To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Language of the Family (10.8)

CCC agrees with the addition of the proposed instruction but we have a small concern about the proposed wording in 10.8.1.1 "... when writing for publication, broadcasting, etc." In particular, the word "writing" might exclude audio or video communications. Indeed, such videos might be in a non-written language, such as one of the many sign languages.

Another "Language of" instruction (11.8) uses "in its communications" so we would like to counterpropose the broader phrase "its communications." CCC concurs with the observation made by ACOC and ALA that RDA generally used the indefinite article in scope statements.

10.8.1.1 Scope

Language of the family is a language a family uses in its communications.

CCC also proposes a change to LC's proposed 10.8.1.2 Sources of Information to be consistent with 11.8.1.2.

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Take information on the language or languages of the family from any source.