## **To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Alan Danskin, Chair, JSC

Subject: Undifferentiated name indicator: discrepancy between RDA Element Set View and RDA instructions

JSC members are invited to respond to the following proposal by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Marg Stewart, CCC Representative to the JSC

- Subject: Undifferentiated name indicator: discrepancy between RDA Element Set View and RDA instructions
- 1. Daniel Paradis, member of CCC, identified a discrepancy between the Element Set View and the RDA instructions for *undifferentiated name indicator*. In the Element Set View, *undifferentiated name indicator* is given as an attribute of person, family and corporate body. However, according to RDA instruction 8.11, *undifferentiated name indicator* applies only to persons.

This discrepancy was discussed by the JSC during its Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> teleconference. It was agreed that the Element Set View should be corrected to remove *undifferentiated name indicator* as an attribute of family and corporate body. It is further recommended that the element be renamed *undifferentiated personal name indicator*.

- 2. In addition, changes are required to RDA instructions to align with the element set:
  - change the name of the element to *undifferentiated personal name indicator* (at RDA instruction and glossary)
  - move the instructions pertaining to *undifferentiated name indicator* which currently exist at 8.11 to a new instruction 9.19.
  - renumber current 9.19 instructions to 9.20.
  - change references from 9.19 to 9.20 throughout chapter 8 and chapter 9
  - delete last paragraph of 8.6; i.e., *If none of the specified additions can be readily ascertained, designate the name as an undifferentiated name (see 8.11).*
  - delete last paragraph of 10.10.1.1; i.e., *If no suitable addition is available, use the same access point for all families with the same name.*

Alternatively, to avoid the disruption of renumbering and correcting references, the current instructions could remain at 8.11.