

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: Expanding the scope of Statement of Responsibility in RDA 2.4 and eliminating the instructions for Performers, Narrators, Presenters (RDA 7.23), and Artistic and/or Technical Credits (RDA 7.24

The British Library thanks ALA for this proposal which we support. This is one of several proposals under discussion which simplify the recording of information presented on the resource, removing some of the artificial restrictions imposed on display by available technology.

The Library acknowledges the ingenuity of replacing instructions with references to minimize impact of change and avoid renumbering, but we hope that this is an interim measure pending implementation of more efficient and flexible editorial tools.

EURIG has also discussed this proposal and endorses it. The BNF noted in its response, “, this proposal is a great step forward in bringing into line RDA rules and French cataloguing rules on recording performers. This point was one of our major points of disagreement with RDA.”