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Memorandum

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TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

DATE: Aug. 3, 2011

FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative

SUBJECT: Clarifying Date Associated with the Person and Core Requirements

Background

Instructions 0.6.4, 8.3, and 9.3.1.3 presently do not consistently provide for recording the elements either as parts of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements, or as both. Minor changes in the wording of the statement are proposed for clarification.

Instructions 0.6.4, 8.3, and 9.3.1.3 need to indicate which element subtypes of "Date associated with a person" are core and which "core when."

"Period of activity of the person" needs to be added to the second list in instructions 0.6.4 and 8.3 as an identity element that can be used for differentiation.

Proposed revisions of 0.6.4.

Add a new sentence to the first paragraph at 0.6.4; modify the first list at 0.6.4; modify the statement preceding the second list at 0.6.4; add to the second list at 0.6.4.

0.6 Core elements

0.6.4. Section 3: Recording Attributes of Person, Family, and Corporate Body

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the elements listed below that are applicable and readily ascertainable.
Record the elements either as parts of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements or as both.

Preferred name for the person

Title of the person

Date associated with the person

Date of birth

Date of death

Period of activity of the person (when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name)

Other designation associated with the person

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If the preferred name for the person, family, or corporate body is the same as or similar to a name by which another person, family, or corporate body is known, record as many of the additional identifying elements listed below as necessary to differentiate them. Record the elements either as additions parts to of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements, or as both.

Fuller form of name

Profession or occupation

Field of activity of the person

Period of activity of the person

Place associated with the family

Prominent member of the family

Location of headquarters, etc.

Associated institution

Other designation associated with the corporate body

Proposed revisions of RDA 8.3

Add a new sentence in the statement preceding the first list in 8.3; modify the first list; modify the statement preceding the second list; add to the second list.

8.3 Core Elements

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the elements listed below that are applicable and readily ascertainable. Record the elements either as parts of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements or as both.

Preferred name for the person

Title of the person

Date associated with the person

Date of birth

Date of death

Period of activity of the person (when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name)

Other designation associated with the person

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Fuller form of name
Profession or occupation
Field of activity of the person
Period of activity of the person
Place associated with the family
Prominent member of the family
Location of headquarters, etc.
Associated institution
Other designation associated with the corporate body

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Proposed revision to 9.3.1.3.

Add a new sentence at 9.3.1.3.

9.3.1.3 Recording Dates Associated with Persons

Record dates in terms of the calendar preferred by the agency creating the date. For details on the Christian calendar, see appendix H.

Record dates either as a part of the authorized access point representing the person, or as a separate element, or as both.

Record a date associated with a person by giving the year alone.

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