

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

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**Subject:** Discussion paper: Hidden relationships in attributes (examples: RDA 9.4.1.2, 9.13, 10.6, 11.3, 16,2,2)

ACOC thanks the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek for this stimulating proposal. We find the approach generally persuasive and would welcome further exploration of the idea of hidden relationships.

Our responses to the specific questions raised are given below.

- a) Do we agree that the examples mentioned in 2.1 and 2.2 are cases of “hidden” relationships?  
**Yes.**
- b) Do we agree that it would also be possible to model these and similar cases by making use of relationship elements and relationship designators?  
**Yes.**
- c) Do we agree that modelling these and similar cases as relationships might have a number of advantages?  
**Yes, but the question should be considered in light of the work of the FR Review Group.**
- d) Should this question be explored in more depth?  
**Yes.**