To:　　　Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From:　　Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject:　RDA accommodation of relationship data

CCC thanks the Technical Working Group for the discussion of models for relationship data. CCC agrees with the direction this is going. We note that this view of recording relationship mechanisms and the view proposed in 6JSC/ALA/41 cannot simultaneously be maintained. CCC supports the views in this proposal.

Recommendation 1
Agree with this recommendation.

Recommendation 2
Agree with this conceptually clear approach.

Recommendation 3
The principle that the structured description of a related entity should be confined to attributes of that entity may be difficult to put into practice. A description of an item using only item attributes may not provide sufficient information. It may make more sense to require that AAPs are explicitly shown for works, expressions and agents, while the structured description technique is used for manifestations and items (actually manifestation descriptions enhanced with item attributes).

Recommendation 4
Agree. Do not conflate the authorized access point and structured description instructions. They could come from different sources, are used for different functions and are constructed differently.

Recommendation 5
The direction of this recommendation is fine but consideration should be given as to where this information will reside in the RDA Toolkit. CCC suggests these explanations are appropriate for the tools tab not the instructions proper.