

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative

Subject: Internationalization and RDA Appendix A Capitalization: Discussion Paper

ACOC thanks CCC for a thought-provoking Discussion paper, and welcomes continuing efforts to internationalise RDA.

ACOC considered the discussion points listed in the paper:

1a) Develop a standard template which would be filled for each language.

ACOC supports a flexible, expansible and logical approach to language specific-instructions. While we would be comfortable with retaining language advice in Appendix A, we think it would be desirable for the proposed working group to explore ALA's suggestion to utilise the Tools tab instead.

1b) Reducing the normative status of Appendix A.

ACOC supports the idea of 'recommended best practice'. However we have some reservations about how this would work in practice.

2) Review sections A.2 to A.9 to ensure that all RDA data elements that might require guidance are indeed covered.

ACOC agrees to this review.

3) Review language-specific instructions with experts from the languages involved to fill in any gaps and update provisions to conform to current style.

ACOC agrees to this review.

4) Form a working group to review the possibilities for restructuring Appendix A.

ACOC agrees to the formation of working group to undertake this work and thanks CCC for their willingness to lead the group.