

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative
Subject: High-level subject relationship in RDA

ACOC thanks the Technical Working Group for their work on the high-level subject relationships in RDA. We found this document challenging and were conscious of its relationship to ALA/31.

Recommendation 1: Add a primary relationship element to the RDA element set with the label "Subject", definition "The subject of a work", and domain *Work*. The corresponding Registry property will have rdfs:label "has subject", skos:definition "Relates a work to the subject of a work", rdfs:domain rdac:C10001, and no range.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Recommendation 2: Bring the RDA descriptive relationships designators into line with FRSAD by allowing only *Work* to be the domain of primary descriptive relationship designators for WEMI entities (and the range of their reciprocal designators) as indicated in Table 4, and by adding sub-property relationships to the new subject relationship element.

ACOC agrees that subject belongs at the Work level and we support the alignment with FRSAD. However, we would like a clearer understanding of what is being proposed.

Recommendation 3: Add to RDA the elements: *Reference to Published Citation (Work)*, Definition: "A citation for a published description of a work.", domain: *Work*; *Reference to Published Citation (Expression)*, Definition: "A citation for a published description of an expression.", domain: *Expression*; *Reference to Published Citation (Manifestation)*, Definition: "A citation for a published description of a manifestation.", domain: *Manifestation*; *Reference to Published Citation (Item)*, Definition: "A citation for a published description of an item.", domain: *Item*.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Recommendation 4: Develop a set of designators that relate WEMI to the *Work* or *Expression* containing the citation.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Recommendation 5: New subject relationship designators should not specify a range, unless this is required for a specified purpose such as consistency with legacy relationships.

ACOC agrees that relationship designators should not specify a range. However, we do not see a need for legacy relationships given that there are currently no subject chapters or subject relationship designators in RDA.

Recommendation 6: If Recommendation 2 is not accepted, refer the labelling of the relationship designators in Table 1 to the discussion on element labels designated as task 3 for 2014 for the JSC Technical Working Group.

ACOC agrees that if recommendation 2 is not accepted, further work will be required by the Technical Working Group.