

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative
Subject: Discussion paper: RDA and WGA treatment of aggregates

ACOC thanks the Aggregates Working Group for its continuing efforts to align the models of aggregate works as found in the FRBR Aggregates Working Group report and in FRBROO and its identification of issues requiring resolution.

1. Does the RSC agree: that it is important to retain the distinction between a whole-part and an aggregation work?

ACOC agrees that the distinction should be retained.

2. Does the RSC agree: that it would be useful to provide simple direct wording to enable a cataloguer to differentiate between a whole-part work vs. an aggregation work?

ACOC agrees that simple and direct wording would be useful. We also agree to the AWG suggested wording.

3. Does the RSC agree: that an "incorporated in / incorporates" relationship is useful for describing aggregates and a relationship element for it should be added, at some later date, to RDA?

ACOC agrees that such a relationship is useful and that a relationship element should be added to RDA at a later date.

4. Can the RSC offer guidance on:

- **an appropriate label for this relationship element?**

ACOC prefers either "incorporated in / incorporates" (because the label uses the existing FRBROO terminology) or "included in / includes" (because this label uses direct simple wording).

- **where this relationship element would fit in the hierarchy of Expression relationships at RDA J.3?**

ACOC has a slight preference for including this relationship in a new section of J.3 rather than including it in a renamed J.3.4 with a broadened scope.

5. Does the RSC agree: that a "Creator of Content / Creator of Content of" relationship is useful for adding short-cut access to an expression of an Aggregated Work when it does not seem necessary to describe distinct works and expressions separately, and that a relationship element for it should be added, at some later date, to RDA?

ACOC agrees that a such a relationship is useful and should be added to RDA but has reservations about the label. The distinction between "Creator" and "Creator of Content" would need to be very clear to prevent cataloguer confusion.

6. Does the RSC agree:

- **that the addition, deletion, or revision of an included expression in an aggregation Expression requires a new aggregation Expression, but not a new Aggregation Work, unless the entire concept of the Aggregation work has changed?**
- **that an instruction should be added to RDA somewhere to say this?**

ACOC tentatively agrees that the addition, deletion or revision of an expression included in an aggregation expression requires a new aggregation Expression but not a new Aggregation Work. ACOC does not believe that an instruction should be added to RDA.