To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: **Additional element for Medium of Performance of the Expression**

CCC thanks the Music Working Group for this discussion on the possible addition of a new element. CCC's response is informed by the Chair of the FR Consolidation Editorial Group who is also a member of CCC, and by the Canadian Association of Music Libraries (CAML) Cataloguing Committee. The Chair of CAML Cataloguing Committee is also a member of the Music Working Group. CCC supports the direction of this discussion and the future addition of the new element.

This discussion hinges on the FRBR-LRM treatment of expression attributes that are considered to relate to the "representative expression" (a new expression attribute which is yes/no: if yes, then the expression is one whose values in certain other attributes are considered to represent the work (some value of originalness or faithfulness to the core concept of the work) and so can be used in the work AAP for instance). Attributes that in the original FRBR appeared under both Work and Expression (such as medium of performance) and others whose attachment was often disputed, became much clearer when viewed as being significant for the representative expression.

In the first FRBR-LRM draft that was circulated to the FRBR RG in early July 2015, the representative expression attributes were listed under both Work and Expression. After discussion at the Aug. 21st, 2015 meeting of the FRBR RG, it was concluded that they will be listed only under the Expression, and a textual explanation of the significance of the representative expression attribute on these other attributes will be added in the model overview.

The impact on RDA is that the Medium of Performance will move to the expression level, will be marked as representative, meaning it can be recorded for any expression that does not share the same values as those recorded for the representative expression. The medium of performance will be recorded for the representative expression and it will be able to be added at 6.28.1. All of the other elements should work in the same way as now.

A general explanation of how the attributes linked to the representative expression will be needed; so far these include key, scale, and language.

CAML is in favour of expanding the scope of 6.15. CAML appreciates that the representative expression attributes will be listed in FRBR-LRM under Expression only. We encourage that no changes be made until the final report on FRBR consolidation is published and approved.