TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Revisions to Date associated with the corporate body (RDA 11.4, 11.4.3, 11.4.4, 0.6.4)

Background

RDA 0.6.4 and RDA 11.4 indicate that the date associated with the corporate body is a core element. That is true for “Date of conference, etc.” (11.4.2). However, “Date of establishment” (11.4.3) and “Date of termination” (11.4.4) should have a conditional core status (if needed to distinguish) to match the instruction in RDA 11.13.1.5 which says to add a date to a corporate body if the names of two bodies cannot be distinguished by place or associated institution. Suggested revisions of the three core statements are given below. The information in 0.6.4 would need to be adjusted to reflect this conditional status as well.

Proposed revisions

11.4 Date Associated with the Corporate Body

CORE ELEMENT

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11.4.3 Date of Establishment

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11.4.4 Date of Termination

CORE ELEMENT

Date of termination is a core element when needed to distinguish a corporate body from another corporate body with the same name.

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 of birth
Date of death
Other designation associated with the person
Profession or occupation (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)
Identifier for the person
Preferred name for the family
Type of family
Date associated with the family
Identifier for the family
Preferred name for the corporate body
Location of conference, etc.
Date associated with the corporate body (for a conference, etc.)
Associated institution (for conferences, etc., if the institution’s name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined)
Number of a conference, etc.
Other designation associated with the corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)
Identifier for the corporate body

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 parts 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
Period of activity of the person
Place associated with the family
Prominent member of the family
Location of headquarters, etc.
Date associated with the corporate body
Associated institution
Other designation associated with the corporate body

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- Other designation associated with the person
- Profession or occupation (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)
- Identifier for the person
- Preferred name for the family
- Type of family
- Date associated with the family
- Identifier for the family
- Preferred name for the corporate body
- Location of conference, etc.
- Date associated with the corporate body (for a conference, etc.)
- Associated institution (for conferences, etc., if the institution’s name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined)
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Location of headquarters, etc.
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Associated institution
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