To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, RSC

Subject: Terms of reference for the RSC Technical Working Group

Related document: This RSC document is a minor revision of its counterpart JSC document (6JSC/Chair/11); only minimal updating of names has occurred.

General terms of reference

The RSC Technical Working Group will conduct its business within the general terms of reference for RSC Working Groups (see RSC/Policy/4).

Background

The RSC 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 <indecs> 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 RSC 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 RSC 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 RSC in developing RDA in technical areas such as models, structures, and standards.