

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
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Subject: Internationalization and RDA Appendix A Capitalization: Discussion Paper

DNB thanks CCC for this discussion paper. We fully agree with the discussion paper and support every single suggestion given.

Having in mind that language rules change over the time and input from language experts might be a time-consuming and endless process as there are too many languages in the world, we would like to especially strongly support the idea of „*Reducing the normative status of Appendix A*“. Instead of this, we should also think about the "Take what you see"-approach that allows also for automated cataloguing. In the future the percentage of online resources with embedded metadata in our libraries and institutions will grow, and these data should be able to be integrated in our systems without any changes.

A working group to review the possibilities for restructuring Appendix A is very welcomed and the DNB is willing to take part in such a group.