To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Revision to RDA 9.3.1.3 (Recording Dates Associated with Persons), H.1
           (B.C. and A.D. Dates), and associated examples to clarify recording date
           spans

The text below reflects the decisions made by the Joint Steering Committee during its
November 2012 meeting and subsequent email discussion. This text will be merged with
the reworded chapters before they appear in the 2013 RDA Update of the RDA Toolkit.

The addition of an optional addition and the deletion of the exception in 9.3.1.3 are from
6JSC/LC/22/Sec final.

6.27.4.5, 1st example block, 1st example:

> EXAMPLE
>
> > Theodore bar Konai, 8th century–9th century. Liber scholiorum
> > (Ourmia version)
> > **Authorized access point for the expression:** Theodore bar
> > Konai, 8th century–9th century. Liber scholiorum (Urmiah
> > version)

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9.3.1.3   Recording Dates Associated with Persons

> [*1st-3rd paragraphs unchanged*]
>
> ***Optional Addition***
>
> > Add the month or month and day in the form [year] [month] [day]
> > or [year] [month]. Record the month in the language and script
> > preferred by the agency creating the data.
>
> [*exception is deleted; remainder of existing instruction unchanged; new
> last paragraph added*]
>
> Record a period of activity expressed as a range of centuries in the
> form [century]–[century].
>
> > EXAMPLE
> >
> > > 13th century–14th century
> > > **Period of activity**

> 1st century B.C.–1st century A.D.
> **Period of activity**

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9.3.4.3, 2ⁿᵈ example block:

EXAMPLE

19th century

13th century–14th century

7th century B.C.

1st century B.C.–1st century A.D.

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9.19.1.5, 1ˢᵗ example block, last example:

Allen, Charles, 18th century–19th century

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9.19.1.5, optional addition, 3ʳᵈ example:

Callistratus, of Aphidna, flourished 377 B.C.–361 B.C.

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10.4.1.3, last example:

4th century–9th century

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30.1.1.3, 2ⁿᵈ example block, 4ᵗʰ example:

> Brutus, Marcus Junius, 85 B.C.? –42 B.C.
> **Authorized access point representing the person whose name forms part of the appellation for an unknown person identified as Pseudo-Brutus**

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H.1.   B.C. and A.D. Dates

Use the abbreviation *B.C.* for dates in the pre-Christian era. Place the abbreviation at the end of a date or each date in a span in that era.

EXAMPLE

14th century B.C.
Period of activity associated with Queen Nefertiti of Egypt

flourished 377 B.C.–361 B.C.
Period of activity associated with Callistratus, of Aphidna

71 B.C.
Date of death of Spartacus

approximately 495 B.C.
429 B.C.
Approximate date of birth and date of death of Pericles

Use the abbreviation *A.D.* only when the dates span both eras.

EXAMPLE

63 B.C.
14 A.D.
Dates of birth and death of Augustus, Emperor of Rome

43 B.C.
17 A.D. or 18 A.D.
Date of birth and uncertain date of death of Ovid

approximately 4 B.C.
65 A.D.
Approximate date of birth and date of death of Seneca