

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

FROM: EURIG

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of RDA 16.2.2 (Preferred Name for the Place)

EURIG thanks ALA for raising the issue of preferred names for places. In principle EURIG welcomes the proposal, but we have some reservations and comments.

We propose to internationalise the instructions. In this spirit the paragraph “16.2.2.2 Places in Other Jurisdictions, Optional Addition” is significant for EURIG. We would also propose to generally have a more consistent approach in this matter.

Furthermore, the used term “first-level administrative division” seems ambiguous. It could be understood top-down (e.g. state) or bottom-up (e.g. county). Therefore, we suggest the term “another administrative division”.

ALA announces the presentation of additional proposals (e.g. Name of larger place as part of the preferred name) at a later date. EURIG would like to work together with ALA. We are sure that this collaboration would be fruitful.