

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Revision of RDA 9.13, Affiliation

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ACOC strongly supports the provision of information about the nature of the affiliation and the dates of the affiliation in addition to the name of the affiliated body. We also support the addition of dates to other elements including profession, field of activity, associated country, address, and gender.

However, an affiliation can be expressed in either of two ways: as a relationship between a person and a corporate body or as an attribute of a person. Affiliation as a relationship is covered in RDA by *Chapter 32 Related Corporate bodies*. The nature of the affiliation is essentially role of the person in relation to the corporate body which is covered in RDA in *K.2.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Persons to Corporate Bodies*.

We would welcome a proposal which places this issue in the context of the broader issue of whether to treat this as an attribute of the person or as a relationship.