PRESENTATION NOTES

CLD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000
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- OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION
  - Caveats
  - CLDs used by Agora
  - Use of CLDs by Agora (Current / Future)
  - Importance for JISC of Agora work / Lessons learned

- CAVEATS FOR PRESENTATION
  - DP not involved in CLD formulation
  - CLD theory not strong suit of DP
  - Assuming some knowledge of Agora Project by attendees

- CLD USED BY AGORA
  - RIDING / MLO / Agora CLDs
  - Using VDX as base system

- USE OF CLDS BY AGORA
  Philosophy / Architecture
  - CLDs at the heart of Agora concept of multiple resource discovery & use
    - Used to provide guide to the aggregation of resources into 'landscapes' and as a guide to the resources themselves
    - Some limits to use as 'aggregator-searcher' as only one attribute at a time searchable at moment
    - Linked to target / database information in VDX – no CLD, no resource for searching
    - CLDs themselves held within VDX
  Numbers & Type
  - Approximately 50 CLDs in the system at moment; all resources in system at moment are those agreed to between all Associates
  - Resources include catalogues, gateways, commercial databases, other media (e.g ELISE/HELIX)
  Content & Input
  - CLD content very limited at moment – CLDs input in simple form just to get resource searchable
  - No standardization of content – content determined by DP
  - Input of content all done by Agora Project staff save for Library Associate 'home resources'

- FUTURE OF CLDS WITHIN AGORA
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  - New work on CLDs appear to move away from RIDING / MLO / Agora schema – FDI not following the Agora schema
  - Agora sticking with the RIDING schema as the important thing within the Agora Project is to test the use of the CLD concept, not to agree on a specific schema

- IMPORTANCE / LESSONS LEARNED
  - Important for JISC because this is a realworld implementation in a very wide context (much wider & more diverse array of resources than Clumps)
  - Lesson #1 – ensure that succession planning is in place – FDI not following up Agora schema – this limits utility & development of Agora
  - Lesson #2 – critical to involve content providers – keeps Project staff sane (updating issue!)