

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
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SUBJECT: 12-16, 23, 33-37 BL Response

BL thanks CILIP for this proposal for a possible methodology for reconciliation of RDA with the FRSAD model. The FRSAD model is a very high level model.

PRECIS was developed (as it says on the tin) to preserve the context of index terms when the order of terms is changed for different index points. The syntactical operators it defined may be useful, but BL believes that more work would need to be carried out to justify this.

BL takes the view that RDA should adopt a light touch solution with regard to the subject of works. RDA should recommend that the subject of a work is expressed. RDA should explain in general terms how this may be done, but the semantics of subject relationships should be left to specific subject systems.