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TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR                      DATE: Aug. 3, 2011

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SUBJECT: Elimination of RDA treatment for “names not conveying the idea of ...”

The Library of Congress proposes to simplify the instructions in RDA by eliminating the concept of names “not conveying the idea” of a person or corporate body. Such names will be treated as other personal and corporate bodies, with additions to the name required only to distinguish the person or body from other persons or bodies with the same name.

**Background:** The general concept from AACR2 was passed on to RDA for names that may not convey the idea of a person or corporate body. The concept itself is subjective and may be interpreted differently by different catalogers or catalog users (based on knowledge of language, ethnic, national, or cultural naming practices). The context of “person” or “corporate body” will already be clear because of the element selected for recording the name in RDA (preferred name for the person, preferred name for the corporate body), and/or the mark-up standard used in metadata (e.g., X00 Personal names or X10 Corporate names in MARC 21, or <name> element in MADS with type attributes of personal or corporate).

By bringing this concept forward from AACR2, three elements become core in certain circumstances in RDA:

- field of activity of the person (9.15)
- profession or occupation (9.16)
- other designation associated with the corporate body (11.7) is core for this purpose.

Removal of the “names not conveying ...” aspect from the core requirements will still allow for the use of one of these elements (in addition to several others) in order to distinguish one person/body from another person/body with the same name. It will no longer be necessary for shared cataloging projects such as PCC/NACO, to adjudicate the subjective categories of names that do not convey the idea of a person or body.

**Related issue:** There are two instances in chapter 11 that refer to “names not conveying the idea of a corporate body” that LC has not proposed changes for at this time. The instructions are only related to whether the name of a subordinate corporate body should be recorded subordinate to a larger body (see TYPE 4 at 11.2.2.14 (Subordinate and Related Bodies Recorded Subordinately) and 11.2.2.19 (Government Bodies Recorded Subordinately)). LC understands that ALA has shown an interest in re-evaluating the instructions for subordination and we believe this matter may be better addressed in a forthcoming proposal on that topic.

**Changes to RDA:**

1. 0.6.4 [Core elements] Section 3: Recording Attributes of Person, Family, and Corporate body
2. 8.3 Core elements
3. 9.15 Field of Activity of the Person
4. 9.16 Profession or Occupation
5. 9.19.1.2 Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person
6. 11.7 Other Designation Associated with the Corporate Body
7. 11.7.1.4 Names not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body
8. 11.7.1.5 Type of Jurisdiction
9. 11.7.1.6 Other Designation
10. 11.13.1.1 General Guidelines on Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies
11. 11.13.1.2 Addition to a Name not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body
12. Renumbering 11.13.1.3-11.13.1.8
13. 11.13.2.1 General Guidelines on Constructing Variant Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies
14. E.1.1.1 Presentation of Access Points
15. E.1.2.4 Access Points Representing Corporate Bodies
16. Index entries
17. Related examples

**Change 1:**

Remove the qualified core requirements in the first paragraph of 0.6.4. The concept of adding a Profession or occupation, Field of activity, and Other designation associated with a corporate body will still be covered by the second paragraph of this instruction, when needed for differentiation.

**0.6.4 Section 3: Recording Attributes of Person, Family, and Corporate Body**

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the elements listed below that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Preferred name for the person  
Title of the person  
Date associated with the person  
Other designation associated with the person  
~~Profession or occupation (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)~~  
~~Field of activity of the person (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)~~  
Identifier for the person  
Preferred name for the family  
Type of family  
Date associated with the family  
Identifier for the family  
Preferred name for the corporate body  
Location of conference, etc.  
Date associated with the corporate body  
Associated institution (for conferences, etc., if the institution's name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined)

Number of a conference, etc.  
~~Other designation associated with the corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)~~  
Identifier for the corporate body

If the preferred name for the person, family, or corporate body is the same as or similar to a name by which another person, family, or corporate body is known, record as many of the additional identifying elements listed below as necessary to differentiate them. Record the elements either as additions to the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, as separate elements, or as both.

Fuller form of name  
Profession or occupation  
Field of activity of the person  
Place associated with the family  
Prominent member of the family  
Location of headquarters, etc.  
Associated institution  
Other designation associated with the corporate body

### **Change 2:**

Remove the qualified core requirements in the first paragraph of 8.3. The concept of adding a Profession or occupation, Field of activity, and Other designation associated with a corporate body will still be covered by the second paragraph of this instruction, when needed for differentiation

### **8.3 Core Elements**

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the elements listed below that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Preferred name for the person  
Title of the person  
Date associated with the person  
Other designation associated with the person  
~~Profession or occupation (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)~~  
~~Field of activity of the person (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)~~  
Identifier for the person  
Preferred name for the family  
Type of family  
Date associated with the family  
Identifier for the family  
Preferred name for the corporate body  
Location of conference, etc.  
Date associated with the corporate body  
Associated institution (for conferences, etc., if the institution's name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined)  
Number of a conference, etc.  
~~Other designation associated with the corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)~~  
Identifier for the corporate body

If the preferred name for the person, family, or corporate body is the same as or similar

to a name by which another person, family, or corporate body is known, record as many of the additional identifying elements listed below as necessary to differentiate them. Record the elements either as additions to the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, as separate elements, or as both.

- Fuller form of name
- Profession or occupation
- Field of activity of the person
- Place associated with the family
- Prominent member of the family
- Location of headquarters, etc.
- Associated institution
- Other designation associated with the corporate body

If none of the other identifying attributes listed above can be readily ascertained, designate the name as an undifferentiated name (see [8.11 RDA](#)). Include additional elements covered in this chapter and in chapters [9–11 RDA](#) in accordance with the policy of the agency creating the data, or as judged appropriate by the cataloguer.

### Change 3:

Revise the core statement at 9.15

#### 9.15 Field of Activity of the Person

CORE ELEMENT

*Field of activity of the person is a core element for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person. For other persons, field of activity is a core element when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name*

*[rest of instruction unchanged]*

### Change 4:

Revise the core statement at 9.16

#### 9.16 Profession or Occupation

CORE ELEMENT

*Profession or occupation is a core element for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person. For other persons, profession or occupation is a core element when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name*

### Change 5:

Remove category e) at 9.19.1.2, and also remove the related examples (9.19.1.6 already has adequate examples for showing the addition of “profession or occupation” and “field of activity”)

#### 9.19.1.2 Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person

Add to the name one or more of the following elements (in this order), as applicable:

- a) a title of royalty (see [9.4.1.4 RDA](#)) or nobility (see [9.4.1.5 RDA](#))
- b) the term Saint (see [9.6.1.4 RDA](#))
- c) title of religious rank (see [9.4.1.6–9.4.1.8 RDA](#))
- d) the term Spirit (see [9.6.1.5 RDA](#))
- e) a term indicating profession or occupation (see [9.16 RDA](#)) or field of activity of the person (see [9.15 RDA](#)), in that order of preference, for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person.

## EXAMPLE

Anne, Queen of Great Britain  
Borselen, Frank van, graaf van Oostervant  
Anglès, Jules-Jean-Baptiste, comte  
Pius XII, Pope  
Dositheos, Patriarch of Jerusalem  
Ruricius I, Bishop of Limoges  
Teresa, of Avila, Saint  
Arundel, Philip Howard, Earl of, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Garland, Judy (Spirit)  
Messenger Number One from the Secret Love Star (Spirit)  
~~Stone Mountain (Writer)~~  
~~Big Hand (Musician)~~  
~~PSK-13 (Rapper)~~

### Change 6:

Revise the core statement at 11.7

#### 11.7 Other Designation Associated with the Corporate Body

##### CORE ELEMENT

*Other designation associated with the corporate body is a core element ~~for a body with a name that does not convey the idea of a corporate body. For other corporate bodies, a designation is a core element~~ when needed to distinguish a corporate body from another corporate body with the same name*

### Change 7:

Delete instruction 11.7.1.4; similar examples added to 11.7.1.6 (see Change 9).

#### ~~11.7.1.4 Names Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body~~

~~If the preferred name for the body does not convey the idea of a corporate body, record a suitable designation in the language preferred by the agency creating the data.~~

## EXAMPLE

~~Spacecraft~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Apollo 11~~

~~Sloop~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Rachel Ann~~

~~Program~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Health of the Public. Designation recorded by an agency following American spelling~~

~~Programme~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Security at Work. Designation recorded by an agency following British spelling~~

**Fraternal order**

Preferred name recorded as: Elks

**Firm**

Preferred name recorded as: Johann Traeg

**Organisation**

Preferred name recorded as: Gingerbread. Designation recorded by an agency following British spelling.

**Organization**

Preferred name recorded as: Environmental Defense. Designation recorded by an agency following American spelling.

**Musical group**

Preferred name recorded as: Red Hot Chili Peppers

**Church**

Preferred name recorded as: St. Mary

**Radio station**

Preferred name recorded as: CMQ

**Radio station**

Preferred name recorded as: KBS Kyōto

**Television station**

Preferred name recorded as: KUON

**Change 8:**

Re-number instruction 11.7.1.5 to be 11.7.1.4 if proposed change 7 is approved.

**11.7.1.54 Type of Jurisdiction**

[rest of instruction unchanged]

**Change 9:**

Re-number instruction 11.7.1.6 to be 11.7.1.5 if proposed change 7 is approved. Also add/delete examples as shown

**11.7.1.65 Other Designation**

If neither a place nor date associated with the body, nor an associated institution, nor a type of jurisdiction, is sufficient or appropriate for distinguishing between two or more bodies, record an appropriate designation in the language preferred by the agency creating the data.

**EXAMPLE**

**Holiness**

Preferred name recorded as: Church of God

**Seventh Day**

Preferred name recorded as: Church of God

**Cricket**

Preferred name recorded as: World Cup

**Soccer**

Preferred name recorded as: World Cup. Designation recorded by an agency in the United States

**Brazzaville**

Preferred name recorded as: Congo

**Democratic Republic**

Preferred name recorded as: Congo

**North**

Preferred name recorded as: Korea

**South**

Preferred name recorded as: Korea

~~**BB-50**~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Indiana. Designation conveying the idea of a corporate body recorded as: Battleship~~

~~**BB-58**~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Indiana. Designation conveying the idea of a corporate body recorded as: Battleship~~

**Sloop**

Preferred name recorded as: Constitution

**Steamship**

Preferred name recorded as: Constitution

**Church**

Preferred name recorded as: St. Mary

**Nunnery**

Preferred name recorded as: St. Mary

**Radio station**

Preferred name recorded as: WGN

**Television station**

Preferred name recorded as: WGN

**Change 10:**

Revise instruction 11.13.1.1 to reflect proposed deletion of 11.13.1.2 (see Change 11)

**11.13.1.1 General Guidelines on Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies**

When constructing an authorized access point to represent a corporate body, use the preferred name for the corporate body (see [11.2.2 RDA](#)) as the basis for the authorized access point.

**EXAMPLE**

Museum of American Folk Art

Royal Aeronautical Society

World Methodist Conference

Eurovision Song Contest

E. Azalia Hackley Memorial Collection

Unesco

Society of St. John the Evangelist

Synagogue de la place des Vosges  
Boundary Commission for England  
Centro Universitário Belas Artes de São Paulo  
National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Securities Valuation Office  
California Home Economics Association. Orange District  
University of London. School of Pharmacy  
American Library Association. Resources and Technical Services Division. Board of Directors  
Jean Piaget Society. Annual Meeting  
Italy. Ministero del bilancio e della programmazione economica  
Catholic Church. Diocese of Newport and Menevia

~~Make additions to the name as instructed under [11.13.1.2](#)–[11.13.1.8](#) [RDA](#), in that order, as applicable.~~

Make additions to the name as instructed under [11.13.1.2](#)–[11.13.1.7](#) [RDA](#), in that order, as applicable.

### EXAMPLE

Elks (Fraternal order)  
National Gallery of Art (Nigeria)  
National Gallery of Art (U.S.)  
~~Fusion (Organization : Brighton, England)~~  
Fusion (Organization : Chichester, England)  
Center for the Study of Man (Smithsonian Institution)  
Blackfoot Mining and Milling Company (1885–1905)  
Elizabeth (Schooner : 1846–1855)  
Georgia (Republic)  
Bagua (Peru : Province)  
New England Invitational Tournament (Hockey)  
National and Household Food Security Workshop (2003 : Lusaka, Zambia)  
European Society for Neurochemistry. Meeting (11th : 1996 : Groningen, Netherlands)

[rest of instruction unchanged]

### Change 11:

Delete instruction 11.13.1.2

#### ~~11.13.1.2 Addition to a Name Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body~~

~~If the preferred name for the body does not convey the idea of a corporate body, add a suitable designation in the language preferred by the agency creating the data (see [11.7.1.4](#) [RDA](#)).~~

### EXAMPLE

Apollo 11 (Spacecraft)



~~Beanpot (Hockey tournament)~~  
~~Gingerbread (Organisation)~~  
~~Designation added by an agency following British spelling conventions~~  
~~Health of the Public (Program)~~  
~~Designation added by an agency following American spelling conventions~~  
~~Johann Traeg (Firm)~~  
~~KBS Kyōto (Radio station)~~  
~~Merced de Quito (Monastery)~~  
~~Niagara (Passenger ship)~~  
~~Niagara (Whaling ship)~~  
~~Rachel Ann (Sloop)~~  
~~Red Hot Chili Peppers (Musical group)~~

### **Change 12:**

If deletion proposed at Change 11 is approved, renumber instructions:

Renumber instruction 11.13.1.3 to be 11.13.1.2  
Renumber instruction 11.13.1.4 to be 11.13.1.3  
Renumber instruction 11.13.1.5 to be 11.13.1.4  
Renumber instruction 11.13.1.6 to be 11.13.1.5  
Renumber instruction 11.13.1.7 to be 11.13.1.6  
Renumber instruction 11.13.1.8 to be 11.13.1.7

### **Change 13:**

Remove the set of examples at instruction 11.13.2.1 labeled “Addition to name not conveying the idea of a corporate body” (alternatively these examples may be moved to the set of examples labeled “Other designation associated with the body”).

## **11.13.2.1 General Guidelines on Constructing Variant Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies**

### **EXAMPLE**

#### **Addition to a Name Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body**

~~Apollo Eleven (Spacecraft)~~

~~Apollo XI (Spacecraft)~~

~~Form recorded as authorized access point: Apollo 11 (Spacecraft)~~

~~Erovizyon (Contest)~~

~~Eurovisió (Contest)~~

~~Evrovizija (Contest)~~

~~Евровизија (Contest)~~

~~Form recorded as authorized access point: Eurovision Song Contest~~

### **Change 14:**

Remove the lines in the table of Appendix E.1.1 for “Names not conveying the idea of a corporate body” under additions to corporate bodies, see references for corporate bodies, and see also references for

corporate bodies (3 occurrences). (*Note:* there seems to be a misalignment in the section for additions to see references for corporate bodies in the RDA Toolkit)

### E.1.1 Presentation of Access Points

Names not conveying the idea of a corporate body ↔ [11.7 Other Designation Associated with the Corporate Body](#) **RDA**

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#### Change 15:

Remove lines referring to names not conveying the idea of a corporate body in Appendix E. 1.2.4

#### E.1.2.4 Access Points Representing Corporate Bodies

Precede a subheading by a full stop and a space.

~~Enclose a general designation added to a name not conveying the idea of a corporate body in parentheses.~~

Enclose the name of a country, state, province, etc., in parentheses.

Enclose a local place name in parentheses.

Enclose the name of an institution in parentheses.

Enclose a year of founding or inclusive years of existence in parentheses.

Enclose a general designation in parentheses.

Enclose a term designating type of jurisdiction in parentheses.

Enclose a distinguishing word or phrase in parentheses.

~~Separate a general designation added to a name not conveying the idea of a corporate body and a date, a place name, or a distinguishing word or phrase by a space, colon, space.~~

Separate a term designating type of jurisdiction and a distinguishing word or phrase by a space, colon, space.

Separate a term used to distinguish one government from another laying claim to the same jurisdiction and the date or dates associated with the government by a comma and a space.

Enclose the number, date, and location of a conference, etc., in parentheses.

Separate the number, date, and location by a space, colon, space. Separate multiple locations by a semicolon.

Enclose the number, date, and location of an exhibition, etc., in parentheses.

Separate the number, date, and location by a space, colon, space. Separate multiple locations by a semicolon.

#### Change 16:

The indexed will need to be updated; below are easily found entries, the JSC will need to identify a process by which index entries are adjusted as proposals are approved.

Corporate names, [11.2 RDA](#) See also [Corporate bodies RDA](#); [Government bodies, names of RDA](#)

Asian languages, names of corporate bodies in, [11.2.2.10 RDA](#)

capitalization, [A.2.1 RDA](#), [A.16 RDA](#)

changes in preferred name, [11.2.2.6 RDA](#)

and changes in the title proper of serials, [2.3.2.13.1 RDA](#)  
conventional names, [11.2.2.5.4 RDA](#)  
courts See [Courts RDA](#)  
government bodies See [Government bodies, names of RDA](#)  
honorific words or phrases, [11.2.2.9 RDA](#)  
incorporation, terms indicating, [11.2.2.10 RDA](#)  
initial articles in, [11.2.2.8 RDA](#)  
initialisms and acronyms  
    capitalization, [A.2.5 RDA](#)  
    punctuation and spacing, [8.5.6.2 RDA](#)  
    recording of, [11.2.2.7 RDA](#)  
legislative bodies, [11.2.2.22 RDA](#)  
names not conveying the idea of a corporate body See [Names not conveying the idea of . . . RDA](#)

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corporate bodies, [11.7.1.4 RDA](#), [11.13.1.2 RDA](#)  
    subordinate corporate bodies, [11.2.2.14 RDA](#)  
    government bodies recorded subordinately, [11.2.2.19 RDA](#)  
persons  
    addition of field of activity, [9.15n RDA](#)  
    addition of profession or occupation, [9.16 RDA](#), [9.19.1.2 RDA](#),  
    [9.19.1.6 RDA](#)

**Change 17:**

There are examples in other instructions that may need to be adjusted, such as the examples at 11.13.1.3:

Dominique's (Restaurant : New Orleans, La.)  
Dominique's (Restaurant : Washington, D.C.)  
Bushcare (Program : Australia)

LC suggests this be handled as part of a general example review.