

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Gordon Dunsire, CILIP Representative

Subject: Instructions for Recording Relationships: Discussion Paper

CILIP thanks ALA for its discussion paper.

CILIP agrees that the aggregation of RDA elements into higher-level structures is an important issue which needs to be addressed in a general rather than specific context. CILIP believes that the role of application profiles is a significant factor, and that machine-actionable solutions are preferable.

During discussion, concern was expressed at the implications of "how far to go" (recommendation 5) and "which elements should be included" (issue 3) which might cause bloat in the RDA text. There was also uncertainty as to how aggregations could be represented in a neutral way not specific to any particular encoding format or display tradition.