

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, Chair, JSC
Subject: RDA: Resource Description and Access Part I - Review by other rule makers of December 2005 Draft - Norway

These are comments on the draft Part I of RDA received from the Norwegian Committee on Cataloguing.

We are not very comfortable with the idea of "loosening" the connection between description and search elements (access points). Either there is a relation between description and access points, or there is not. (See also the comment to 2.3.8.4 and 2.4.0.3.) You have pointed out the importance to this connection in the structure of the RDA. Why this "loosening"?

Some statements are generally formulated with "register...", but nothing is said about where to give the statement. Sometimes it is said: give as a note, and that is understandable, but only register doesn't say much.

The formulation "..if considered important" is not easy to use and not useful to untrained cataloguers. Important for who, for what purpose, in what context, what is the basis for the consideration? You have to be a very well trained cataloguer to give a good consideration.

1.1.1

"Resource" needs a definition. Are we still describing the manifestation, as we do by AACR2, or what? We don't see an answer to this question here.

1.4, 2.3.8.4 and 2.4.0.3:

We are not comfortable with the option of giving an access point in lieu of giving the description. This should not be an "either - or" as it looks like now.

We are aware that the examples are not finished yet, but we would like to make some remarks on the existing examples:

* It is important for the interpretation and exchange of records that

the notes have more homogenous formulations (e.g. 2.4.3.4).

* "4.10.0.3 Describing related content": The examples indicate mostly historical information. Related content might be many different things, but is history a relation? We would prefer two separate paragraphs, or a heading that covers both.

* Many examples end with a dot. Is this a misprint?

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