To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  

From: Marg Stewart, CCC representative  

Subject: Designation of Roles in RDA  

CCC has reviewed LC/11 and has the following comments:

As noted in the cover letter, the list of roles is intended for a general audience at a functional level and as such, CCC thinks that the breadth and depth of the list of role designations have been adequately covered. However, specialist communities will need greater depth. CCC suggests that a provision be added to acknowledge the needs of specialist communities and the existence of standard lists that have been developed by these communities.

CCC suggests that a definition of role be included as the first sentence at X.0.1. Based on the definition provided in the RDA Scope and Structure document, CCC offers the following:

A role is the part played or function fulfilled by a person, family, or corporate body in relation to the resource.

Contents: (editorial) According to the table of contents (p. 3), X.43 relates to “Roles used with finders”. This does not match the instructions given at X.43 (p.10).

CCC suggests moving the following roles currently at X.2.1 (Designation of role for expressions – contributor) to X.1.4 (Designation of role for works – other person etc. associated with the work):

- Animator
- Cinematographer
- Compilation editor
- Producer
- Production company
- Screenwriter

CCC further believes that the current definition of “Director” mixes the role of “Director” in the film sense with the role of “Director” in the stage production sense. CCC suggests that the role of “Director” in the film sense be considered a role under X.1.4 (Designation of role for works – other person etc. associated with the work) while the role of “Director” in the stage production sense remains at X.2.1 (Designation of role for expressions – contributor).