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STYLE USAGE

1. Terms within squared brackets are officially recognized synonyms or alternatives.

Examples:

Arteria dorsalis nasi [Arteria nasi externa]

Sulci arteriosi [arteriales]

Cavitas [Regio] abdominalis

The second and third examples illustrate an alternative for a part only of the full term.

2. Terms for some structures which are bilateral, and therefore must be qualified as right (dexter) or left (sinister), are printed as follows:

Pulmo dexter/sinister

Similarly, terms for comparable structures in the male and female are printed thus:

Nervi scrotales/labiales posteriores

3. Terms are placed in rounded brackets for several purposes.

Firstly, to indicate that the structure named is inconstant. Examples:

(Ossa suturalia)

(Sutura frontalis [Sutura metopica])

Secondly, to indicate certain unofficial but important alternatives. Examples:

Tractus corticospinalis (T. pyramidalis)

Nucleus nervi facialis (Nucleus facialis)

Thirdly, to indicate additional components of certain terms which are frequently omitted.

Examples:

Splenium (corporis callosi)

Arachnoidea (mater)

4. Italic type was used for ontogenetic terms in the Third Edition of *Nomina Anatomica*. Most of these terms have been deleted, since they occur in *Nomina Embryologica*. Those which remain are set in italic type.

Italic type is also now used for subsidiary headings, since the printers preferred to avoid the 'bold' type which was used extensively in the Third Edition.

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- 1933 The Birmingham Revision of B.N.A. (B.R.) in Latin and English.
- 1936 The Jena *Nomina Anatomica* (J.N.A.) in Latin.
- 1950 Fifth International Congress of Anatomists at Oxford: decision to institute a new body, the International Anatomical Nomenclature Committee (I.A.N.C.).
- 1952 Preliminary Meeting (supported by C.I.O.M.S.) in London (CIBA Foundation): Confined to general principles. Honorary Secretary, T. B. Johnston.
- 1954 London Meeting hosted by Ciba Foundation, supported by UNESCO: preliminary lists circulated by T. B. Johnston and G. A. G. Mitchell.
- 1955 Sixth International Congress of Anatomists at Paris: *Nomina Anatomica*, First Edition, approved and subsequently published. Separate subcommittees set up and rules promulgated. G. A. G. Mitchell became Honorary Secretary.
- 1960 Seventh International Congress of Anatomists at New York: further revision approved. Subcommittees for Histology and Embryology set up.
- 1961 *Nomina Anatomica*, Second Edition, edited by G. A. G. Mitchell, published.
- 1963 Reprint of the Second Edition published (mistakenly described as Third Edition).
- 1965 Eighth International Congress of Anatomists in Wiesbaden: further amendments. Finance Subcommittee set up.
- 1966 *Nomina Anatomica*, Third Edition, edited by G. A. G. Mitchell, privately published.
- 1968 Embryology Subcommittee met in London (Ciba Foundation) to finalize a provisional list.
- 1969 Histology Subcommittee met in Moscow (Ministry of Public Health of U.S.S.R.).
- 1970 Ninth International Congress of Anatomists in Leningrad: provisional lists of *Nomina Histologica* and *Nomina Embryologica* distributed gratis. I.A.N.C. meeting attended by representatives of International Committee on Veterinary Anatomical Nomenclature and of International Committee for Avian Anatomical Nomenclature with a view to standardization. G. A. G. Mitchell succeeded W. Bargmann as Chairman; R. Warwick succeeded G. A. G. Mitchell as Honorary Secretary. Combined volume of *Nomina Anatomica*, *Histologica*, et *Embryologica* approved.
- 1975 Tenth International Congress of Anatomists in Tokyo: revisions of all three lists presented and approved, but magnitude of changes and corrections delayed publication. L. B. Arey succeeded G. A. G. Mitchell as Chairman. R. T. Woodburne elected Vice-Chairman.
- 1977 *Nomina Anatomica*, Fourth Edition, edited by R. Warwick with *Nomina Histologica*, edited by T. E. Hunt and *Nomina Embryologica*, edited by L. B. Arey and D. Rudnick, published by Excerpta-Medica, Amsterdam/Oxford.
- 1980 Eleventh International Congress of Anatomists in Mexico: Further revision of all three lists discussed and recommendations approved. Meetings held in parallel with those of International Committee on Veterinary Anatomical Nomenclature. R. T. Woodburne succeeded L. B. Arey as Chairman.

The above events are described in full in previous editions, and especially the fourth, together with the names of the very numerous individuals involved.