

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: **List of Specialist Cataloguing Manuals for RDA**

BL thanks ALA for its proposal.

BL is not convinced of the value of having an extensive list within the text of RDA. The original purpose of the list, to draw attention to other standards which enrich the scope of the general rules for specialist materials is being lost from sight. RDA is in danger of creating a bibliography of cataloguing.

BL does not believe that programme specific manuals are appropriate for inclusion.

BL can see value in making reference to normative tools, such as transliteration tables, which would facilitate cataloguing and underpin interoperability, but this is perhaps more appropriate to the integration of RDA in tools such as Cataloger's Desktop than in RDA itself.