

To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Subject: FT2025-2 – Fast Track proposal – Revising the definition for “instrumental conductor agent of” and its narrower elements

The text below sets out the decisions taken by the RDA Steering Committee during its meeting, 7-10 April 2025 ([RSC/Minutes/508-520](#) Item 517.2).

### Background

The Translations Team Liaison Officer prepared this Fast Track which reflects concerns raised by members of the Translations Working Group. It included a proposal to revise the definitions for “instrumental conductor agent of” for consistency. It also proposed to revise the definitions for narrower elements accordingly.

### The Issue

The definition for "**instrumental conductor agent of**" is the following:

“instrumental conductor agent of: An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of conducting and leading an instrumental performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.”

Members of the Translations Working Group found that the term "conducting" is redundant since it has the same meaning as "leading". What's more, the term is not used in the definition for the inverse element, nor in the definitions for other types of conductor agents:

**choral conductor agent of:** An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of leading a choral performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.

**conductor agent of:** An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of leading of a performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.

It was suggested to revise the definition of "**instrumental conductor agent of**" for consistency and concision:

instrumental conductor agent of: An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of ~~conducting and~~ leading an instrumental performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.

**Impact Statement**

Implementing proposal serves consistency in RDA Toolkit.

**Decisions**

Voting members of the RSC accepted the change unanimously and placed actions on the Secretary ([RSC/Minutes/508-520](#) Item 517.3) to create this document and on the Technical Team Liaison Officer ([RSC/Minutes/508-520](#) Item 517.4) to implement the changes as set out below:

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**(1) FT2025-2a: Revising the definition for "instrumental conductor agent of" in the Glossary and Registry**

***Marked-up Version:*****instrumental conductor agent of**

An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of ~~conducting and~~ leading an instrumental performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.

*Inverse:* **instrumental conductor agent**

*Use for:* instrumental conductor of

***Clean Version:*****instrumental conductor agent of**

An expression that includes a contribution by an agent of leading an instrumental performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation.

*Inverse:* **instrumental conductor agent**

*Use for:* instrumental conductor of

Deleting the phrase “conducting and” from the definition for "instrumental conductor agent of" in the Element side:

*Use for:* instrumental conductor of

The definitions for narrower elements should be amended accordingly.