

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative
Subject: RDA and FRBROO treatment of aggregates

ACOC thanks the Aggregates Working Group for this considered analysis and discussion of the application of the FRBROO model to the treatment of aggregates in RDA.

ACOC requests that JSC is mindful of balancing the need to satisfy the development of highly conceptual models and the usability of the resulting RDA instructions for the everyday cataloguer.

Every item is an aggregate

In discussing the ways in which each publication can be seen as an aggregate work, the Working Group raises the question of, to what extent differences between one *Publication Expression* and another support user tasks. ACOC wishes to see further discussion on this question.

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The Working Group's analysis of relationship designators that may serve as short-cuts for FRBROO chains is commendable, and demonstrates that with one-to-one cardinality between *Manifestation Product Type* and *Publication Expression* a fully FRBROO RDA should be able to accommodate the current flat FRBR model if the semantics of designators is improved. ACOC would like to see this idea pursued in future discussions and/or proposals, and sees this as an area of special interest to the Relationship Designators Working Group as well.