

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, United Kingdom Representative
**Subject: Conventional Collective Titles in RDA: a discussion paper.
UK Response.**

The decision to merge UK representation was taken after submission of the British Library's proposals to the JSC Secretary. This response reflects the views of CILIP members of the CILIP/BL Committee as expressed through the committee's wiki and at the CILIP/BL Committee on RDA's meeting on 10th September.

General Comments

Responses to the discussion paper were mixed.

There was some support for the concept of CCTs, but also strong support for their removal. There was concern that the impact of deprecating conventional collective titles would vary for different content types and that more assessment would be required. Concern was also expressed regarding the consequences for those cataloguing traditions that make extensive use of CCTs.

There was also a view that CCTs are too often employed as an economy measure, to the detriment of the user.

It was suggested that a more nuanced approach, such as restricting the scope of CCTs to "complete works" and "best of" selections could be considered.

Specific Comments

It was noted that the ability to distinguish collections of works in a specific form from individual instances of that form is one of the benefits of CCTs.