

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 11.13.1.8

Introduction

This proposal seeks to address problems encountered when constructing authorised access points for conferences. There is overlap between 11.13.1.3 Place Associated with the Corporate Body, 11.13.1.4 Associated Institution and 11.13.1.8 Number Date and Location of a Conference, which may result in ambiguity or variation in the way access points are constructed.

The table below is an extract from LC NACO Authority File, illustrating the variation between authorised access points for two conferences for which collective and individual access points have been established.

Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (10th : 1998 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (12th : 2000 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (16th : 2006 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (17th : 2008 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (1st : 1989 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (3rd : 1991 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (5th : 1993 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (6th : 1994 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (7th : 1995 : Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos que sobre "Mitos, Tópicos y Realidades del Poder en Europa y América"
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Salamanca, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos sobre Cultura, Educación y Sociedad en Europa y América (1st : 1999 : Bilbao, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos, sobre "Problemas de la Historia Hoy"
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Universidad del País Vasco)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Universidad del País Vasco) (3rd : 2001 : Bilbao, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Universidad del País Vasco) (6th : 2004 : Vitoria, Spain)
Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Universidad del País Vasco) (8th :

2006 : Vitoria, Spain

This results in inconsistency between the access points created for collective and individual instances of the same series of conferences

Collective access point:

Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Salamanca, Spain)

Individual access point:

Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (6th : 1994 : Salamanca, Spain)

The level of specificity required by 11.13.1.3 Place Associated with the Body, is broader than required by 11.13.1.8 Location of a Conference, which may result in inconsistency.

11.13.1.3

Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Spain)

11.13.1.8

Jornadas de Estudios Históricos (Salamanca, Spain)

The same issues also arise between Associated Institution used for disambiguation (11.13.1.4) and Associated Institution used as a Location of a Conference

To address the problem, it is proposed that, when an access point represents a series of conferences that were all held in the same place, the location of the conference should be recorded as an attribute of the conference but should not be included in access points for the conference. This will avoid confusion between the location of the entity, and qualifiers included in access points for disambiguation.

In effect, this follows the provisions of LCRI 24.7B

“On the name authority record for a conference heading, do not add the number, date, or place to the name when the conference is an ongoing one, even if all the meetings were held in one place (cf. [24.7B4](#)). Apply this both to meetings entered directly under their own names and to meetings entered subordinately to headings for corporate bodies.”

Change 1 11.13.1.8

Change the current text of 11.13.1.8 from:

If the access point represents a series of conferences, etc., do not add the location unless all the conferences in the series were held in the same place.

Change to:

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If the access point represents a series of conferences, etc., do not add the location unless all the conferences in the series were held in the same place number, date or location. For access points for two or more series of conferences that have the same name, or names so similar that they may be confused, apply the instructions given under 11.13.1.3-11.13.1.7, as applicable.

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Outcome

Clarifies the distinction between

1. Places and institutions recorded for disambiguation, which are always added immediately after the preferred name in both collective and individual access points.
2. Places and institutions recorded as the location of the conference: recorded in the individual access points only.
3. Access points constructed consistently with conferences with non-unique names that are not always held in the same location.

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