

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Appendix I Relationships for works issued over time

Abstract

Definition of new relationship Designators in Appendix I to express the relationships between:

- a work issued over time and its founder
- a work issued over time and the Director of Publication

It is anticipated that the addition of founder to Appendix I could also have an impact in Appendix K, therefore different options are proposed.

Justification

BNF proposed the following relationship designators to EURIG for Fast Track to JSC. After some investigation British Library concluded that the overlaps in terminology with Appendix K warranted more discussion than the Fast track process would allow.

Director of Publication

A new designator is proposed to express the relationship between a work and a person having legal and (to a lesser extent) intellectual responsibility for the content of the work. In French, this role is expressed as, "Directeur de publication", equivalent terms in English are "editor", "publication manager" or "publishing director. As editor is already defined as a contributor and is related to the expression, a direct translation of the French term is proposed. Literary warrant for the term, "publication manager" has been found in vacancy announcements and job descriptions. The role is mainly associated with serials and will be performed by a succession of individuals in relation to a given title.

Le Monde (Paris, 1944) [newspaper]

Hubert Beuve-Méry, founder and publication manager 1944-1969

Jacques Fauvet, publication manager 1969-1982

Mercure de France (Paris, 1890) [journal]

Alfred Vallette, founder and publication manager 1890-1935

Georges Duhamel, publication manager 1935-1938

Ils ont fait la France [monographic series]

Max Gallo, (intellectual) manager

Founder

A new relationship designator is proposed to express the relationship between a work and an agent responsible for its foundation. Founders, especially intellectual figures, can have an enduring impact on the character of the work, but they are not responsible for creating the content of the work. Therefore, the relationship cannot be expressed by Creator. This relationship is most commonly applicable to serials and integrating resources. Academic journals often stem from a personal initiative, even when the journal is under the tutelage of a learned society or research team. Founders are often influential researchers or intellectuals and include significant public figures, e.g. Beaverbrook, Jaurès.

Phillipe Cantie (Head of French ISSN Centre) commented, “In the context of Linked Data, “founder” would be a most welcome/promising element; enhancing the discoverability of academic journals and helping users understand various historical/scientific/intellectual/ideological connections.” For example, “If the founder is known to be a left-wing intellectual, the user will be able to make inferences about the editorial line of the journal.”

Examples of this relationship are:

Hubert Beuve-Méry **founder** *Le Monde* (Paris. 1944)

Émile Durkheim **founder** *L'Année sociologique* (1896)

Alfred Harmsworth, Lord Northcliffe **founder** *Daily Mail*

Harold Harmsworth, Lord Rothermere **founder** *Daily Mail*

Impact of the revision

Appendix K

The term founder is in use to designate the relationship between a person and corporate body (K.2.3) and equivalent terms have also been defined for families or corporate bodies responsible for founding corporate bodies.

The following terms are currently defined in Appendix K

- K.2.3 founder: a person who founded the corporate body
- K.3.3 founding family: a family that founded the corporate body
- K.4.1 founded corporate body: an organization that the person founded
- K.4.2 founded corporate body: an organization that the family founded
- K.4.3 founding corporate body: a corporate body that founded the other corporate body

- K.4.3 founded corporate body: a corporate body that the other corporate body founded.

Introducing a new relationship designator *founder* in Appendix I implies a generalisation of the relationship.

The underlined relationships may be expressed generically as:

founder: an agent responsible for founding a family or corporate body

This definition could also be extended to include work:

founder: an agent responsible for founding a family, corporate body, or work

Reciprocals could be defined as:

founded family: a family founded by an agent

founded corporate body: a corporate body founded by an agent

Reciprocal relationships are not currently expressed in Appendix I, but the reciprocal relationship is:

Founded Work

A work founded by an agent

Note: the proposed FRBR sub-class “Group” could replace Family, Corporate Body in future.

Changes to Appendix K, subject to recommendations arising from work of JSC Relationships Designators Working Group

This discussion highlights a requirement for treating generic relationships as unconstrained properties.

In view of the complexities associated with Appendix K, an alternative solution is proposed which limits the impact to Appendix I by making the scope explicit within the designator,

“founder of work : an agent responsible for founding a work”

Change Proposed Change

Change 1

Add new relationship designator

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I.2.2 Relationship Designators for Other Persons, Families, or Corporate Bodies Associated with a Work

publishing director : a person, family or corporate body having legal and/or intellectual responsibility for the content of a work

19.3.1.3 Recording Other Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies Associated With a Work

Beuve-Méry, Hubert

Authorized access point representing the founder and publishing director of: Le Monde from 1944-1969

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Change 2

Option A

Define a new relationship designator, “founder of work” (implicit reciprocal, “work founded by”)

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Add an example to illustrate the relationship

Durkheim, Émile, 1858-1917

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Option B

Extend the scope of the Appendix K relationship designators “founder”, “founding family” and “founding corporate body” to encompass Works:

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Appendix K

These changes reflect the current text, but will be influenced by the outcomes from the Relationship Designators WG.

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K.2.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Persons to Corporate Bodies

founder A person responsible for founding ~~who founded~~ the corporate body.

K.3.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Families to Corporate Bodies

founding family A family responsible for founding ~~that founded~~ the corporate body.

K.4.1 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Persons

founded corporate body ~~An organization that~~ A corporate body founded by the person ~~founded~~.

K.4.2 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Families

founded corporate body ~~An organization that~~ A corporate body founded by
the family.~~founded~~

K.4.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Other Corporate Bodies

founded corporate body A corporate body ~~that the other~~ founded by the other
corporate body.~~founded~~.

founding corporate body A corporate body that ~~founded~~ founded the other
corporate body.

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K.2.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Persons to Corporate Bodies

founder A person responsible for ~~founded~~ the corporate body.

K.3.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Families to Corporate Bodies

founding family A family responsible for ~~founded~~ the corporate body.

K.4.1 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Persons

founded corporate body A corporate body ~~founded-by~~ the person.

K.4.2 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Families

founded corporate body A corporate body founded by the family.

K.4.3 Relationship Designators to Relate Corporate Bodies to Other Corporate Bodies

founded corporate body A corporate body founded by the other corporate
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founding corporate body A corporate body that ~~founded~~ the other corporate
body.