

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

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SUBJECT: **List of Specialist Cataloguing Manuals for RDA**

Related documents: *5JSC/ALA/3/ALA follow-up*

Having seen ALA's initial list of manuals, CILIP is now inclined to think that such documentation should reside outside the text of *RDA*, and would suggest the JSC website as an appropriate home. In addition, CILIP would like further thought to be given to the development and maintenance of such a list:

need this be a JSC activity?

what degree of official sanction should such a list have?

how important is it that there is unanimity about the contents of such a list?

Discussion topics

1 and 2. We agree the recommendation. The question of location becomes moot if the list is maintained outside *RDA*, of course, but otherwise we would support the suggestion that a combined list appears within the General Introduction.

3. As the problem will go away when the consolidated ISBD is completed, CILIP is not too concerned about this and can live with them being treated as "specialist manuals" in the short term. Perhaps the issue for JSC is whether it's really just "specialist manuals" that are required for the list, or whether more general cataloguing-related resources should be eligible, so long as their focus is on instruction and practice?

4. No, transliteration guides and tables – since they're not cataloguing-related, but general resources that happen to be needed by cataloguers (cf dictionaries, biographical reference works) – have no place in this list.

5. Yes they should be listed, for so long as they continue to meet whatever guidelines are put in place for continued inclusion of tools in the list.

6. List under multiple categories.

Additional resources

In the expectation that the list compiled by ALA would continue to be developed, even if its eventual home were not within the body of *RDA* itself, CILIP offers the following additions (but has excluded entries already listed in *5JSC/ALA/3/ALA follow-up*).

Rare books

Guidelines for the Cataloguing of Rare Books. 2nd rev. ed. London: Library Association Rare Books Group, 1999)

Trade Literature

Trade Literature: Cataloguing and Classification Guidelines. Compiled by Bernadette Archer and Kaye Bagshaw. Bromsgrove: ARLIS UK & Ireland, 2004.