**IFLA Cataloguing Section**

**Names of Persons**

**Introduction:**

According to the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)[[1]](#footnote-1) the **Form 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.

Please access ***IFLA Names of Persons[[2]](#footnote-2)*** to submit updates from your country and to access more information.

**Country name in English: Denmark**

**Country name in official language(s): Danmark**

**Language in English: Danish**

**Language name in official language(s): Dansk**

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**NAME ELEMENTS**

**Elements normally forming part of a name**

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| *Element* | *Type* | *Examples* |
| 1. Forenames | simple | Christian  Inger  Lise Lotte  Niels Peter |
|  | compound | Ann-Mari |
| 2. Surname  *Note* Names ending in *-sen* were originally patronymics. | simple | Møller  Nielsen |
|  | -- with prefix, usually of foreign origin | la Cour (*French*)  van Deurs (*Dutch*)  von der Recke (*German*) |
|  | compound |  |
|  | -- consisting of two or more surnames often hyphenated, or linked with a preposition (in the case of foreign names) | Høst-Madsen  Martensen-Larsen  Møller Christensen  Schaffalitzky de Muckadell  Steensen Blicher |
|  | -- consisting of a woman’s maiden name and her husband’s surname | Bruhn Hoffmeyer  Lund Clausen |
| *Note*: A woman may adopt her father’s or husband’s forename as a middle name which should not be taken as part of a compound surname, e.g., Ann-Mari Max Hansen (daughter of Max Hansen), Henny Harald Hansen (married to Harald Hansen) | |  |

**Additional elements to names**

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| *Element* | *Use* | *Examples* |
| Included in catalogue headings: |  |  |
| 1. Titles of nobility | after the forename(s) | Flemming, *greve af*  *Rosenborg*  Margrethe II, *dronning af*  *Danmark* |
| 2. Qualifying and descriptive phrases used as part of the name | after the forename(s) | Sven, *ridder* |

**ORDER OF ELEMENTS IN CATALOGUE HEADINGS**

**General rule**

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| *Type of name* | *Entry element* | *Examples* |
| 1. Simple surname | surname | MØLLER, Poul Martin  NIELSEN, Carl |
| 2. Surname with prefix | prefix or part following prefix according to usage in country of origin | DEURS, Jan Piet van  (*Dutch*)  LA COUR, Paul (*French*)  RECKE, Ernst von der  (*German*) |
| 3. Compound name |  |  |
| *Note*: Entry is usually the person’s preferred form or, if this is unknown, the form used in reference sources as determined by the following common usage. | | |
| -- consisting of two or more hyphenated surnames | first part of compound | HØST-MADSEN, Poul  MARTENSEN-LARSEN,  Florian |
| -- consisting of two surnames not hyphenated of which the second is a name ending in *–sen* or Møller | first part of compound | FRIIS MØLLER, Kai  MØLLER KRISTENSEN,  Sven  STORM PETERSEN,  Robert |
| -- consisting of two or more other surnames not hyphenated or linked by a preposition | second part of compound | BLICHER, Steen Steensen  KOFOED, Axel Dam |
| -- consisting of two surnames linked by a preposition, usually names of foreign origin | first part of compound | SCHAFFELITZKY DE  MUCKADELL, Cai |

**National cataloguing code**

Text : electronic

*Katalogiseringsregler og bibliografisk standard for danske biblioteker* (Cataloguing rules and bibliographic standard for Danish libraries) / udarbejdet af Katalogdatarådet ; for Biblioteksstyrelsen. - Version 1.0 (2. udgave omarbejdet til brug for onlinekataloger). - Dansk BiblioteksCenter, 1998-  
     ISBN: 87-552-2353-2

Adgangsmåde: Internet (<http://www.kat-format.dk/kat_regl/default.html>)

Ajourføres  
     Øverst på titelskærmbilledet: Biblioteksstyrelsen

The rules are based *on Anglo American cataloguing rules,* 2nd Edition rev., 1988. (AACR2) and its Amendments 1993.

**Authority responsible for issuing library rules about names**

Slots- og Kulturstyrelsen = Danish Agency for Culture and Palaces,   
advised by Bibliografisk Råd = the Danish Bibliographic Council

**Sources and recommended references**

**Bibliographies:**

*Dansk bogfortegnelse* (Danish national bibliography). 1841-2004 - Ballerup : Dansk BiblioteksCenter, 1851-2005 ISSN 0106-2743.

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*Bibliotheca Danica* (Retrospective bibliography of Danish literature, 1482-1840). - Copenhagen : Gyldendal, 1877.

*Anonym- og pseudonym-lexicоп for Denmark og Island til 1920 og Norge til 1814.* - Copenhagen : Hagerup, 1940.

**Biographical dictionaries:**

*Dansk biografisk leksikon* (the national biographical dictionary for Denmark from ca. 800 to the present age). - 3rd. ed. - Copenhagen : Gyldendal, 1979-1984.

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**Biobibliographical dictionaries:**

Ehrencron-Müller, H. *Forfattersleksikon omfattende Danmark, Norge og Island indtil 1814* (Dictionary of authors, embracing Denmark, Norway and Iceland through 1814). - Copenhagen : Aschehoug, 1924-1932.

*Almindeligt forfatter-lexicon for kongeriget Danmark med tilhørende bilande fra 1814 til 1840* (General dictionary for authors for the kingdom of Denmark including dependencies from 1814 through 1840). Copenhagen : Forlagsforeningens forlag, 1843/53. Supplement to 1853, 1858/68.

*Dansk skønlitterært forfatterleksikon 1900*-*1950* (Dictionary of Danish belles-lettres authors l900-1950). - Copenhagen : Grønholt Pedersen, 1959-1964.

**Name dictionaries:**

Hornby, Rikard. *Danske navne. -* Copenhagen : Gad, 1951. (Lists a number of Danish Christian names.)

**Authority for information provided**

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1. <http://www.ifla.org/publications/statement-of-international-cataloguing-principles> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.ifla.org/node/4953> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)