IFLA Cataloguing Section

Names of Persons

Introduction:

Cataloguing Principles (ICP)¹ According the International of Name for Persons as an authorized access point should be constructed following a standard: "When the name of a person consists of several words, the choice of first word for the authorized access point should follow conventions of the country and language most associated with that person, as found in manifestations or reference sources". Thus, this set of documents summarizes the conventions for each country, established by each national cataloguing agency, to help other cataloguing agencies creating authority data worldwide.

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Country name in English: Mexico

Country name in official language(s): México

Official language in English: Spanish

Language name in official language: Español

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Mexican usage is similar than treatment in Spain. However, it has been included examples of Mexican names for a best understanding. Cases in blank are not used for Mexican names. although they are used for Spanish authors in the authority file in the same form that in Spain.

NAME ELEMENTS

Elements normally forming part of a name

Element	Туре		Examples
	simplen		Rafael
1. Forename	compound		Juan Diego
(nombre propio)	Forename places	followed by names of	Lucas de Antioquia
2. Surname (apellidos)	simple	part of a compound surname, if this is the form by which the	

¹ http://www.ifla.org/publications/statement-of-international-cataloguing-principles 2 http://www.ifla.org/node/4953

	with prefix, consisting of a preposition, an article, or a combination of both	Yañez (full name: Agustín Yáñez Delgadillo, 1904- 1980) del Toro del Conde de Valle Arizpe de la Cabada Vera, Juan de la Torre Villar, Juan
	normally consisting of two surnames : father's family name and mother's family name	García Ramírez Sánchez González
	formed by the conjunction y or i .	Palafox y Mendoza Morelos y Pavón
	consisting of two or more words not themselves surnames	Espíritu Santo Villa San Juan Arroyo del Río
compound	consisting of a married woman's maiden name followed by the preposition <i>de</i> and her husband's surname	
	Including a preposition	López de Santa Anna Morales de García
	Including a combination of a preposition and an article, or a combination of both	Tovar y de Teresa Martínez de la Escalera García del Castillo

Additional elements to names

Element	When Used	Examples
		Maximiliano, Emperador de México
1. Kings (Soberanos)	after forename	Cuauhtémoc Emperador de México
		Nezahualcóyotl, Rey de
		Texcoco
2. Number	following forename (for kings,	
	popes, etc)	
3. King or Queen Consort (<i>Rey o Reina consorte</i>)	after forename	Carlota, Emperatriz consorte

4. Princes no reigning (Principes no reinantes)	after surnames	
5. Titles of nobility (Titulos de nobleza)	before place or family name(title different from surname)	Escandón, José de, Conde de Sierra Gorda
6. Saints and Blessed (Santos y Beatos)	before forename	San Juan Diego (<i>Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>) San José María de Yermo y Parres (José María de Yermo y Parres, 1851-1904)
7. Popes (<i>Papas</i>)	before forename	<i>Papa</i> Juan Pablo II
9. Ecclesiastical officials identifications are only used in the catalogue when the name is only the forename	after forename	
10. The designation Father, Brother, Sister (Hermano, Hermana, Padre, Madre) are only used in the catalogue for persons on religious order that use a Religious name	before forename or before forename and surname	Sor Juana (Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, 1651-1695) Santa Teresa de Jesús Fray Bartolomé de las Casas
11. Initials of religious order are only used in the catalogue with religious names and to distinguish between identical names	After name and surnames	
12. Titles of military rank (eg. Capitain, General) may be included in the catalogue heading to distinguish between identical names	before the surname alone or before the forename and surname	

ORDER OF ELEMENTS IN CATALOGUE HEADINGS

General rule

Type of name	Entry element	Examples
W.		Maximiliano, Emperador de México, 1832-1867
Kings	forename	Cuauhtémoc, Emperador de México 1495?-1525

		Nezahualcóyotl, Rey de Texcoco, fl. 1400-1470
King or Queen Consort	forename	Carlota, Emperatriz consorte de Maximiliano, Emperador de México, 1840-1927
Saints and Blessed	forename	Juan Diego, <i>San</i> José María de Yermo y Parres, <i>Beato</i>
Popes	forename	JUAN PABLO II, Papa
Ecclesiastical officials identifications	forename	
Religious name	forename	JUANA INÉS DE LA CRUZ, Sor, 1651-1695 BARTOLOMÉ DE LAS CASAS, <i>Fray</i>
Titles of military rank	forename or surename	
Forename followed by names of places	forename	
Simple surname	surname	PAZ, Octavio HENESTROSA, Andrés YAÑEZ, Agustín
Surname with prefix consisting of the article only	prefix	TORO, Guillermo del CONDE, Teresa del VALLE ARIZPE, Artemio de CABADA, Juan de la TORRE VILLAR, Ernesto de la
Surname with prefix consisting of an article linked directly to the surname or linked by a hyphen to the forename	prefix	
Surname with prefix which is a preposition or a preposition and article	part following prefix	TOVAR Y DE TERESA, Guillermo
Compound surname consisting of two surnames	first surname	LÓPEZ DE SANTA ANNA, Antonio
Princes no reigning	first surname	
Title of nobility following the forename and surname	first surname	ESCANDON, José de, Conde de Sierra Gorda, 1700-1770
Title of nobility by which the person is best known	title of nobility	

Exceptions

Type of name	Entry element	Examples
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mpound surname when first surname is not used is always represented by initial only	second surname	
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National cataloguing code

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National authority file of names

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