

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: Language of the Family

The British Library thanks LC for their proposal, which we support. We also endorse the recommendations made by ALA, regarding references to other instructions.

We don't understand ACOC's comment.

"ACOC suggests language of the family be changed to language of a family so it is in keeping with the Grammar of the instructions at 9.14 and 11.8."

The proposed text at 10.8.1.1 is consistent with that at 9.14.1 and 11.8.1.1 and with the Name of the Element and with the general pattern established for attributes.

Language of the person▼ is a language a person uses when writing for publication, broadcasting, etc.

Language of the corporate body▼ is a language a corporate body uses in its communications.

Language of the family is a language the family uses when writing for publication, broadcasting, etc.

The article cannot be changed without changing the name of the element and there would be a knock-on effect on other elements and instructions. We don't support this suggestion.