

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Attributes of manifestations: Instructions for more than one instance of an element

CCC thanks DNB for this examination of issues related to recording multiple instances of elements. Our understanding has always been that RDA does not allow for picking and choosing of elements, i.e. the shopping cart approach. The core statement applies to the first element, leaving institutions to decide whether to record all of the remaining instances, subject to their local system limitations. CCC disagrees with DNB's assertion in their first paragraph that their proposals result in no changes to RDA. In fact, the change proposed for 2.8.2.4 would, as ACOC noted in their response, allow the 'home country' practice to return through the back-door. This practice was changed deliberately to improve international sharing of records.

CCC disputes the assertion that the current approach is "obviously not intended by RDA." Our experience with the development of RDA confirms that it certainly is the intention that we record all instances of an element when we decide to record more than just the core instance.

At its meeting on September 20, 2013, CCC decided that it could not support the proposals in this paper. We agree that the current text of RDA is correct. The proposed text probably does not produce the result desired by DNB and would require subsequent counter-proposals to correct.