

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
Cc: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/8 – Proposal for Manifestation: sequence of units of extent

Recommendation 1.1: Create the element Manifestation: sequence of units of extent

I approve in principle, but would point out that the term “sequence” implies arrangement in a particular order, which may suggest that the value is to be recorded in accordance with a string encoding scheme (rather than, for instance, the idea of recording the first and last page numbers within a volume). I would also like to see fuller “Recording”, “Recording an unstructured description” and “Recording a structured description” instructions that would distinguish this element from Manifestation: extent of manifestation, which RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1 has recasted as a superelement (also employing a string encoding scheme).

Recommendation 1.2: Move the applicable instructions under the section heading “Extent of manifestation of text” in the current Manifestation: extent of manifestation to Community Resources, with the applicable edits.

Due to the potential impact on communities that have already started training, I would like to defer my decision on this recommendation until the RSC has had a discussion on a suitable page in Community Resources to which to relocate this set of instructions.