

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative
Subject: **Removal of “Introductory words” instruction**

ACOC agrees with CILIP’s conclusion that the “issue of how to treat introductory words is adequately covered by (a) transcribing what you see on the resource (or, when necessary, devising a title), and (b) providing access points for variant forms of title.”

We request that the JSC discuss, as a Part B issue, the relationship between the title as transcribed (including introductory words) and the title used when naming a work

We also agree with CILIP that information on the treatment of the names of persons, families and corporate bodies could be incorporated into the Scope at 2.3.0.1, and the examples moved to the general instruction. However, given that there are a number of references from this instruction to related instructions, it may be better to retain this as separate instruction. In either case, we do not consider that a formal proposal is required, and would be happy to leave this to the Editor.

We further agree with CILIP that the exception for serials in the instruction on titles in two or more forms conflicts with “transcribe what you see”. We note that changing this instruction will need to be discussed with the ISSN community. We also note that the current instructions on changes of title treat a change from an abbreviated form to the full form to be a minor change of title.