To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Discussion paper: ISBD Profile in RDA: Constructing Functionally Interoperable Core Records

Background

This is the third in a series of discussion papers that considers alignment between ISBD and RDA following the ISBD RG, ISSN Network with JSC/RDA harmonization meeting, Glasgow, November 2011.¹

Discussion paper 3 considers the alignment at the level of ISBD stipulations and RDA cataloguing rules, as part of Action 2 of the Glasgow meeting:

2. All parties agreed that the purpose of harmonization is to make RDA, ISSN and ISBD records functionally interoperable. [...] 

The ISBD Review Group adopted at its meeting on 22 August 2013 the appended document ISBD Profile in RDA: Constructing Functionally Interoperable Core Records, Version 1, 27 May 2013. The document is being distributed to the IFLA Cataloguing Section and Bibliography Section’s Standing Committees for review and subsequent adoption by 30 November 2013.

Objectives

The purpose of the ISBD Profile in RDA document is to list the ISBD elements and stipulations that identify data as mandatory in comparison to those considered as core elements in the RDA with the objective of increasing the interoperability between the two standards, that is, ensuring that records valid under one of the standards would be capable of being mapped to the other standard.

This document can serve as a tool for constructing interoperable core records in ISBD and RDA, as well as a pattern for mapping of other standards or cataloguing rules to the ISBD with the same objective of interoperability.

ISBD Review Group would appreciate JSC/RDA’s comments on the document in order to publish the new version approved by both committees.

¹ http://www.rda-jsc.org/2011jscisbdissnoutcomes.html