To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, JSC

Subject: Terms of reference for the JSC Aggregates Working Group

General terms of reference

The JSC Aggregates 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, FRAD, and FRSAD conceptual models.

The Final Report of the Working Group on Aggregates of the FRBR Review Group was published in 2011. It recommended that its contents be considered as part of the consolidation process anticipated for the conceptual models. Aggregates include collections, selections, and anthologies, augmentations (original text augmented with illustrations, notes, introductions, etc.), monographic series, serials, multi-part monographs and integrating resources. The JSC therefore decided to undertake minimal development of the treatment of aggregate resources in *RDA* until the likely outcomes of such consolidation became clearer.

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 FRBR Review Group's Consolidation Editorial Group (CEG) is now in the final stages of its work. The JSC anticipates no significant changes in the model of aggregates presented in the Working Group report to emerge, and is under increasing pressure to improve the *RDA* instructions for and accommodation of aggregate resources. Semantic analysis of the kinds of FRBR entity involved in aggregate resources was carried out as part of the development of FRBRoo, the object-oriented representation of FRBR, and is likely to be relevant.

The JSC decided at its meeting in November 2014 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* for application to aggregated resources.