To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Revisions to Date Associated with the Person (9.3) when recording more than a year alone

CCC welcomes 6JSC/LC/22 and supports the proposed changes with some corrections.

Proposed Change 1
In the proposed optional addition at 9.3.1.3 the words "in the form" suggest an order. The order of the elements year, month and day is often a function of the language it is expressed in. The practice of prescribing the order of elements in dates has been raised as an issue by the French translation team. We propose the removal of the words "in the form ..." as follows:

Optional addition
Add the month or month and day in the form [year][month][day] or [year][month].

Proposed Change 2
CCC supports this change to 9.2.1.3.

Proposed Change 3
CCC welcomes the introduction of the concept of "year alone" to 9.19.1.3. However, we find that the added text in 9.19.1.3 does not constitute an optional addition per se. We suggest this change:

9.19.1.3 Date of Birth and/or Death
Add the date of birth (see 9.3.2 ) and/or date of death (see 9.3.3 ), if necessary, to distinguish one access point from another, generally recording the year alone.

Optional Addition
Add the month or month and day if necessary to distinguish one access point from another.