

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
 From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
 Subject: Formal responses to RSC/Examples Editor/2024/1 – Proposal to add glossary definitions for *fictitious entity* and *non-human entity*

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1](#) viz.:

- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/EOO](#)
- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/EURIG response](#)
- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/NARDAC response](#)
- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/ORDAC response](#)
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Recommendation 1	Approved by <b>7</b> : <a href="#">ORDAC</a> , <a href="#">TranslationsTLO</a> Approved with suggested edits by <b>1</b> : <a href="#">EOO</a> , <a href="#">EURIG</a> , <a href="#">NARDAC</a> , <a href="#">WCEO</a>	<b>Note 1:</b> <a href="#">EOO</a> suggests rewording “reference source” to “source of information”; <a href="#">EURIG</a> makes same suggestion. <b>Note 3:</b> <a href="#">NARDAC</a> suggests substantial rewording and <a href="#">WCEO</a> agrees with change to “outwith the scope of RDA”
Recommendation 2	Approved by <b>8</b> : <a href="#">ORDAC</a> , <a href="#">TranslationsTLO</a> Approved with suggested edits by <b>1</b> : <a href="#">EOO</a> , <a href="#">EURIG</a> , <a href="#">NARDAC</a> , <a href="#">WCEO</a>	<b>Note 2:</b> <a href="#">EOO</a> suggests rewording “reference source” to “source of information”. <a href="#">EURIG</a> makes same suggestion. <b>Note 4:</b> <a href="#">NARDAC</a> suggests substantial rewording and <a href="#">WCEO</a> agrees with change to “outwith the scope of RDA”

**Note 1**

[EEO](#) points out that “The term “reference source” appears in the second sentence of this recommendation, but the term coincides with the label of an element that is defined as “A manifestation which provides evidence for the use of a nomen.” She suggests:

“To keep element labels distinct from terms that are not element labels, I would like to suggest replacing ‘reference source’ with ‘source of information’.”

[EURIG](#) makes the same suggestion.

**Note 2**

[EEO](#) suggests the same edit in this recommendation as the previous (See **Note 1**).

[EURIG](#) makes the same suggestion.

**Note 3**

[NARDAC](#) suggests substantial rewording (see RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/NARDAC response for rationale)/

RSC Examples Editor/2024/1 suggests the wording:

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**Fictitious entity**

An entity that is external to RDA and that may be considered by users to be an invention of a human mind.

An appellation of the entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

See also: non-human entity

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[NARDAC](#) suggests (mark-up shows difference from proposal’s wording):

**Fictitious entity**

An entity that is external to RDA and that may be considered by users to be an invention of a human mind.

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that is a conceptual creation originating from human imagination, representing a character, a place, an event, or other entity that does not exist in reality.

An appellation of the an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

*See also: non-human entity*

**Note 4**

[NARDAC](#) suggests substantial rewording (see RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/NARDAC response for rationale)/

RSC Examples Editor/2024/1 suggests the wording:

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**Non-human entity**

An entity that is external to RDA that exhibits characteristics users may associate with an agent.

Includes non-human animals, legendary or mythological beings, spirits, and deities, and automated processes that may or may not exhibit some human characteristics.

An appellation of the entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

See also: **fictitious entity**

[NARDAC](#) suggests (mark-up shows difference from proposal's wording):

**Non-human entity**

~~An entity that is external to RDA that exhibits characteristics users may associate with an agent.~~

An entity that is outside the scope of RDA and that exhibits characteristics typically associated with agents, but does not possess human attributes.

Includes non-human animals, spirits, deities, and legendary or mythological beings, ~~spirits, and deities~~, and automated processes that may or may not exhibit some human characteristics.

An appellation of ~~the~~an entity may appear in a manifestation statement or reference source or may be the subject of a work.

*See also: **fictitious entity***