transcribe a series statement or note. Supply only the authorized form of the series name in the bibliographic record, using the 8XX field. (Note: if a series ISSN is to be recorded, it can only be recorded in the 4XX fields because of current indicator definitions in the 8XX.) Record variant forms of the series title in the authority record. Document changes in the series statement over time in a 490 field on the bibliographic record. In cases where no series authority exists or will be created, transcribe the series statement so that usage can be documented.”

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2 “Title proper of series and numbering within series are required. Other sub-elements of series statements are optional.”

Uniform titles. 7.3.2 Relationship between a manifestation and a work or expression embodied in the manifestation

**The current status of all three issues related to uniform titles is given at the end of this section.

“Distinguishing” uniform titles

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

130 Main entry – uniform title \$a, \$n, \$p A= Mandatory if applicable

“With two exceptions, it is not required to create or add a uniform title (either as a main entry heading or in conjunction with a personal or corporate name main entry heading) in order to resolve conflicts according to AACR2 25.5B. Create uniform titles for these two categories: 1) when cataloging a monographic series, or 2) for “generic” titles, i.e., those cases where the title consists solely of a word or words indicating the type of resource or the periodicity of the resource, e.g., “monthly newsletter,” “journal,” “biennial working papers.” (LCRI 25.5B)”

Appendix M Recommendation #2b. Uniform titles to distinguish identical titles

5JSC/Editor/1: “Restricting the creation of a controlled access point representing the work to the more limited set of conditions in the CONSER recommendation would not meet the RDA requirement to reflect in all cases the primary relationship between the resource being described and the work embodied in that resource.”

Translations and language editions

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

130 Main entry – uniform title \$a, \$n, \$p A= Mandatory if applicable

“It is not required to create or add a uniform title either as a main entry heading or in conjunction with a personal or corporate name main entry heading for translations or language editions. Instead, use an added entry (in addition to any 775 linking field) to provide collocation with the original language edition. Include the name of the language of the resource being cataloged in subfield \$l of the 730 field. This is an exception to the general policy stated under Linking Fields below that it is not required to make added entries (730/740) that duplicate linking field access points.”

Appendix M Recommendation #2a. Uniform titles for translations and language editions as added entry

5JSC/Editor/1: “If the intent of the CONSER recommendation is to allow the construction of an added entry using the title proper of the original manifestation rather than a uniform title for the work embodied in that manifestation, introducing instructions in RDA to support the recommendation would effectively require defining a new relationship type(s) to cover the relationship between a

resource embodying a translation or language edition and a related manifestation embodying another language version of the same work (i.e., a relationship that would function as an expression-to-manifestation relationship). Defining such a relationship would seriously compromise the alignment of RDA both with the FRBR model and with the relationship types defined by Tillett.”

“Other “collocating” uniform titles:

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

130 Main entry – uniform title \$a, \$n, \$p A= Mandatory if applicable
“Continue to create or add uniform titles as required for legal materials and other cases of collocating (as opposed to “distinguishing”) uniform titles that are not translations or language editions.”

All 3 issues related to uniform titles

5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapters 6-7/Rev. 7.3.2 *Relationship between a manifestation and a work or expression embodied in the manifestation* is labeled as a required element.

The JSC decided (April 2007 JSC meeting (5JSC/M/159.6)) to designate this relationship as required to enable the user to “find all resources described in the catalogue that embody a particular work or a particular expression of that work” and the IME-ICC designation of “uniform title for the work/expression” as an indispensable access point (see 7.1.2.1 in the April 2007 draft of the *Statement of international cataloguing principles*).

No issue to resolve

Optional statement of responsibility. RDA 2.4 Statement of responsibility

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

245 Title and statement of responsibility \$c Statement of responsibility

NR = Not Required

“It is not required to transcribe a statement of responsibility of any kind in field 245 \$c. (Cf. LCRI 12.1F).”

Appendix M Recommendation #5. Access point for statement of responsibility without giving it as a descriptive element

5JSC/Editor/1: An option as proposed by CONSER would be consistent with RDA, although there have been concerns regarding this option in RDA.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2 “Statements of responsibility relating to title identifying the person(s), family (families), or corporate body (bodies) with principal responsibility are required. Other statements of responsibility are optional.”

At the June 14 2007 teleconference, JSC decided to change Statement of responsibility from “required” to “optional”. In the next revision of chapters 1 and 2, statement of responsibility will be deleted from the list of required elements at 1.4.1.1, the labels for the Statement of responsibility element at 2.4 and Statement of responsibility relating to title element sub-type at 2.4.1 will be changed to “Optional”, and the footnote from the May 2007 quoted above will be deleted.

Transcription of parallel titles. RDA 2.3.3 Parallel titles

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

245 Title and statement of responsibility \$b Other title information and Parallel title(s)

NR = Not Required

“It is not required to transcribe parallel titles in 245 \$b. Record parallel titles and initialisms/acronyms not chosen as the title proper in field 246. See also instructions in field 246.”

Appendix M Recommendation #3. Access point for parallel title without giving it as a descriptive element

5JSC/Editor/1: An option as proposed by CONSER would be consistent with RDA, regardless of whether the parallel title is designated as a required access point or an optional access point in RDA.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2:

“The title proper and earlier and later variants of the title proper are required. Other titles are optional.”

Transcription of other title information. RDA 2.3.5 Other title information

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

245 Title and statement of responsibility \$b Other title information and Parallel title(s)

NR = Not Required

“Generally, it is not required to transcribe other title information unless it provides clarification or support to the title proper that otherwise might appear misleading without the other title information.”

Appendix M Recommendation #4. Access point for other title information without giving it as a descriptive element

5JSC/Editor/1: An option as proposed by CONSER would be consistent with RDA, regardless of whether other title information that could be viewed as a title is designated as a required access point or an optional access point in RDA.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2

“The title proper and earlier and later variants of the title proper are required. Other titles are optional.”

Place of publication. RDA 2.8.1 Place of publication

CONSER Standard Record Documentation:

“It is required to supply only the first-named place of publication as found on the item. It is not required to supply any additional places, regardless of the home country of the cataloging agency. (Cf. LCRI 12.4C)

For online resources: if a place of publication is readily available (for example, found by scrolling within a few pages of the home page or first issue page), record that place in field 260 \$a. Otherwise, supply a probable place of publication (e.g. [United States?]) or [S.I.] in field 260 \$a. Code the fixed field country code accordingly.”

Appendix M Recommendation #6. Only the first place of publication

5JSC/Editor/1: The recommendation is consistent with RDA, since place of publication is not a required element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 1 (May 2007). 1.4.1.1 Optional element.

In 5JSC/Editor/RDA/Part A/Chapter 2: Place of publication is optional.