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SUBJECT: Proposal to change 24.1C, Changes of name

Background

The Task Force on an Appendix of Major and Minor Changes was established in early Spring 2000 to draft an appendix to AACR2 defining major and minor changes in a bibliographic resource. In addition, the Task Force recognized that another rule needed to be changed to accommodate change for name headings, which is presently covered in LCRI 24.2. In earlier reports, we included this as part of the draft Appendix. After the JSC meeting in April 2001, we were asked to submit this as a separate proposal and that is the purpose of this document. If this proposal is accepted, text would also need to be removed from LCRI 24.2.

Much of the text being added to this rule comes from the “Minor Changes of Name” section of the existing LCRI for 24.2. Variant names. General Rules”:

Minor Changes of Name

In the absence of explicit evidence that a true name change has taken place, consider that different usages found in publications are variants of one another, rather than true name changes -- whenever the difference is a minor one defined as follows:

A difference is minor if the existing heading and the name in the publication being cataloged differ only in one or more of the ways below.
1) the representation of words (abbreviation, acronym, initialism, or symbol and the spelled out form; two different spellings of the same word; a word in the form of a single word and in the form of a compound);

2) a change in a preposition, article, or conjunction;

3) change in punctuation.

N.B. For headings satisfying these conditions, if the heading has already been treated as a name change, however, with multiple headings in use consequently, do not collapse these into one heading, unless there is additional, explicit evidence that only variant names are involved.

Current Rule

24.1C. Changes of name

24.1C1. If the name of a corporate body has changed (including change from one language to another), establish a new heading under the new name for items appearing under that name. Refer from the old heading to the new and from the new heading to the old (see 26.3C).

[examples omitted]

Proposed Rule

We recommend changing the numbering of the existing 24.1C1 to 24.1C2 and inserting the following text as 24.1C1 to provide information on what constitutes a MINOR change of corporate name.

24.1C. Changes of name

24.1C1. Minor changes. In the absence of explicit evidence that a name change has taken place, consider that different usages of a corporate name found in publications are either variants of one another (see 24.2-24.3) or constitute a minor name change. Consider the following differences to represent a minor change:

a) the representation of a word or number (including, but not limited to, abbreviation, acronym, initialism, or symbol and the spelled out form; different spellings of the same word; arabic numeral and roman numeral; singular and plural spellings; presence vs. absence of an indication of the possessive case)

b) the addition, deletion, or change in a preposition, article, or conjunction
c) a change in punctuation

d) the addition or deletion of a higher body's name or a variant form of that body’s name in conjunction with the name

Harvard Business School Management Consulting Club

and

Management Consulting Club

e) the change of a higher body's name from one form to another (including an initialism), in conjunction with the name

Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration

and

CCEA Regional Conference

f) in the case of a conference name, the addition or deletion of the name (including an initialism) or names of a sponsoring body or bodies anywhere in the conference name

National Heat Transfer Conference

and

ASME/AIChE National Heat Transfer Conference

International WHO Conference on Health Promotion

and

International Conference on Health Promotion

g) in the case of a conference name, the change of a sponsoring body's name from one form to another (including an initialism) anywhere in the conference name.

ION National Marine Navigation Meeting

and

Institute of Navigation National Marine Navigation Meeting

Whenever appropriate make a reference from a name that is determined to constitute a minor name change or a variant form of name.

Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration. Regional Conference

x CCEA Regional Conference

ION National Marine Navigation Meeting

x Institute of Navigation National Marine Navigation Meeting

x National Marine Navigation Meeting

National Heat Transfer Conference

x ASME/AIChE National Heat Transfer Conference
24.1C1. Major changes. If the name of a corporate body has changed (including change from one language to another), establish a new heading under the new name for items appearing under that name. Refer from the old heading to the new and from the new heading to the old (see 26.3C).

[examples omitted]