

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC representative
Subject: Field of Activity (9.15) and Profession/Occupation (9.16)

ACOC thanks John Attig for preparing this revision and supports the approach being undertaken.

The incorporated changes are largely agreed to and supported; hesitation exists with regard to two of the examples employed at 9.15.1.3 (Clean copy) Recording the Fields of Activity of the Person

Anglo-Norman poetry

Preferred name recorded as: Thomas

And

Paper airplanes

Preferred name recorded as: Dewar, Andrew

ACOC feels the general term “Poetry” would be a better example, as “Anglo-Norman” seems over-determined, being either an affiliation or a language. ACOC feels it is better to remove “Paper airplanes” as an example, as it is indeterminate whether the term refers to an object or an activity.

Additionally ACOC is not convinced the counter examples given under 9.16.1.3 (Clean copy) Recording Professions or Occupations are necessary, and recommends they be removed. If these are seen as necessary should a parallel list of counter examples be included under field of activity?

ACOC also thought some of the revised wording could be made clearer. However a proposed rewording was overtaken by events – specifically by 6JSC/CILIP/3/rev/LC response.

As this response from ACOC is to 6JSC/CILIP/3/rev rather than to 6JSC/CILIP/3/rev/LC response, further comments will be made in the body of an accompanying email.