TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: IME ICC 5.2.4 Forms of Uniform titles

British Library thanks CILIP for its considered review of the issues.

Constituencies are asked to indicate in their response whether or not they favour JSC and the Editor exploring the alignment of RDA with para. 5.2.4 of the IME ICC statement.

The British library recognises that the intent of the revision of 6th March to IME ICC 5.2.4 is to make resources more accessible to users by preferring the common title. The BL is concerned that the probable outcome will have the opposite effect to what is intended. Preference of the common title will result in less consistency, greater complexity leading to less efficient resource discovery at a higher cost.

While BL believes that the alignment of RDA and IME ICC is desirable, BL can not recommend that RDA should be aligned with para 5.2.4 of IME ICC as currently expressed.