To: RDA Steering Committee

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Subject: RDA models for provenance data

CCC thanks the Technical Working Group for this discussion of the models for the accommodation of provenance data. CCC is reserved about the proposals for new elements without seeing an analysis of the impact on existing instructions. The proposed text does not always conform to the Editor's Guide, particularly where references to other instructions are given.

Nomen Properties
Recommendation 1 – Further development of date of usage, scope of usage, status of identification and undifferentiated name indicator.
CCC is in favour of pursuing the suggested developments. It is interesting to note that the 'status of identification' has been removed from the LRM model as a result of a decision taken in August. The impact is that a direct mapping of this element to LRM will not be possible.

General Meta-Elements
Recommendation 2 – Generalize the scope of application of cataloguer's note and source consulted
By generalizing the scope, these will not be attached to a particular entity, or group of entities. This raises a potential for conflict or overlap with existing notes, in 2.17 Note on Manifestation and 2.21 Note on Item. Further analysis of the overlap is required before Change 1 can be approved.

Recommendation 3 – Consider creating meta-elements transcription note, transcription source and transcription rules
CCC generally supports the intent of this recommendation.

Provenance
Linked Data Applications
Recommendation 4 – Develop general guidance on recording provenance data and using RDA meta-elements
CCC notes that the RDA Data Statement, by functioning as a domain of a property, is being taken as a kind of entity.

Change 1 new instructions at 0.13 and 0.14
CCC supports the revised definition of 'source consulted.
The potential of conflict or overlap with existing notes in 2.17 and 2.21 needs further analysis before this change can be approved.

Change 2 Revisions for reference RDA 0.13-0.14
CCC supports pattern 2a1, General Wording. This pattern reflects the style of wording already in use in RDA and is simpler to maintain. The context of the instruction should already be clear to readers who have deliberately navigated to a particular section of RDA, making pattern 2a2 redundant. Pattern 2b (repeated references added to scope statements) results in cumbersome text that users may tend to overlook.