

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: Proposals for Subject Relationships. British Library Response.

The British Library thanks the JSC Chair for her detailed proposals to develop the placeholder chapters for subject relationships in RDA.

We note that the FRBR Review Group is still to reconcile the FRBR, FRAD and FRSAD models and that therefore a revision of RDA along the lines and on the scale proposed here would be premature.

We believe that the lightweight approach outlined in 6JSC/ALA/Discussion/2 will provide a more flexible and extensible structure for RDA.

In view of these general concerns we have not provided a point by point review of the recommendations.

EURIG: This paper was also discussed at EURIG Members' meeting, in conjunction with 6JSC/ALA/Discussion/2. As noted, in our response to that document, there was a minority in favour of the "FRBR" approach; however the detailed recommendations were not discussed.