

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Language of expression - Revision of RDA 6.11, 6.11.1.3, 6.11.1.4, 7.12.1.3, 26.1.1.3

The BL thanks EURIG for this interesting proposal. BL agrees with the intent of the proposal to improve the precision with which language can be recorded. Greater specificity, offers potential benefits for disambiguation, deduplication and automated matching of expressions.

6.11 BL agrees that Language of Expression should be a Core Element. We take the view that there is no need for a conditional clause. However, if such a clause is retained, we believe that “text” is too restrictive.

6.11.1.3; 6.11.1.4

We do not think that an optional addition to qualify the Language of Expression is the best approach. We think that Type of Language of Expression, could be incorporated into the RDA Element Set as element sub-types rather than as either a new element or a qualifier.

26.1.1.4

We don't believe that an additional instruction for translations is required. The nature of the relationship can be specified using the relationship designator.