

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Field of Activity (9.15) and Profession Occupation (9.16) BL Response

BL thanks John Attig for preparing this revision on behalf of CILIP. BL supports the changes proposed in the revised text.

9.15.1.3 Recording the Fields of Activity of the Person

Record the field or fields of endeavour, area or areas of expertise, etc., in which the person is engaged or was engaged by recording the name of the field.

BL Agree.

9.16.1.3 Recording Professions or Occupations

Record the profession or occupation in which the person works or has worked, by recording the name of the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation.

BL Agree

BL does not believe that it is useful to retain examples of invalid terminology for fields of activity.

BL agrees with ACOC that "Anglo-Saxon Poetry" is too specific". The field of activity is poetry. "Anglo-Saxon" may be another attribute of the person or an attribute of the expression.

BL has never been comfortable with the example of Spotted Horse. We would prefer that it is not included.