

**Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA**  
**IFLA ISBD Review Group**  
**ISSN Network**

Harmonization Meeting, 3-4 November 2011, Glasgow, UK

**ISBD / ISSN Outcomes**

1. JSC and ISBD RG agreed to share current copies of their respective instructions with each other. ISSN instructions are already freely available on the ISSN website. JSC is also to share guidelines on how to formulate RDA change proposals and the 2012 timeline. Alan Danskin will send updated procedures to ISBD RG and ISSN contacts. Proposals may be submitted anytime to the JSC Chair.
2. All parties agreed that the purpose of harmonization is to make RDA, ISSN and ISBD records functionally interoperable. That is, records valid under one of the standards should be capable of being mapped to either of the other standards. It is recognised that some issues will take longer to resolve than others and a few issues may prove to be irreconcilable, but steps can be taken to limit the impact of such differences.
3. Parallel titles: JSC and ISBD RG agreed that although the RDA definition of a parallel title is broader than the definition in ISBD and the information is recorded in different elements they were capable of being mapped; closer harmonization should be developed within the ISBD application profile (see 5b).
4. Musical presentation statement: Massimo Gentilli-Tedeschi will contact IAML to recommend submission of a proposal to JSC for addition of musical presentation statement element to RDA.
5. Typography vs. Sequence: JSC agreed to clarify that “sequence, layout, and typography” does not imply an order of precedence in RDA (for example at 2.3.2.4 and 2.3.2.5).
6. Appendix D.1, ISBD Presentation in RDA: ISBD RG will submit a proposal to JSC to update Appendix D in line with the current version of the consolidated ISBD. Appendix D will also be developed into an application profile by the addition of guidelines regarding mandatory elements and choice of alternatives and options:
  - a. Supplied data: an ISBD application profile will provide guidance where RDA does not specify explicit use of punctuation.
  - b. Parallel titles: ISBD application profile to map parallel titles recorded as access points in RDA to other title information in ISBD if they appear on the preferred source, otherwise they are considered as original or variant titles in ISBD.
  - c. Resources lacking collective title: ISBD application profile to specify that the RDA alternative instruction should not be applied as regards resources lacking a collective title.
7. Statements of responsibility for expressions: This relates to issues raised by 6JSC/ALA/4. JSC recognises that there is a problem to be resolved here but it requires further evaluation. The ALA representative has undertaken to discuss with his constituency whether a more principled approach to

- recording responsibility can be developed. JSC will notify the ISBD RG when that proposal is ready for comment.
8. Preferred sources of information for electronic resources: ALA will consider whether to submit a proposal to JSC. If ALA does not submit a proposal then ISSN will do so instead.
  9. Unnumbered monographic series: ISBD RG and ISSN will discuss how unnumbered monographic series should be treated in future. They will then share their conclusions with JSC and make a proposal if necessary.
  10. Type of composition: JSC and ISBD RG agreed that RDA and ISBD were compatible as regards the treatment of type of composition.
  11. Resource lacking collective title: ISBD RG will address this in their application profile.
  12. Supplied other title information: ISBD RG will submit a proposal to JSC to extend the scope of supplied other title information in RDA to include other resources. It is currently limited to cartographic resources and moving images. ISSN does not record other title information, but creates variant titles as needed.
  13. Legal deposit date: ALA will propose the addition of an example and explanatory text to RDA which illustrates the use of a legal deposit date in lieu of a date of publication.
  14. New description, change of title (CJK): ISSN will draft changes to their own instructions regarding title changes for CJK material and make these available to ISBD RG and JSC for comment.
  15. New description, change of media type: ISSN will submit a proposal and use case to JSC requesting an amendment to the RDA instruction regarding change in media type of a serial.
  16. Mode of issuance and Frequency: JSC, ISBD RG and ISSN will request FRBR RG to review whether the attributes mode of issuance and frequency should be assigned to expression (FRBR) or manifestation (RDA). The general treatment of seriality and the dynamic nature of digital materials in FRBR will also be queried with FRBR RG by Gordon Dunsire.
  17. BL will provide JSC members with examples of how existing records for integrating resources are updated when their mode of issuance changes to that of a serial. JSC will assess the impact of this on RDA.
  18. Cumulations: ISSN will contact FRBR RG in order to discuss “boundaries” of works, expressions, and manifestations in general, including boundaries between cumulated and non-cumulated resources. ISSN should move its rules about cumulations in the ISSN Manual from the area concerned with major and minor changes to an area that concerned with when to make a separate record (and ISSN assignment) and develop additional guidelines/examples on this matter to be shared with both JSC and ISBD. JSC will consider rewording RDA as regards the boundaries between work, expression, manifestation and item to support harmonization with ISSN.
  19. Rebasing integrating resources: ISSN will add a rule to their instructions to bring them into line with RDA and ISBD.
  20. Changes of title on an integrating resource: RDA does not require a new description to be created for changes of title taking place on an integrating resource. This is currently an irreconcilable difference with ISSN.
  21. Part title: RDA includes the requirement that a part title should be transcribed following a common title if the two are not grammatically

- linked, even if the part title is significant and can stand alone. This is currently an irreconcilable difference with ISBD.
- 22. Designation of edition / Designation of a named revision of an edition: BL rep will prepare a proposal on behalf of JSC for merging these elements with a view to simplification of recording edition. JSC will then share this with ISBD RG.
  - 23. RDA/ONIX Framework: JSC and ISBD RG agreed to check that the mappings from ISBD Area 0 vocabularies and RDA content and carrier vocabularies to the RDA/ONIX Framework are correct.
  - 24. Mappings: JSC and ISBD agreed to set up a task group to look at Appendix D mappings between RDA and ISBD and between ISBD and RDA elements.
  - 25. Namespace: JSC and ISBD RG agreed to discuss which namespace (s) the mappings between RDA and ISBD should be registered, declared and hosted on.
  - 26. Synchronization: JSC and ISBD RG agreed to discuss the creation of synchronization protocols to deal with changes in either standard
    - a. Series designations (chronological designations): ISSN and ISBD to provide further explanations and examples to JSC on this point.
    - b. Generic titles qualified with issuing bodies: the ISSN rule (2.3.2 a) and the RDA rule are different but the results achieved are likely to be identical. The ISSN Network will investigate further to ensure that the results will be the same in all cases that can be identified