

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Revision of RDA 9.13, Affiliation. BL Response

BL thanks ALA for this thorough review of the issues. ALA raises several important issues for discussion, which are addressed in general comments below.

General comments

BL recommends that no change is made to the element at this time. The issues identified for discussion need to be resolved before changes are made to RDA.

RDA models Affiliation as an attribute of Person. The attribute is defined in order to identify *Persons*. If there is a requirement to characterise *Affiliations*, it should probably be modelled as a relationship between Person and Corporate Body entities. This needs to be discussed with the FRBR Review Group.

Specific Comments

Definition

The revised definition would be appropriate to modelling affiliation as a relationship.

Scope of affiliation

BL sees no reason to exclude students from the scope of affiliation. BL does not see any reason to record detailed information about the nature of the affiliation, such as the degree obtained, but there is provision for recording biographical information at 9.17.