

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Gordon Dunsire, Chair, JSC  
**Subject:** Terms of reference for the JSC Technical Working Group

### **General terms of reference**

The JSC Technical Working Group will conduct its business within the general terms of reference for JSC Working Groups.

### **Background**

The JSC develops *RDA: Resource Description and Access* for international use with the range of encoding schemes typically employed in library and related applications. The underlying domain model is based on the FRBR and FRAD conceptual models. The RDA element analysis is related to the metadata models of the Dublin Core Abstract Model and the <indec> Metadata Framework.

Metadata produced using *RDA* must be well-formed and able to meet the needs of applications operating in a variety of implementation scenarios. The number of *RDA* applications is increasing as a result of the success of *RDA*, requiring the JSC to further develop the substructures between the underlying models and functional requirements of *RDA*.

The technical standards environment of *RDA* is also developing, and the JSC needs to monitor potential impact of changes.

The JSC decided at its meeting in November 2013 to implement a Working Group to carry out tasks related to these issues.

### **Charge (duties and responsibilities)**

The Group is charged to:

- Assist the JSC in developing *RDA* in technical areas such as models, structures, and standards.