To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative

Subject: High-level subject relationship in RDA

ACOC thanks the Technical Working Group for their work on the high-level subject relationships in RDA. We found this document challenging and were conscious of its relationship to ALA/31.

**Recommendation 1**: Add a primary relationship element to the RDA element set with the label "Subject", definition "The subject of a work", and domain Work. The corresponding Registry property will have rdfs:label "has subject", skos:definition "Relates a work to the subject of a work", rdfs:domain rdac:C10001, and no range.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2**: Bring the RDA descriptive relationships designators into line with FRSAD by allowing only Work to be the domain of primary descriptive relationship designators for WEMI entities (and the range of their reciprocal designators) as indicated in Table 4, and by adding sub-property relationships to the new subject relationship element.

ACOC agrees that subject belongs at the Work level and we support the alignment with FRSAD. However, we would like a clearer understanding of what is being proposed.

**Recommendation 3**: Add to RDA the elements: Reference to Published Citation (Work), Definition: "A citation for a published description of a work.", domain: Work; Reference to Published Citation (Expression), Definition: "A citation for a published description of an expression.", domain: Expression; Reference to Published Citation (Manifestation), Definition: "A citation for a published description of a manifestation.", domain: Manifestation; Reference to Published Citation (Item), Definition: "A citation for a published description of an item.", domain: Item.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

**Recommendation 4**: Develop a set of designators that relate WEMI to the Work or Expression containing the citation.

ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

**Recommendation 5**: New subject relationship designators should not specify a range, unless this is required for a specified purpose such as consistency with legacy relationships.

ACOC agrees that relationship designators should not specify a range. However, we do not see a need for legacy relationships given that there are currently no subject chapters or subject relationship designators in RDA.

**Recommendation 6**: If Recommendation 2 is not accepted, refer the labelling of the relationship designators in Table 1 to the discussion on element labels designated as task 3 for 2014 for the JSC Technical Working Group.
ACOC agrees that if recommendation 2 is not accepted, further work will be required by the Technical Working Group.