

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Gordon Dunsire, CILIP Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 2.5.1.4, Recording Edition Statements

CILIP thanks ALA for its proposed revision.

CILIP agrees with the proposal in principle.

CILIP thinks that the scope of significant changes in a resource covered by the instruction should be restricted to the manifestation. Significant changes to the expression are covered by RDA 6.12 Other Distinguishing Characteristic of the Expression.

CILIP thinks that clarification is required about the scope of the option in terms of sub-elements of the edition statement. Does it apply to statements of responsibility and named revisions of an edition? CILIP is concerned about the implications for linked data representations of the edition statement as an aggregated statement. The instructions for supplied aggregated statements should indicate that the structure of the supplied statement should be formulated in accordance with the encoding used by the cataloguing agency, for example ISBD order and punctuation.

CILIP suggests that the second sentence of the LCRI quoted in the proposal's appendix, "Apply the option for manifest differences where the catalog records would otherwise show exactly the same information in the areas beginning with the title and statement of responsibility area and ending with the series area", could form the basis of a useful addition to the proposed instruction.