TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: **Constituency review of the full draft of RDA, October 31st 2008**

The British Library's response to the 2008 RDA Full draft has been compiled from comments received from cataloguing staff in Boston Spa and St. Pancras.

Comments which may need to be discussed by JSC are flagged by *.

General comments
Reviewers have commented on the difficulty they experienced in evaluating RDA with the current drafts.

Many of the comments received related to typographical and formatting errors in the ALA draft. In general, only those typographical and formatting errors that could be traced back to the editor's draft have been documented in this response.

Core elements are explicitly labelled. It would be helpful if all elements, sub-elements or element sub-types were explicitly labelled.

Comments on instructions also covered by LC/12 will be included in the response to LC/12.

Specific comments

Chapter 0
*0.6.2
"Earlier variant title"
British Library recommends renaming this element, "Earlier title proper", to distinguish it from other variant titles and to avoid confusion with variants of an earlier title of a serial.

Chapter 1
1.6.3.3

The distinction between what has been "issued" by the publisher and what is "supplied" should be made clearer. British Library recommends adding a definition of "re-based" to the glossary.

Chapter 2

2.3.4.7.3
This is difficult to follow. Different situations are described in each paragraph. British Library proposes the following amendment to the third paragraph to make clear which "changed other title information" is meant.

"If the changed other title information <u>on the current iteration</u> is not considered to be important for identification or access, delete the other title information, and record it as earlier other title information".

2.3.9
ISSN UK expressed concern about the instruction to "Take the key title from any source". British Library recommends that the key title should only be taken from an <u>official</u> source.

2.6.
2.6.1.2 Sources of information
British Library welcomes Library of Congress's offer to propose a simplification of this section and is in general agreement with the outline suggested in their response.

2.15.3.2.
Sources of information: plate numbers for music cannot be taken from any source. Plate numbers appear on each page of music and have to be taken from the item. If they are not on the printer's plate they will not appear on the page so a number taken from another source cannot be called a plate number.

Chapter 3

3.4.1.7.4
It is not clear whether "microfilms" should be included here or at 3.4.1.7.2. If the former, the heading should be changed to microform and the final sentence should read, "For other microform resources specify the number of frames." If the latter, instructions will be required under 3.4.2.7.2 on how to handle surrogates.

3.4.1.7.4

The plural of microfiche is given here as "microfiches", but microfiche is also used as the plural, e.g. in the subsequent example. The dictionary indicates that either form is correct, but a single form of the plural should be followed throughout.

3.5.1.4.14
The British Library recommends moving the 5th exception to follow the substantive instruction at 3.5.1.4.14 . The instruction concering rebindings is complementary to the general instruction at 3.5.1.4.14. It is not an exception.

3.7.2
The British Library recommends either generalising or supplementing the instruction to enable information for other types of resources to be recorded. For example, an analogous situation arises with sound recordings. Coatings, such as nitrate or lacquer, may be applied to glass or metal blanks to take a groove.

3.12.1.2
Early printed books cataloguers recommend that the resource should be source of information. Sources external to the resource are not reliable.

3.16.5.3
*British Library Sound Archive, recommend that, "coursegroove" be the preferred term.

Chapter 4

No comments

Chapter 5

No comments

Chapter 6

6.12.1.3
British Library suggests that there should be an option to record more granular information if appropriate. ISO 639-2 may not offer sufficient detail for an informed choice between resources. For example ISO 639-2 may not permit a specific language to be identified because it is subsumed within a larger language group. The principles of representation and internationalisation would support an option for recording more detail.

"Record the language or languages of the expression using an appropriate term or terms from the list of languages specified in ISO 639-2 (URL).

Optional
<u>"If necessary to provide a more precise identification of the language, record an additional term from an alternative source."</u>

6.21.1
The caption should read, "Basic instructions on Recording Date of <u>Legal</u> Work.

6.21.1 The scope should read, "Date of <u>Legal</u> Work..."

6.26
British Library recommends that "Official communications" should be defined in the glossary.

Chapter 7
7.12.1.1
The reference to 3.21 appears to be incorrect.

Chapter 8
No comments

Chapter 9
No comments

Chapter 10
No comments

Chapter 11
No comments

Chapter 16
No comments

Chapter 17
No comments

Chapter 18

No comments

Chapter 20

No comments

Chapter 21

No comments

Chapter 22

No comments

Chapter 24

24.5.1.2
The source of information is not specified.

Chapter 25

No comments

Chapter 26

No comments

Chapter 27

No comments

Chapter 28

No comments

Chapter 29

No comments

Chapter 30

No comments

Chapter 31

Chapter 21

No comments

Chapter 22

No comments

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C

Appendix D
D.2.1 – 3.3. Numbering (serials)
In ISBD, numeric and/or Alphabetic designations should not be enclosed in parentheses.

Appendix E

Appendix F
1. Full Sikh names include, in addition to Singh or Kaur, a sub-caste or other identifying name (e.g. pen-name, place-name, profession, sect). name. The caste name, etc. may be used as a surname (in preference to Singh or Kaur), e.g. Madra, Amandeep Singh. Entry under the caste name, etc. is consistent with the instruction at 6.1.2, to "record the surname or name that the person is known to have used as a surname as the first element of the preferred name."

However the exception at F 6.1.2.2 effectively restricts the application of 6.1.2 to persons who use the surnames Singh or Kaur. Panjabi practice would be to enter these names in direct order with the given name first, (e.g. Jatindara Sin<dot above>gha).

The British Library recommends that either

The exception at F.6.1.2.2 is revised to read:

"For Sikh names in or transliterated from Panjabi script where a person uses Sin<dot above>gha or Kaura as a surname rather than his or her sub-caste name or other identifying name , record the first of his or her names (the given name) as the first element of the preferred name. Example: Jatindara Sin<dot above>gha "

 Example: Jatindara Sin<dot above>gha.

The example, Singh, Indrajit under F.6.1.2 may need to be changed.

OR

the exception at F.6.1.2.2 is deleted and the reference to it is removed from F.6.1.2.

Comments on examples

2.15.3.
Could an example be provided illustrating a phrase designating a publisher as with Nimbus at 2.15.2.3.

3.4.1.3
Suggest adding "3 microfiche" or "3 microfiches" to the example to illustrate plural of microfiche, depending on what is intended (see examples at 3.4.1.7.4 and 3.4.1.9)

3.4.5.8.b
The examples are confusing. We suggest:

560 pages, 223 pages, 217 pages
366 pages, 98 pages, 99 unnumbered pages

3.5.1.4.9

17.8cm, 25.4mm
Videotape real

10.2 cm,
The examples appear to conflict 3.5.1.3 "record dimensions in centimetres to the next whole centimetre up.." There is no instruction at 3.5.1.4.9 which overrides 3.5.1.3.

3.16.4.3
Should read "45 rpm, "not 45 1/3 rpm".

6.26.1.1 & 6.26.1.3
"religious works" should read "official communications"
6.27.1.6
The addition of an example to illustrate the case where the work is presented as an edtion of the previously existing work, would help to clarify the instruction. AACR2 21.3C has an example.

7.13.2.3
The examples seem rather obscure. A resource in Devanagri and Glagolitic would be exotic indeed. Something more mundane would be clearer, e.g. Latin Arabic.

7.2.1.3
Second example: suggest "alternative part for clarinet"

9.19.1.6
It is not clear why this rule would be invoked in the case of PSK-13 (Rapper) or Big Hand (Musician) as these would be qualified under the instruction at 9.19.1.2.e. There are similar examples to illustrate this: Stone Mountain (Writer); Taj Mahal (Musician).
11.2.2.14 Type 6
The example for International Whaling Commission. Meeting appears to contradict 11.2.2.11, which admits terms denoting frequency, as exemplified by Biennial Symposium, on Active Control

Typographical errors
Typographical errors arising from the conversion of the text to XML have not been recorded here.

2.15.2 The use of the apostrophe in the phrase "publisher's numbers" is inconsistent. Suggest all instances are replaced by, "'publisher numbers'".

31.1.1.1
"A **related family** is a family who is associated with the person, family"

Suggest

"….a family that is…"

General
The Footer on each page of the RDA manual reads, " American Library Assocation" not, "American Library Association"