

# BBT Curation Committee Meeting

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## Participants

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# 1. New BBT term “language systems”

In agreement with the decision reached in the 1st BBT Curation Committee Meeting (November 2019), the group had to decide on the scope note and label of the new term.

## Proposed scope note:

~~Communication~~ systems are the medium of conveying meanings and messages from one entity or group or transmitter to another entity or group or receiver through the use of mutually understood signs, signals, symbols, images and semiotic rules. The main steps inherent to all communication systems are: (a) the formation of communicative motivation or reason, (b) message composition, (c) message encoding, (d) transmission of the message as a sequence of units/signals using a specific channel or medium, (e) reception of signals and reassembling of the message from a sequence of received signals, (f) decoding of the reassembled message and (g) interpretation and making sense of the presumed original message.

The scope note was accepted unanimously.

## Propose to rename:

There were second thoughts regarding the label of the term, as it means something very specific and not language-like in information science.

- language systems or linguistic systems

Most members agreed to renaming the term. It was proposed that the group contact Thanasis Karasimos to confirm that the label is in fact compatible with the scope of the concept.

**Helen Goulis** will do that.

## Propose to add two subterms to language/communication systems

Eleni Tsouloucha proposed that two terms were added (subterms of language/communication systems).

The proposal was not accepted on the grounds of wanting to keep the BBT small and not go into too much detail.

# 2. Reorganization of BBT facet Groups and Collectivities, following AAT’s facet People.

## Initial proposal:

Taking into consideration input from DAI and FRANTIQU, Eleni Tsouloucha proposed to replicate the AAT facet People in the BBT (but to make sure that it is reserved only for human beings). The proposal draws heavily on an earlier proposal by Martin Doerr for a facet within the BBT that characterizes individuals based on qualities and features that can serve as the criteria of division on the basis of which SETS (groupings) can be formed.

The proposed structure was

### **Actors (facet)**

- actors/people (top-term)
- <actors/people by property x/y/z>  
{x/y/z: profession, persistent qualities, social status, activity, <...>, whatnot}
- groups and collectivities
- organizations

In this proposal, the facet Roles becomes superfluous and is subsumed under Actors. A migration path to the new structure was also supplied. Yorgos Tzedopoulos was in favor of this proposal as well.

The proposal met with objections –namely:

- (a) if there is no 3rd layer allowed, the term organizations will not form part of the BBT
- (b) it was claimed that implementing guide terms amounts to curating other thesauri
- (c) Roles facet is not redundant

Nonetheless, Eleni Tsouloucha maintains that none of the above holds, and is going to submit this proposal for an evote.

## Alternative proposal by Camilla Colombi

Actors (facet) [[slightly altered Martin's definition Human roles etc.]]

- Groups and Collective entities (top term) [based on yorgos and irini's definition]
  - For example:
  - Archaeologically defined groups
  - Ethnic groups
  - Religious communities
  - Religious actors
  - Social and professional groups
- Organisations (top term)
  - For example:
  - Institutions
  - Troop units
- (Individual?) Roles (top term) [without guide terms]
  - Offices
  - Military and political offices
  - roles of interpersonal relations

## Alternative proposal by Helen Katsiadakis

### **HK proposal:**

Actors (facet) [[slightly altered Martin's definition Human roles etc.]]

- people
- Groups and Collective entities (top term) [based on yorgos and irini's definition]
- Organisations (top term)

Then we can discuss scope notes in BBTalk

Roles (facet) as it is

## A vote was called

- to determine the relation between groups and organisations: the former a superterm of the latter).  
The vote was indecisive (votes split in half)
- to determine whether to subsume groups and collectivities into roles again the vote was inconclusive.

## Decision:

Proposals to be submitted by interested parties through the BBT by **February 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**.

Each proposal should provide

- (a) an overall structure of the facet,
- (b) outlines of the scope notes used for each proposed term within it
- (c) an explicit overall structure of the BBT (i.e. if a change undoes a bit of the structure of the BBT elsewhere, migration paths are to be provided too).

Evotes will have to be concluded by **February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**

## New meeting:

The group will reconvene in **early March** based on its members' responses to the doodle poll.