

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Dave Reser, LC Representative  
**Subject:** Revision of Appendix D regarding capitalization practice

LC appreciates the efforts of CCC to address the concerns related to capitalization, and recognizes the challenges with reconciling RDA capitalization (Appendix A) and ISBD capitalization (Appendix D). We acknowledge that Appendix A might require restructuring to make it more acceptable for non-English language users. We also recognize that the capitalization instructions for many languages are incomplete and would welcome additions to these instructions. As offered, we would encourage CCC to look more closely at what such a general revision of Appendix A would entail, and advise the JSC of the potential impact of a major restructuring (either within the RDA text or a complementary tool accessible in the RDA Toolkit).

Until such a revision is possible, we agree with the proposed change to D.1.2—the wording from ISBD may prove ‘vague’ to some and ‘reassuring’ to others. We agree with CCC that Appendix D is not likely to be considered as the source for capitalization information for those using RDA, given the presence of Appendix A. For this reason, we would suggest a reference from Appendix A to the revised Appendix D instruction during this interim period before a restructuring of Appendix A can be accomplished. We recommend adding a final paragraph to RDA A.1:

See D.1.2 for additional capitalization instructions when using an ISBD presentation.

We were uncertain about whether a reciprocal reference from D.1.2 to Appendix A would also be useful.