Issue 491: Guidelines for submitting a modelling issue

By "modelling issue", we mean a proposal for structural changes in a model. For classes this includes the change of the place in the hierarchy or deletion of an existing class or the introduction of a new class. For properties, this includes change of the place in the property hierarchy, change of domain or range, change of cardinality and relational properties (transitivity, reflexivity or symmetry).

Such changes may be a result of changes in the scope note, that is, the conceptual definition of a class, and the other way round a change in scope note may require changes as described above.

A proposal for a modelling issue should consist of the following points:

1. A description of the current situation
2. Why the current situation is not satisfactory
3. Possible alternative(s) to amend the model and a proposed solution
4. Consequential requirements for other changes in the model

For structural changes it is recommended to use graphics, see the presentation used in issue 438.