To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Susanne Oehlschläger, DNB Representative
Subject: Place Associated with the Corporate Body (Revision of RDA 11.3.1, 11.13.1.3)

DNB thanks BL for this proposal. We agree with the proposal but have the following recommendations:

The definition of “Country associated with the corporate body” under 11.3.4.1 should be extended: „A country associated with the corporate body is a country with which the body is identified or in which a corporate body carries out its activities.“

We would like to propose that the new instructions at 11.13.1.3 should only be recommendations instead of prescriptions e.g. „If a body has a character that is local, add preferably the name of its location of headquarters (see 11.3.3.)“. Moreover, the title of this instruction should be changed into “Places Associated with the Corporate Body”.

As the objective of this instruction is the creation of an unambiguous access point, any identifying element should be allowed. A national corporate body could have the same name as another national corporate body in the same country. In this case, the name of the country cannot distinguish the two bodies. This is the reason why we prefer the wording above.

Examples:

Duisburg, Germany
Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
Preferred name recorded as: Universität Duisburg-Essen. Corporate body has headquarters in two locations

This example should be changed and relocated under “more than one headquarters”:

Duisburg, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
Preferred name recorded as: Universität Duisburg-Essen. Corporate body has headquarters in two locations

The examples under 11.13.1.3 for “Country” and those for “State, Province, etc.” should be checked. The heading of the latter is wrong. Please remove “Country,” and the examples 3-6 as they are contained in the first paragraph.