

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: EURIG
Subject: Compilations of Works by Different Persons, Families, or Corporate Bodies (New 6.2.2.11)

EURIG welcomes the Library of Congress' proposal to clarify that part of RDA dealing with compilations of works by different persons, families, or corporate bodies, and supports it, except on two points:

- in Change 2, 6.2.2.11.1 Collective Title: Rather than “If a compilation of works by different persons, families, or corporate bodies is known by a collective title in resources [...]” we would prefer “If a compilation of works by different persons, families, or corporate bodies has a collective title in resources [...]”. Similarly in 6.2.2.11.2, replace “If a compilation of works by different persons, families, or corporate bodies is not known by a collective title in resources [...]” with “If a compilation of works by different persons, families, or corporate bodies lacks a collective title in resources [...]”. The rationale for this change is that, if the compilation of works of different creators has a collective title, this is automatically selected as the preferred title, no matter if the compilation is known by this title or not. The same goes for lacking a collective title.
- the proposed addition in Change 5, which we deem unnecessary in the glossary: It is not really a definition of what a collective title is, but rather the validation of the current practice in RDA.

In addition, more detailed instructions on how to provide a devised title under 6.27.1.4 Alternative could be useful. We can see from other proposals that cataloguers are asking for precise and detailed instructions.

More generally, EURIG's members feel that dealing with aggregates has proved over time to be one of the complex areas of RDA, especially in an international context. This could be a topic for an ad hoc working group.