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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a quick reference listing of the acronyms and abbreviations encountered in the general English language literature of librarianship and information work. Selection has been based firmly on usage in the literature. The fields of archives, museums, the commercial book trade, education, translation, management and computer and micrographic technology are included selectively. The coverage is of projects, organizations, associations, information resources and services, technical terms; abstracting, indexing and professional services and journals.

Some unofficial abbreviations are included if found in the literature. Coined computer program names which are not strictly acronyms are excluded. Where an acronym or abbreviation was originally used in a specific context but has since become a more generally used term, no reference is made to the original more specific usage. Non-current abbreviations have been retained for readers of older literature.

Acronyms are used very freely in the literature of librarianship, frequently with no explanation at all, and occasionally conflicting expansions or interpretations are given. In this listing, the most accurate interpretations are supplied wherever possible, but much confusion would be avoided if writers of articles would expand abbreviations when they are first used. Since the first edition was published there has been an increasing trend for a large proportion of library/information services (both computerized and manual), conferences, exhibitions, databases, databanks and serials to have their own obvious or contrived abbreviations or acronyms. There is no shortage of humorous entries. In many cases any use of an abbreviation seems to be an unnecessary contraction which has the sole advantage of brevity.

### Arrangement and entry details

Entries are arranged in alphabetical order, character by character, including punctuation marks and spaces; duplicated entry terms are given an identification number in brackets to facilitate cross-referencing. Abbreviations commencing with numbers follow the alphabetical sequence.

Each acronym or abbreviation is expanded into the official version where known. Some entries are not expandable, of

some there is no official expansion or more than one, and of others the expansion has not been discovered at the time of writing. These last are given an interpretation in brackets. Details given are generally those current at the time the abbreviation was identified.

Cross-references are supplied for organizations which have changed their names, for organizations or terms with names in several languages, and for other variations.

Abbreviated terms for suggested organizations which do not exist but which have been referred to in the literature have the indication 'suggestion' or 'proposal' added. In general, where an information system is operated by one body under contract to or under the sponsorship of another one, the only affiliation given is that of the operating body.

Foreign language expansions are translated where an official or semi-official English translation has been found, and an English interpretation is supplied in brackets where known, even if the full foreign expansion is not available. Transliteration from non-Roman alphabets is as given in the sources and has not been standardised. The country of origin or application is given if known and if not observable from the expansion.

In some cases acronyms can be lengthened by a final 's' which often indicates 'system' or 'service' or is merely a plural. In this listing the fullest version found (except plurals) is given.

#### Additions and corrections

Since acronyms are constantly being created, this listing can never be entirely complete and up to date, and suggestions from users of the handbook will be welcome.

#### Note to the Fourth Edition

There have been significant political events in Eastern Europe and the USSR during the assembly of this edition. These are likely to affect the library and information community in important ways, but it is still too early for these to be reflected in this publication.

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Alan C Montgomery  
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- A and I** Abstracting and indexing  
**A-VIS** Audio-visual information system (US Army)  
**AA code** Anglo-American cataloguing code (1908)  
**AAA** Association of Authors Agents (UK)  
**AAAI** American Association for Artificial Intelligence (USA)  
**AABevK** Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das Archiv und Bibliothekswesen in der evangelischen Kirche, Sektion Bibliothekswesen (Working group for archives and libraries in the Lutheran Church, library section) (West Germany)  
**AACOBIS** Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographic Services  
**AACR** Anglo-American cataloguing rules (1967)  
**AACR/BT** Anglo-American cataloguing rules - British text (1967)  
**AAH** Association of Art Historians (UK)  
**AAL** Association of Assistant Librarians (Library Association, UK) (formerly LAA (1))  
**AALED** Association of Assistant Librarians Eastern Division (Library Association, UK) (also known as EDAAL)  
**AALL** American Association of Law Libraries (USA)  
**AALS** Association of American Library Schools (USA)  
**AAISED** Association of Assistant Librarians South East Division (Library Association, UK) (also known as SED and SEDAAL)  
**AAP** Association of American Publishers (USA) (formerly ABPC (2))  
**AAPAL** Australian Authors and Publishers Agency Ltd  
**AARLMP** Afro-American resources and library manpower project (Columbia University, USA)  
**AAS** American Antiquarian Society (USA) (National research library of American history)  
**AASL** American Association of School Librarians (American Library Association, USA)  
**AAUCS** Australian Asian Universities Cooperation Scheme  
**AAULC** Association of Atlantic Universities Librarians' Committee (Canada)  
**AB** Automated bibliography  
**ABA (1)** American Booksellers Association (USA)  
**ABA (2)** Antiquarian Booksellers Association (International)  
**ABA (3)** Australian Booksellers Association  
**ABACI** [Association of librarians, archivists and documentalists of the Ivory Coast]

**ABACUS (1)** AB Atomenergi computerised user-oriented services (Sweden)

**ABACUS (2)** Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States

**ABADCAM** Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséographes du Cameroun (Association of librarians, archivists, documentalists and museographers, Cameroon)

**ABAH** Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Archiveros de Honduras (Association of librarians and archivists of Honduras)

**ABASG** Aslib Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group (UK) (also known as BASG; now Aslib Biosciences Group)

**ABC (1)** Abridged building classification for architects, builders and civil engineers (UK)

**ABC (2)** Africa Bibliographic Centre (Tanzania)

**ABC (3)** American Bibliographical Centre (USA)

**ABC (4)** AMIGOS Bibliographical Council (USA)

**ABC (5)** Approach-by-concept (Harry Diamond Labs, USA)

**ABC (6)** Association of Booksellers for Children (UK) (proposal)

**ABC (7)** Augmented bibliographic citation

**ABC (8)** Automation of bibliography through computerisation (American Bibliographical Center - Clio Press, USA)

**ABCL** Association of British Columbia Librarians (Canada)

**ABD (1)** Association Belge de Documentation (Belgian association for documentation) (also known as BVD)

**ABD (2)** Association des Bibliothécaires-Documentalistes de l'Institut d'Études Sociales de l'État (Association of librarians and documentalists of the state institute of social studies) (Belgium)

**ABDOSD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Bibliotheken und Dokumentationsstellen der Osteuropa-Südosteuropa und DDR-Forschung (East Germany)

**ABDP** Association of British Directory Publishers (UK) (now Directory Publishers Association)

**ABEBD** Associação Brasileira de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (Brazilian association of library science and documentation schools)

**ABF** Association des Bibliothécaires Français (France)

**ABG** Aslib Biosciences Group (Aslib, UK) (formerly ABASG)

**ABGILA** Annals, bulletin and granthlaya of the Indian Library Association (1949-53)

**ABGRA** Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados de la República Argentina (Association of graduate librarians of the Republic of Argentina)

**ABHB** Annual bibliography of the history of the printed book and libraries

**ABI** Association des Bibliothèques Internationales (Association of International Libraries) (also known as AIL (1))

**ABIESI** Asociación de Bibliotecarios de Instituciones de Enseñanza Superior y de Investigación (Mexico)

**ABIP** African books in print (Ife University, Nigeria)

**ABIPAR** Asociación de Bibliotecarios del Paraguay (Association of Paraguay librarians)

**ABIPC** Abstract bulletin of the Institute of Paper Chemistry (USA)

**ABIS (1)** Anglo-Brazilian Information Service

**ABIS (2)** Applied biosciences information sources (Midlands Agricultural Information Group, UK)

**ABLE** Agricultural-biological literature evaluation

**ABLISS** Association of British Library and Information Studies Schools (UK) (formerly SLC(3), then ABLIS(1))

**ABLS (1)** Association of British Library Schools (UK) (formerly SLC(3), now Association of British Library and Information Science Schools)

**ABLS (2)** Atlas biomedical literature system (Atlas Industries, USA)

**ABLS (3)** Bachelor of arts in library science (USA)

**ABLSS** Association of British Library School Students (UK) (suggestion)

**ABN** Australian bibliographic network (National Library of Australia)

**ABNO** All-but-not-only (possible mode of a retrieval system, suggested by R Fairthorne)

**ABPA** Australian Book Publishers Association

**ABPC (1)** American book prices current (USA)

**ABPC (2)** American Book Publishers Council (USA) (now Association of American Publishers)

**ABPR** American book publishing record (RR Bowker, USA) (also known as BPR)

**ABQ** Association des Bibliothécaires du Québec (Quebec Library Association) (Canada) (also known as QLA)

**ABS (1)** Association des Bibliothécaires Suisses (Association of Swiss librarians) (also known as ABS (2), VSB)

**ABS (2)** Associazione di Bibliotecari Svizzeri (Association of Swiss librarians) (also known as ABS (1), VSB)

**ABSEES** Abstracts - Soviet and East European series (Glasgow University, Scotland, UK)

**ABSTI** Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Information (Canada)

**ABT** Arbeitsstelle für Bibliothekstechnik (Institute for library technology) (West Germany)

**ABTICS** Abstract and book title index card service (Metals Society, UK)

**ABTPL** Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (UK) (formerly SCOTAPLL)

**ABU** Agrupación Bibliotecológica del Uruguay

**ABUEN** Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias y Especializadas de Nicaragua

**ABYDSA** Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas  
 Sintemáticos Argentinos (Argentina)  
**ACACE** Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing  
 Education (UK)  
**ACADE** Association for Computing in Art and Design  
 Education (UK)  
**ACARD** Advisory Council for Applied Research and  
 Development (UK)  
**ACB (1)** Asociación Costarricense de Bibliotecarios  
 (Costa Rican association of librarians)  
**ACB (2)** Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques  
 (Canadian Library Association) (also known as CLA (2))  
**ACBCU** Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de  
 Collège et d'Université (Canadian Association of College  
 and University Libraries) (also known as CACUL)  
**ACBLF** Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de  
 Langue Française (Canada) (now Association pour  
 l'Avancement des Sciences et des Techniques de la  
 Documentation)  
**ACCESS (1)** Argonne code center exchange and storage  
 system (Department of Energy, USA)  
**ACCESS (2)** Automated catalog of computer equipment and  
 software systems (US Army)  
**ACCESS (3)** Architecture, construction and consulting  
 engineers special services (Stanton Municipal Library,  
 Sydney, Australia)  
**ACCESS (4)** Architect's central constructional,  
 engineering, surveying service (Greater London Council,  
 UK)  
**ACCIS** Advisory Committee for the Coordination of  
 Information Systems (United Nations)  
**ACCO** Algemene Classificatie Commissie voor de  
 Overheidsadministratie (General classification committee  
 for governmental administration) (Netherlands)  
**ACCT** [Agency for cultural and technical co-operation]  
 (France)  
**ACCWP** Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working  
 Party (Aslib Computer Applications Group, UK)  
**ACDB** Association du Catalogue Documentaire du Bâtiment  
 (France)  
**ACE (1)** Advisory Centre for Education (UK)  
**ACE (2)** Articles in civil engineering (Bradford  
 University, UK)  
**ACEID** Asian Centre of Educational Innovation for  
 Development (Thailand)  
**ACES** Automated circulation and enquiry system (Aberdeen  
 University, Scotland, UK)  
**ACG** Aslib Computer Group (Aslib, UK)  
**ACIC** Aeronautical Chart and Information Center (US Air  
 Force)  
**ACICS** Australian consolidated industries computer  
 services  
**ACL (1)** Association of Computational Linguistics (USA)

**ACL (2)** Assistant county librarian  
**ACLO** Association of Co-operative Library Organisations (USA)  
**ACLS (1)** American Council of Learned Societies (USA)  
**ACLS (2)** Analog concept learning system  
**ACM** Association for Computing Machinery (USA)  
**ACMC** Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, Associate Committee on Medical School Libraries  
**ACML** Association of Canadian Map Libraries  
**ACN** Alternative catalog newsletter (Johns Hopkins University, USA)  
**ACOL** Advisory Committee on Libraries (Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, UK)  
**ACOMPLIS** A computerised London information service (Greater London Council Research Library, UK)  
**ACONDA** Activities Committee on New Directions for American Library Association Activities (USA)  
**ACOOM** Advisory Committee on Orientalist Materials (Standing Conference on National and University Libraries, UK)  
**ACORDD** Advisory Committee for the Research and Development Department (British Library, UK) (also known as BLRDDAC)  
**ACORN (1)** Associative content retrieval network (A D Little Inc, USA)  
**ACORN (2)** A classification of residential neighbourhoods  
**ACOSEEM** Advisory Committee on Slavonic and East European Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK) (also known as ACSEEM, formerly SEEG)  
**ACP** Association of Canadian Publishers (formerly Canadian Independent Publishers Association)  
**ACRILIS** Australian Centre for Research in Library and Information Science (Riverina College of Advanced Education, Australia)  
**ACRL** Association of College and Research Libraries (American Library Association, USA)  
**ACRL-RBMS** Association of College and Research Libraries Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (American Library Association, USA)  
**ACRODABA** Acronym data base (USA) (cancelled 1973)  
**ACRPP** Association pour la Conservation et la Reproduction Photographique de la Presse (France)  
**ACS** Advanced communication service  
**ACSEEM** Advisory Committee on Slavonic and East European Materials (Standing Conference on National and University Libraries, UK) (also known as ACOSEEM, formerly SEEG)  
**ACSF** Association des Centres Serveurs Français (Association of French host centres)  
**ACSI** Association Canadienne des Sciences de l'Information (Canada)

**ACSIL** Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison (UK) (later Naval Scientific and Technical Information Centre, now Defence Research Information Centre)  
**ACSP** Advisory Council on Scientific Policy (UK)  
**ACSTI** Advisory Committee for Scientific and Technical Information (UK)  
**ACSU** Advice Centre Servicing Unit (Consumers' Association, UK)  
**ACT** Alternative Community Telephone (Sydney, Australia)  
**ACTIS** Auckland Commercial and Technical Information Service (New Zealand)  
**ACURIL** Association of Caribbean University and Research Institute Libraries  
**ACW** Assessed course work (education)  
**AD** Accession document or ASTIA document (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)  
**ADAM** Advanced data management (Mitre Corp, USA)  
**ADAPT (1)** Automated data analysis using pattern recognition techniques  
**ADAPT (2)** Access for Disabled People in Arts Premises Today (UK)  
**ADAS** Agricultural Development Advisory Service (Ministry of Agriculture, UK)  
**ADBS** Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (Association of information scientists and special librarians) (France) (also known as AFDBS)  
**ADCEMP** Advisory Committee on Ephemera and Minor Publications  
**ADD (1)** Accessibility and dissemination of data (Task Group of Committee on Data for Science and Technology, Unesco)  
**ADD (2)** American doctoral dissertations (Association of Research Libraries & University Microfilms, USA)  
**ADD(S)** Automatic document distribution (service) (Defense Technical Information Centre, USA)  
**ADDA** Australian Database Development Association  
**ADDIM** Association pour le Développement et la Diffusion de l'Information Militaire (Association for the development and dissemination of military information) (France)  
**ADE** [Alternative information service] (Reading, UK)  
**ADEK** Allgemein Datenerhebungskatalog (West Germany)  
**ADES** Association de la Documentation Economique et Sociale (France)  
**ADHOC** Accessible documentation for the House of Commons (UK)  
**ADI (1)** Agence de l'Informatique (France)

**ADI (2)** American Documentation Institute (USA) (now American Society for Information Science)  
**ADIC** Aktueel Dokumentatie- en Informatie- Centrum (Current information centre) (Amsterdam Public Library, Netherlands)  
**ADIGE** [Archive of Italian data on geology]  
**ADIJ** Association pour la Diffusion de l'Information Juridique (Belgium)  
**ADIPA** [Association of development research and training institutes of Asia and the Pacific] (Thailand)  
**ADIT** Automated data on instructional technology (USA)  
**ADIU** Armament and Disarmament Information Unit (Sussex University, UK)  
**ADLIB** Adaptive library (management system) (Lipman Management Resources Ltd, UK)  
**ADLIBS** Association of Derbyshire Librarians in Schools (UK)  
**ADLIBUG** Adlib User Group (UK)  
**ADMIG** Australian Drug and Medical Information Group  
**ADMIRE (1)** Automatic diagnostic maintenance information retrieval  
**ADMIRE (2)** Adaptive decision maker in an information-retrieval environment (Stanford University, USA)  
**ADOK** Aufbau-Dokumentation (West Germany)  
**ADONIS** Article delivery over network information systems  
**ADP (1)** Association of Database Producers (UK)  
**ADP (2)** Advanced data processing  
**ADP (3)** Automatic data processing  
**ADRES** Army data retrieval service (US Army)  
**ADRS** Automatic Document Request Service (British Library Lending Division, UK)  
**ADS (1)** Anker Data Systems Ltd (UK)  
**ADS (2)** Automatic duplicating system (Itek Corp, USA)  
**ADSATIS** Australian Defence Science and Technology Information System  
**ADSTAR** Automatic document storage and retrieval  
**AEBIG** Aslib Economics and Business Information Group (UK) (also known as EBIG, EBI)  
**AEC (1)** Administrative, executive, clerical (UK) (Civil Service grade)  
**AEC (2)** Association of Education Committees (UK)  
**AECBD** Army Education Central Book Depot (UK)  
**AECT** Association for Educational Communications and Technology (USA)  
**AED (1)** [Zentralstelle für] Atomkernenergie-Dokumentation (West Germany) (also known as ZAED)  
**AED (2)** Automatic error detection  
**AEDCL** Association of European Documentation Centre Librarians (UK)  
**AEDS** Association for Educational Data Systems (USA)

**AEEP** Association of European Engineering Periodicals  
(initiated by Unesco and World Federation of Engineering  
Organisations)

**AEG** Aslib Electronics Group (UK)

**ÆGIS** Advisory, Educational and General Information  
Services (UK)

**AEIDC** Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center  
(Alaska University, USA)

**AENSB** Association de l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des  
Bibliothécaires (Association of the national school of  
librarianship) (France)

**AESF** Association des Ecrivains Scientifiques de France

**AESIS** Australian Earth Sciences Information System

**AETLTA** Association for Education and Training of Library  
Technicians and Assistants (UK)

**AETT** Association for Educational and Training Technology  
(UK) (formerly APLET)

**AEWIS** Army electronic warfare information system (US  
Army)

**AfB (1)** Arbeitsstelle für Bibliothekswesen (Institute  
for library affairs). (West Germany)

**AfB (2)** Arbeitsstelle für das Büchereiwesen (West  
Germany)

**AF CET** Association Française pour la Cybernétique,  
Economique et Technique (France)

**AFDAC** Association Française pour la Documentation  
Automatique en Chimie (France)

**AFDBS** Association Française des Documentalistes et des  
Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (Association of information  
scientists and special librarians) (France) (also known  
as ADBS)

**AFDIT** Associazione Italiana dei Fornitori e Distributori  
di Informazione Telematica (Italian association for the  
supply and distribution of online information)

**AFE** Advanced further education

**AFEIS** Advanced Further Education Information Service  
(UK)

**AFFIRM** Association for Federal Information Resources  
Management (USA)

**AFI** Agences Femmes Informations (France)

**AFIN** Association Française des Informaticiens (France)

**AFIPS** American Federation of Information Processing  
Societies (USA)

**AFLA** Asian Federation of Library Associations (formerly  
FALA)

**AFLC** Australian Federal Libraries Council (proposal)

**AFMDC** Air Force Machinability Data Center (Metcut  
Research Associates for US Air Force)

**AFNIL** Agence Francophone pour la Numérotation  
Internationale du Livre (France)

**AFNOR** Association Française de Normalisation (France)

**AFPAS** Association of Free Public Access Systems (UK)

**AFR (1)** Automatic field recognition  
**AFR (2)** Automatic format recognition  
**AFSARI** Automation for storage and retrieval of information  
**AFTEL** Association Française de Télématique (France)  
**AGB** Amerika-Gedenbibliothek (West Germany)  
**AGDOC** Agricultural documentation (and retrieval - patents) (Derwent Publications, UK)  
**AGE (1)** American bibliography of agricultural economics (National Agricultural Library, USA)  
**AGE (2)** Asian Information Center for Geotechnical Engineering (Thailand)  
**AGFIZ** Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Fachinformationszentren (Association of FIZ agencies) (West Germany)  
**AGLIB** Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados del Istmo de Panamá (Association of graduate librarians of the Isthmus of Panama)  
**AGLINET** Agricultural library and information network (Food and Information Organisation)  
**AGNES** [Algorithm for generating structural surrogates of English text]  
**AGPS** Australian Government Publishing Service  
**AGREP** Agricultural research projects (Centre for Information and Documentation, European Communities)  
**AGRIAA** Agricultural Information Association for Australasia  
**AGRICC** Automatic generation and retrieval of information on chemical compounds  
**AGRICOLA** Agricultural online access (National Agricultural Library, USA) (formerly CAIN)  
**AGRINTER** [Interamerican] Agricultural Information Network (Costa Rica)  
**AGRIS** Agricultural Information System (Food and Agriculture Organisation)  
**AHIB** American Health Information Bank (USA)  
**AHIL** Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries (American Library Association, USA)  
**AHIS** Automated hospital information system  
**AHONDA** Ad-hoc Committee on New Directions for Resources and Technical Services Division (American Library Association, USA)  
**AHSI** Association Haïtienne des Spécialistes de l'Information. (Haitian association of information specialists) (Haiti)  
**AIAAL** American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Library (USA)  
**AIB** Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (Italy)  
**AIBA** Agricultural Information Bank for Asia (Philippines)  
**AIBDA** Asociación Interamericana de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Agrícolas (Inter-American Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists) (Costa Rica) (also known as IAAALD)

**AIBM** Association Internationale des Bibliothèques Musicales (International Association of Music Libraries) (also known as IAML, IVM, IVMB)

**AIC (1)** Applied Information Consultants (UK)

**AIC (2)** Automation of interlending by computer

**AICARDES** Association of Arab Institutes and Centres for Economic and Social Research (Tunis)

**AICNET** [Network of automated scientific and technical information centres] (USSR)

**AICRO** Association of Independent Contract Research Organisations (UK)

**AID (1)** Air Information Division (Library of Congress, USA)

**AID (2)** Association Internationale des Documentalistes et Techniciens de l'Information (International association of documentalists and information officers) (France)

**AID (3)** Association Internationale pour le Développement (Agency for International Development)

**AID (4)** Associative interactive dictionary

**AID (5)** Augmented index and digest (Information Retrieval Ltd, UK)

**AID (6)** Automatic information distribution

**AID/ROCAP** Agency for International Development/Regional Office for Central America and Panama

**AID/RTAC** Agency for International Development/Regional Technical Aid Center

**AIDA (1)** Analysis of interconnected decision areas (management term)

**AIDA (2)** [Italian association for documentation with advanced technology]

**AIDBA** Association Internationale pour le Développement de la Documentation, des Bibliothèques et des Archives (International association for the development of documentation, libraries and archives in Africa)

**AIDI** Associazione Italiana per la Documentazione e l'Informazione (Italian association for documentation and information)

**AIDOS** Automatisiertes Informations- und Dokumentationssystem (Automated information and documentation system) (East Germany)

**AIDOTA** Analytical index to dictionaries and other translating aids

**AIDS (1)** Aerospace intelligence data system (IBM Corp, USA)

**AIDS (2)** Acoustic intelligence data system

**AIDS (3)** Automated information directory service (Philadelphia, USA)

**AIDS (4)** Automated information directory system (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, USA)

**AIDS (5)** Automated information dissemination system

**AIDS (6)** Automation instrument data service (Indata Ltd, UK)

**AIDS (7)** Automated Informatics Documentation System (Inter-Governmental Bureau for Informatics, Italy)

**AIESI** Association Internationale des Ecoles de Sciences de l'Information (International association of schools of information science) (Switzerland)

**AIIC** [International association of conference interpreters] (France)

**AIIM** Association for Information and Image Management (USA) (formerly NMA)

**AIInfSc** Associate of the Institute of Information Scientists (UK)

**AIL (1)** Association of International Libraries (also known as ABI)

**AIL (2)** Australian Institute of Librarians (now Library Association of Australia)

**AILA (1)** Agenzia Internazionale Letteraria Artistica (Italy)

**AILA (2)** Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquée

**AILO** Association of [Polytechnic] Industrial Liaison Officers (UK)

**AIM (1)** Abridged index medicus (National Library of Medicine, USA)

**AIM (2)** Association for Information Management (UK) (proposed new name for Aslib, finally used as a subtitle)

**AIM (3)** Associated Information Managers (USA)

**AIM (4)** Associative indexing method

**AIM (5)** Automation of interlending by microcomputer (Leicester Polytechnic, UK)

**AIM (6)** Administration of interlending by microcomputer

**AIM (7)** Association of Information Managers (USA)

**AIM-TWX** Abridged index medicus - teletypewriter exchange network (National Library of Medicine, USA)

**AIMF** Aslib Information Management Forum (Aslib, UK)

**AIMLO** Auto-instructional media for library orientation (Colorado State University, USA)

**AIMS (1)** Applied information management system (System Development Corp, USA)

**AIMS (2)** Automated instructional materials management system (System Development Corp, USA)

**AINAI** African integrated network of administrative information (proposal)

**AINTD** Association de l'Institut National des Techniques de la Documentation (Association of the national institute of documentation technology) (France) (also known as Association-INTD)

**AIOPI** Association of Information Officers in the Pharmaceutical Industry (UK)

**AIPA** Australian Independent Publishers Association

**AIPP** American imprints publication project

**AIPII** Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Industrielle

**AIR (1)** Academic Information Retrieval (UK)

**AIR (2)** Art information register (Arts Council of Great Britain, UK)  
**AIRHPER** Alberta information retrieval for health, physical education and recreation (Alberta University, Canada)  
**AIRS (1)** Alcohol information retrieval system (USA)  
**AIRS (2)** American Information Retrieval Service (UK)  
**AIRS (3)** Automatic image retrieval system  
**AIRS (4)** Access to Information and Reading Services (Gateshead Libraries and Arts Service, UK)  
**AIS** Aeronautical Information Service (Civil Aviation Authority, UK)  
**AISA** Agricultural Information Society for Asia  
**AISL** Aviation Information Services Ltd  
**AIV** Advanced interactive video  
**AJBD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Juristisches Bibliotheks- und Dokumentationswesen (Association for law librarianship and documentation) (West Germany)  
**AJCP** Australian joint copying project (National Library of Australia)  
**AJL** Association of Jewish Libraries (USA)  
**AKD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kommunale Datenverarbeitung (Working party of municipal data-processing centres) (Nordrhein-Westfalen, West Germany)  
**AKS** Associated knowledge systems (ICI, UK)  
**AKThB** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Katholisch-Theologischer Bibliotheken (Study group of Catholic theological libraries) (West Germany)  
**AKWAS** Author and key words in alphabetical sequence  
**AKWIC** Author and key word in context  
**AL** Assistant librarian (UK) (periodical)  
**ALA (1)** Adult Literacy Agency (UK)  
**ALA (2)** American Library Association (USA)  
**ALA (3)** Associate of the Library Association (UK)  
**ALA (4)** Afghan Library Association (Afghanistan)  
**ALA/CSD** American Library Association/Children's Services Division (USA)  
**ALA/IRO** American Library Association/International Relations Office (USA)  
**ALA/ISAD** American Library Association's Information Science and Automation Division (USA)  
**ALAA** Associate of the Library Association of Australia  
**ALADIN** Automatisering landbouwkundige documentatie- en informatieverspreiding in Nederland (Automation of agricultural information and documentation) (Centre for Agricultural Publishing and Documentation, Netherlands)  
**ALAG** Asian Librarians and Arts Officers Group (UK)  
**ALAI** [International literary and artistic association]  
**ALALC** Asociación Latinoamericana de Libre Comercio  
**ALANET** American Library Association Network (USA)  
**ALAP** Agricultural Libraries Association of the Philippines