To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative

Subject: RDA 9.2: Addition of elements for Given name and Surname

ACOC thanks the Technical Working Group for its clear and well-reasoned proposal. We acknowledge the issues requiring resolution and in general agree but have reservations about some of the proposed revisions.

Recommendation 1. The *given name* and *surname* elements should be treated in the RDA instructions as sub-elements of *name of the person* until further review of the impact of the LRM is undertaken.
ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Recommendation 2. The *surname* and *name of the family* elements should be related only by instruction references, and not semantic relationships, until further review of the impact of the LRM is undertaken.
ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Recommendation 3. Add *patronymic* as a separate sub-element of *name of the person* to complement *given name* and *surname*.
ACOC agrees with this recommendation and looks forward to a future proposal that outlines revisions to RDA and changes to the RDA Element Set as a result of the recommendation.

Recommendation 4. Review the RDA accommodation of components of *name of the person* as distinct sub-elements of LRM *Nomen*, using IFLA's Names of Persons service as a source of data.
ACOC agrees with this recommendation.

Change: Recommended revisions for RDA
ACOC has some reservations with the proposed revisions to RDA.

Regarding the proposed 9.2.1.5.3, ACOC does not agree that RDA instructions should dictate the order of elements in the name of a person. We recognize that this may be a pragmatic approach but feel that this gives a primacy to surnames that may not be appropriate in an international context.

At the proposed 9.2.1.6.1 we note that in some cultures persons have a given name and lack a surname, but the given name is not 'instead of' a surname. ACOC would prefer that the definition of given name be revised to avoid this wording.

ACOC further notes that the existing instructions at 9.2.2.19 Names Including a Patronymic (amended in the Technical Working Group proposal to include a reference to 9.2.1.6) do not provide guidance for instances of one or more given names + patronymic + family name, as sometimes occurs with Icelandic names. Although F.4.1 Additional instructions on Icelandic Names provides the necessary guidance, F.4 is referenced at 9.0. It is quite possible that cataloguers seeking guidance on names with patronymics will miss the reference to F.4 at

9.0. ACOC wonders if the instructions at 9.2.2.19 should be broadened to include instances of one or more given names + patronymic + family name.