

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Change in mode of issuance for online resources: proposal for a revised instruction

CCC thanks the International ISSN Centre for submitting this proposal which attempts to address the fluid state of electronic serials. CCC notes that keeping RDA, ISBD and ISSN synchronized is highly desirable. One could also debate whether this should be done within RDA itself, or within a local application policy, such as the ISSN Manual and/or the CONSER Cataloging Manual.

CCC is reminded of JSC's discussion of 6JSC/DNB/Discussion/1 on accommodating descriptions based on the first issue vs. the current issue. In that discussion, it was suggested that the solution could only be realized after JSC has more fully explored data about data. It is hoped that this discussion will produce a solution satisfactory to the RDA, ISBD and ISSN communities. We note, however, that the ISBD Review Group has not discussed this issue yet.

As a response to the suggestions for changes to RDA 1.6.2 in this proposal, we are of the opinion that some of the proposed conditions belong in 1.6.1.1, some in 1.6.1.2, and some in 1.6.1.3. Consideration could also be given to the potential impact elsewhere in 1.6.2 as well as in 1.6.3 and to the resulting changes in other chapters of RDA that would be needed to accommodate this change.