MARC Codes in Name Authority Records (NARs) for Corporate Bodies

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MARC 21 Format for Authority Data uses the terms *heading* (for 110 fields) and *tracing* (for fields 410 and 510). RDA uses the phrase *authorized access point*, and calls a "see" reference a *variant access point*. A "See also" reference is called in RDA "*Authorized Access Point Representing the Related Corporate Body*". In a bibliographic record, relationship designators can be used to explain further how the access point is associated with the item cataloged.

RDA has no express concept of "main entry", talking instead of *principal responsibility.* In MARC, however, field 110 persists as the "heading for the main entry"! And as before, when no 110 field is present, main entry is under title; if a corporate body is related, its access point is in field 710.

110   Authorized Access Point: Heading - Corporate Name. The form to be used in bibliographic records.
400   Variant Access Point: See From Tracing - Corporate Name. An alternative form, NOT to be used in bibliographic records. Generates a See reference.
500   Access Point for a different, related *bibliographic identity*: See Also From Tracing - Corporate Name.   Generates a See also reference. Used to link earlier and later names for the same organization. Not to be confused with simultaneous use of different names.

670   Source Data Found. Citation for a consulted source in which information is found related in some manner to the entity represented by the authority record or related entities. May also include the information found in the source. Where information you find in a source is documented. A well-constructed 670 field tells you why the 110, 410 etc. read as they do. It also facilitates the parsing of the data into 37X fields. Thus the information in field 670 can also be distributed in these fields:

- 368 - Other Attributes of Person or Corporate Body
- 370 - Associated Place
- 371 - Address
- 372 - Field of Activity
- 373 - Associated Group
- 374 - Occupation
- 377 - Associated Language

For fuller information, consult:
MARC 21 Format for Authority Data https://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/
Understanding MARC Authority Records   https://www.loc.gov/marc/uma/pt1-7.html

List of All Valid and Obsolete Data Elements: (caution: "obsolete" is not the same as "invalid")
https://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/ecadlist.html