

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Removal of “Introductory words” instruction

CILIP proposes:

1. *that 2.3.0.5 Introductory words, etc. be removed from RDA.*
2. *that examples of titles with introductory words are added to 2.3.0.3 Transcription.*
 1. *Disney presents Sleeping Beauty*
 2. *Welcome to NASA quest*

The British Library thanks CILIP for its evaluation of this issue and clear statement of the principles. The British Library shares CILIP’s concerns regarding transcription and simplification. However cataloguers (particularly serials cataloguers) have raised concerns regarding the proposed change.

It is noted that introductory words, such as “Croner’s” or “Tottel’s” are volatile and routine inclusion of them in the title may lead to additional work. It was also noted that examples such as “Disney presents” may be tenuously connected with the title, i.e. are typographically distinct and may incorporate a logo. The BL would like these issues to be considered as part of the discussion on naming the work.

CILIP asks whether formal proposals are required in respect to

1. *removing 2.3.0.4 Names of persons and corporate bodies, and adding a further bulleted definition to 2.3.0.1*
 - *The title of a resource may consist solely or partly of the name of a person or corporate body, in full or abbreviated form.**The examples from 2.3.0.4 could be removed to 2.3.0.3.*

BL considers that this would not require a further proposal if 2.3.0.5 were amended as CILIP propose.

2. *Should the exception at 2.3.1.4 (Titles in two or more forms be reconsidered).*

ISSN UK advises that this exception has been agreed with the ISSN network. It strongly recommends that RDA does not take unilateral action. Divergence of RDA and ISSN practice would result in inefficiencies because records created for ISSN could not be reused for RDA without intervention and vice versa.