

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
 From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
 Subject: Formal responses to RSC/NARDAC/2025/1 – Proposal on numerals associated with given names

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1](#), viz.:

- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/EOO](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/EURIG response](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/ExamplesEditor](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/ORDAC response](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TranslationsTLO](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TTWGResponse](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/WCEO response](#)

Recommendation 1	Approved by 7: <a href="#">EOO</a> , <a href="#">EURIG</a> , <a href="#">Examples Editor</a> , <a href="#">ORDAC</a> , <a href="#">TranslationsTLO</a> , <a href="#">TTWG</a> , <a href="#">WCEO</a>	
Recommendation 2	Approved by 7: <a href="#">EOO</a> , <a href="#">EURIG</a> , <a href="#">Examples Editor</a> , <a href="#">ORDAC</a> , <a href="#">TranslationsTLO</a> , <a href="#">TTWG</a> , <a href="#">WCEO</a>	
Recommendation 3	Approved by 6: <a href="#">EOO</a> , <a href="#">EURIG</a> , <a href="#">Examples Editor</a> , <a href="#">ORDAC</a> , <a href="#">TranslationsTLO</a> , <a href="#">WCEO</a>  Approved with amendments by 1: <a href="#">TTWG</a>	<b>Note 4:</b> <a href="#">TTWG</a> suggests alternative wording

**Note 1:** [EURIG](#) makes an offer: “If the Examples Editor feels the need for more examples or more languages (particularly languages which do not read left to right) EURIG would be happy to provide such.”

**Note 2:** The [Examples Editor](#) “would appreciate an additional non-Western example in the proposal, but I am happy to work with NARDAC to add examples of personal names that include a variety of numeral types to the Toolkit.”

**Note 3:** [ORDAC](#) identifies what it believes to be a related issue, “Numbers that are not regnal”. They appear to be a different form of regnal number, with the number attached directly to the office title. They provide examples of Tibetan Buddhist names such as in the existing LC authorities:

**Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho, Dalai Lama XIV, 1935-**

(<https://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n80079447.html>)

**Dkon-mchog 'Jigs-med-dbang po, 'Jam-dbyangs-bzhad-pa II, 1728-1791**

(<https://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n91055487.html>)

Also the Māori monarch:

**Tuuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero, VII, 1955-2024**

(<https://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2022142890.html>)

ORDAC explains this “was the seventh Māori monarch, but all six predecessors had different names.”

**Note 4:** [TTWG](#) offers the following alternative wording:

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### **regnal number**

A number used primarily in combination with a given names of ~~monarchs and other royals or ecclesiastics~~ a person in order to identify, sequence, or distinguish ~~among~~ persons who ~~held~~ hold an regnal or ecclesiastical office ~~under the same name~~.

A regnal number may be expressed as a roman numeral, or using another numbering system, such as an arabic numeral, a spelled-out number, or a combination of a numeral with a word, abbreviation, ordinal suffix or symbol.

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The rationale behind the changes they suggest is given in [RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TTWGResponse](#).