

**TO:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

**FROM:** Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

**SUBJECT:** Larger place – Revision of RDA 16.2.2.4 (Recording the Preferred Name); 16.2.2; 16.2.2.9.1; 16.2.2.9.2; 16.2.2.10; 16.2.2.10.1; 16.2.2.11; 16.2.2.11.1; 16.2.2.12; 16.2.2.13; 16.2.2.14 BL Response

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British Library thanks DNB for these proposed alternatives.

We agree that the name of a larger place is not part of the name of a place.

We note that the future of Chapter 16 will be influenced by discussion on Subject (6JSC/ALA/Discussion/2) and 6JSC/Chair/8. Our view is that all instructions about jurisdictions should be moved to Chapter 11 and that Chapter 16 should be subsumed under general chapter on subject. If this approach is agreed, it would not be desirable to make substantial changes to Chapter 16. The Library would be willing to prepare a proposal for JSC/2014.

RDA already supports relationships between Corporate Bodies, so DNB will be able to relate the larger jurisdiction to the smaller jurisdiction, using names or identifiers as desired.

We agree in principle that it should be possible to record the identifier for a place. This is already supported for place in the context of jurisdiction, in Chapter 11, but is not supported by Chapter 16.

Cataloguers have expressed concern about the potential proliferation of alternative instructions in RDA. While we believe there are legitimate requirements for alternative instructions, we believe that they have to be used sparingly.

16.2.2.1.1 Alternative addition. We would prefer that a different example is used than Isle of Man. The Isle of Man is a “Crown dependency” not part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.