

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative
Subject: Clarifying date associated with the person and core requirements

ACOC has the following comments on this proposal:

0.6.4

Addition of final sentence “Record the elements ...”

ACOC agrees with the addition of this sentence. The ‘or’ preceding ‘as separate elements’ is not strictly necessary.

Please see below for comments on using the term ‘parts’ rather than ‘additions’.

Addition of *Date of birth*, *Date of death*, and *Period of activity of the person*

ACOC notes that the decision of the March 2009 meeting (5JSC/M/266-283 line 61) was to “List at the element level only for persons”. The intention was that cataloguers would use sub-elements at 9.3.2, 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 with one or more dates as available. In addition, FRAD has only one element for “dates associated with the person”.

Nevertheless, ACOC agrees that *Date of birth* and *Date of death* can be added to the core elements listed. Formatting should be applied equivalent to that used in similar situations in 0.6.2.

If *Period of activity of the person* is only to be applied when needed to differentiate it should only be listed in the second set of elements following the relevant part of the instruction.

Changed text to refer to ‘parts’ rather than ‘additions’

ACOC notes that ‘additions’ is used widely in RDA instructions regarding access points and that if this change is contemplated, the same changes would need to be done in all instructions using that wording and there would be a resultant change in meaning. We would not accept this change without an examination of this issue.

Addition of *Period of activity of the person* to the second list

ACOC agrees with this addition to the list.

8.3 and 9.3.1.3

ACOC agrees that equivalent changes can be made to 8.3 and 9.3.1.3 to reflect the changes at 0.6.4, with the same reservations as stated above.