To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Alan Danskin, Chair, JSC

Subject: Undifferentiated name indicator: discrepancy between RDA Element Set View and RDA instructions

JSC members are invited to respond to the following proposal by 28th February 2011.
To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: Marg Stewart, CCC Representative to the JSC  
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1. Daniel Paradis, member of CCC, identified a discrepancy between the Element Set View and the RDA instructions for undifferentiated name indicator. In the Element Set View, undifferentiated name indicator is given as an attribute of person, family and corporate body. However, according to RDA instruction 8.11, undifferentiated name indicator applies only to persons.

This discrepancy was discussed by the JSC during its Nov. 15th teleconference. It was agreed that the Element Set View should be corrected to remove undifferentiated name indicator as an attribute of family and corporate body. It is further recommended that the element be renamed undifferentiated personal name indicator.

2. In addition, changes are required to RDA instructions to align with the element set:

   - change the name of the element to undifferentiated personal name indicator (at RDA instruction and glossary)
   - move the instructions pertaining to undifferentiated name indicator which currently exist at 8.11 to a new instruction 9.19.
   - change references from 9.19 to 9.20 throughout chapter 8 and chapter 9
   - delete last paragraph of 8.6; i.e., If none of the specified additions can be readily ascertained, designate the name as an undifferentiated name (see 8.11).
   - delete last paragraph of 10.10.1.1; i.e., If no suitable addition is available, use the same access point for all families with the same name.

Alternatively, to avoid the disruption of renumbering and correcting references, the current instructions could remain at 8.11.