

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

FROM: Hugh Taylor, CILIP representative

SUBJECT: **Initial articles in Maori & Pacific Island languages**

CILIP has no specific comments to offer on the ACOC proposal. We lack expertise in Maori and Pacific Island languages, but the proposal seems clear and without obvious complications.

The conflict between the MARC 21 list and *Ethnologue* in respect of Niuean/Niue is worrying, and might usefully be pursued with the MARC Standards Office. Given the authority which *Ethnologue* has in the English-speaking world it would be desirable to reconcile library practice, unless there is a strong case for maintaining a distinction. In the meantime CILIP agrees with ACOC's decision in this proposal to prefer MARC Standards Office practice.

Some of CILIP's more general comments in *5JSC/LC/7/CILIP response* are equally relevant to this proposal, of course.