

## **Terms of Reference for VADS / TASI Collaborative Relationship**

### **Background to Services:**

#### **VADS**

The Visual Arts Data Service (VADS) is a part of the Arts and Humanities Data Service and is core-funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Board, (AHRB).

VADS aim to:

- Provide a searchable on-line archive of visual arts digital resources
- Research and promote good practice in the creation, management and preservation of digital resources

#### **TASI**

TASI is a Service funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) set up to advise and support the academic community on the digital creation, storage and delivery of image-related information.

TASI's objectives are to:

- share and promote technical expertise and standards within the academic and public sectors
- enable the academic community to develop digital archives of good quality image-related materials to support effective teaching and research by providing comprehensive information and advice

### **Collaboration statement**

VADS and TASI's close affiliation is borne through **image technology** concerns:

#### **VADS:**

Visual Art specific digital image capture, collections management and preservation.

#### **TASI:**

Subject-generic high quality image capture and digitisation management issues

To benefit the image-user community VADS and TASI efficiently manage their related expertise through non-exclusive strategic and practical collaboration. This is via representation on one another's steering groups; information exchange; and user-service delivery. Detailed below:

### **Steering Group representation:**

VADS/TASI have representation on one-another's steering groups.

### **Information exchange**

Each service disseminates information to one-another and their user-communities through their individual Outreach programmes, including:

Web-sites: <http://vads.ahds.ac.uk>, <http://www.tasi.ac.uk>  
Mailbase lists: [vads@mailbase.ac.uk](mailto:vads@mailbase.ac.uk), [tasi@mailbase.ac.uk](mailto:tasi@mailbase.ac.uk)  
Printed materials  
Third-party electronic and print publications  
Training events  
User contacts

### **User-services delivery:**

#### **Publications:**

Each Service considers collaborative publication ventures: For example, the joint-authored 'Creating Digital Resources for the Visual Arts: Standards and Good Practice'.

#### **Workshops/Training events**

Each Service actively pursues collaboration with one-another in relevant areas. Examples include The 'Rights Management' and 'Image Metadata' workshops.

#### **User contacts / enquiries**

Each Service advises users to contact the other Service when appropriate and the Services inform one-another of such contacts. TASI are informed via [info@tasi.ac.uk](mailto:info@tasi.ac.uk)  
VADS via [info@vads.ahds.ac.uk](mailto:info@vads.ahds.ac.uk)

#### **Other areas of collaboration:**

##### **Funding Bids**

Each Service informs the other of relevant funding calls and considers non-exclusive partnership on such calls as appropriate.

##### **Project Collaboration**

Where each Service is involved in complimentary projects collaboration, as per these terms of reference, shall be sought between the individual projects, e.g. between VADS PICTIVA and TASI Bio-medical Learning and Teaching projects.

##### **JISC Distributed Image Service (JDIS) relationship**

Both VADS and TASI seek to further their collaborative relationship within the evolving JDIS structures and as part of the Distributed National Electronic Resource (DNER)