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Preface to the Second Edition

Acronyms, initialisms, and abbreviations have become increasingly popular as a means of simplifying and speeding up both oral and written communication. Their use pervades not only English but nearly every other language of the world. As political, economic, and cultural interdependence among nations grows, so also does the demand for aid in deciphering abbreviated terms in languages other than English.

As a companion to the *Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary* series, *International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (IAIAD)* includes abbreviations used internationally as well as tens of thousands of terms local to specific foreign countries and, as such, not eligible for inclusion in *Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (AIAD)*. As a result, overlap between the two publications is minimal and is limited chiefly to certain generic terms known worldwide ("Mlle" for Mademoiselle, "eg" for Exempli Gratia) and to internationally known organization names.

This second edition of *International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary* includes over 110,000 abbreviated terms. It cumulates all the entries from the previous edition and its two supplements and includes 5,000 terms appearing for the first time.

Other Volumes in the Series

Abbreviated forms seem to proliferate as rapidly in foreign languages as in English. To keep users abreast of current terms, two interedition supplements (*New International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations*) will be issued. In addition, a companion volume, *Reverse International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary*, is available. In *RIAIAD*, terms are arranged alphabetically by the meanings of the abbreviations.

What Is Covered?

The editors have cast nets worldwide in order to collect entries for this series. Over 150 countries are represented. The majority of terms are of current interest, but historical entries are also included.

The major criterion for inclusion is that a term be clearly international in scope or be continental, regional, national, or local to a foreign area. Because *AIAD* includes British and Canadian terms, they are excluded from *IAIAD* (unless they have international significance).

The range of subjects covered is virtually unlimited and includes societies, military terms, political parties, trade and commerce terms, labor unions, government units, nuclear energy terms, research centers, and thousands of commonly abbreviated words in nearly two dozen languages.

Expansion of Coverage

Subject areas new to this edition include economic agencies, book publishing, scientific and learned societies, information services, trade shows, and music. Australian terms are also included for the first time.

Existing Entries Updated; Historical Entries Retained

A new edition of *IAIAD* is prepared not only by adding thousands of previously unlisted terms, but by updating many entries from the previous edition.

Extensive editorial work is done to augment the entries in *IAIAD*. Many entries are enhanced by adding categories, geographic information, and cross-references to other entries.

For *IAIAD-2*, comprehensive updating has been done on the collection of international associations and research centers. Many terms have been enhanced by the addition of English translations.

When an entry is known to have become obsolete, it is not deleted but is merely noted or cross-referenced. Entries are deleted only when known to be incorrect.

Major Sources Cited

IAIAD was compiled from a variety of published sources, miscellaneous newspaper and newsmagazine references, lists provided by foreign consulates, government publications, terms provided by outside contributors, and independent research by the editorial staff. Each term from a major published source is followed by a parenthetical alphabetic code in small capitals. For the user's convenience, a key to these symbols can be found on the end sheets. In addition, complete bibliographical information about the publications used is given in the List of Sources Cited following the Editorial Policies.

Acknowledgments

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Comments and Suggestions Are Welcome

Users of *IAIAD* can make unique and important contributions to supplements and future editions by notifying the staff of subject fields or languages that are not adequately covered, by suggesting sources for covering such fields or languages, and even by sending lists of terms they feel should be included.

Editorial Policies

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The rationale for compiling *International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (IAIAD)* and the editorial practices followed in preparing it are much the same as those applied to *Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (AIAD)*. These include collecting as extensively as possible in one reference the countless abbreviated terms that touch nearly every aspect of modern life worldwide; documenting and making manageable this dynamic "language"; and keeping criteria for inclusion broad enough that terms are not excluded on subtle technicalities.

Format of Entries

A typical entry would provide the foreign abbreviation, its expansion in the foreign language, an English translation, identification of the language or country of origin, and a source code. Many entries, however, do not contain all these elements; the completeness of a listing is dependent upon the information provided by the source.

Many entries are without English translations, and others consist only of the English expansion of the foreign acronym. It is felt, however, that even partial information will be helpful to a user struggling through a multilingual jungle of acronyms and abbreviations. If additional information or a translation becomes available in future research, an entry will be revised.

Capitalization, Special Characters, Transliteration

It was recognized at an early stage of compilation that complete consistency would be an elusive goal. *IAIAD* includes a multitude of languages, and sources vary in form and treatment of entries. As a result, most terms have been picked up exactly as given by the cited source.

It is common in English to write acronyms and initialisms in all-capitals and without periods, in part reflecting the limited capacity for character typesetting that marked the early days of the computer age. Periods have been eliminated from entries in *IAIAD*, but because conventions of capitalization vary widely from language to language, the capitalization of abbreviated forms has been preserved as given by the cited source. In the case of duplication, the all-capital form has been preferred.

Font limitations preclude the typesetting of diacritics, ligatures, and so forth. Where possible, however, affected letters have been altered according to accepted standards. (The German *tür* became *tuer*, for example.)

Not surprisingly, various sources reflect differing systems or philosophies of transliteration. No attempt has been made to alter the original entries by applying a single system of transliteration. The potpourri of languages and sources represented makes complete consistency of treatment impossible. It is felt, however, that since *IAIAD* is aimed at a general audience rather than linguistic specialists, the simpler course will serve the needs of the general user satisfactorily.

Arrangement of Terms

Acronyms, initialisms, and abbreviations are arranged alphabetically in letter-by-letter sequence, regardless of spacing, punctuation, or capitalization. If the same abbreviation has more than one meaning, the various *meanings* are then subarranged alphabetically, in word-by-word sequence. If an abbreviation uses an Arabic numeral, the term will follow other forms of the same abbreviation. Roman numerals sort as alphabetics.

For example:

F a De	Fusee a Double-Effect <i>[Military]</i> <i>[French]</i>
FC	Federacion de Comunistas <i>[Federation of Communists]</i> <i>[Spanish]</i> <i>[WEF]</i>
F de T	Fulano de Tal <i>[Nameless person, i.e. John Doe]</i> <i>[Spanish]</i>
FEOGA	European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund <i>[Use EAGGF]</i> <i>[WEF]</i>
FEPAC	Federation des Patrons Catholiques <i>[Federation of Catholic Employees]</i> <i>[Belgian]</i> <i>[WEF]</i>
fhv	Fortjenvaerende <i>[Former]</i> <i>[Danish]</i> <i>[WEP]</i>
FI	Forum International
FI	Forum IV
fre	Facture <i>[Invoice]</i> <i>[French]</i>
F.S	Faire Sûivre <i>[Please Forward]</i> <i>[French]</i>
FS	Ferrovie dello Stato <i>[Italian State Railways]</i> <i>[WEF]</i>
FS3	Federalni Shromazdeni 3 <i>[Federal Assembly Third Level]</i> <i>[CZ]</i>
FTA	Foreign Trade Association <i>[FA]</i>

List of Sources Cited

Unless further described in an annotation, the publications listed here contain no additional information about the acronym, initialism, or abbreviation cited in *International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary*.

Each of these sources contributed at least 50 terms. A number of other sources, contributing only a few terms each, have not been included.

- (ADA) *The Australian Dictionary of Acronyms and Abbreviations*. 2nd ed. Comp. by David J. Jones. Leura, NSW, Australia: Second Back Row Press Pty. Ltd., 1981.

Collection includes unpublished material.

- (AF) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations in the African Press*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1979.

- (ARC) *Agricultural Research Centres: A World Directory of Organizations and Programmes*. 2 vols. Ed. by Nigel Harvey. Harlow, Essex, England: Longman Group, 1983; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.

A world guide to official, educational, industrial, and independent research centers which support research in the fields of agriculture, veterinary medicine, horticulture, aquaculture, food science, forestry, zoology, and botany.

- (ASF) *Guide to Names and Acronyms of Organizations, Activities, and Projects*. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Fishery Information, Data, and Statistics Service and US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System Reference Series, Number 10. 1982. N.p.

- (BU) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations and Acronyms Used in the Bulgarian Press*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1978.

- (CED) *Current European Directories*. 2nd ed. Ed. by G. P. Henderson. Beckenham, Kent, England: CBD Research, 1981; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.

- (CL) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations in the Cambodian and Lao Press*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1974.

- (CNC) *Codes for the Names of Countries*. National Bureau of Standards. Washington, D.C.: US Government Printing Office, 1983.

These standard codes, approved by the International Organization for Standardization and the American National Standards Institute, are used in the international interchange of data in many fields.

- (COL) *Diccionario de Siglas y Acrónimos Colombianos*. 2nd ed. By Adela Sanabria Parra. Bogotá: Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior, 1976.

- (CZ) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations in the Czechoslovak Press*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1970.

- (EA) *Encyclopedia of Associations*. 21st ed. Vol. 1, *National Organizations of the U.S.* Ed. by Katherine Gruber. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1986.

A guide to trade, professional, and other nonprofit associations that are national and international in scope and membership and that are headquartered in the United States. Entries include name and address; telephone and telex number; chief official; and a description of the purpose, activities; and structure of the organization.

- (EA-IO) *Encyclopedia of Associations*. 21st ed. Vol. 4, *International Organizations*: Ed. by Karin E. Koek. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1987.

A guide to trade, professional, and other nonprofit associations that are international in scope and membership and that are headquartered outside the United States. Entries include name and address; principal foreign language name; telephone and telex number; chief official; and a description of the purpose, activities, and structure of the organization.

- (EG) *Reference Aid: Glossary of Special Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations as Used in East German and Other German Publications*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1975.

- (EISS) *Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services*. 7th ed. Ed. by Amy Lucas and Kathleen Young Marcaccio. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1987.

An international guide to computer-readable databases, database producers and publishers, online vendors and time-sharing companies, telecommunications networks, and many other information systems and services. Entries include name and address, telephone number, chief official, and a detailed description of the purpose and function of the system or service.

- (GC) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations, Acronyms and Special Terms in the Press of Greece and Cyprus*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1977.

- (GC1) *Reference Aid: Supplemental Abbreviations, Acronyms in the Press of Greece and Cyprus*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1983.

- (GEA) *Government Economic Agencies of the World: An International Directory of Governmental Organisations concerned with Economic Development and Planning*. A Keesing's Reference Publication. Ed. by Alan J. Day. Harlow, Essex, England: Longman Group Ltd., 1985; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.

Covers over 170 countries and territories. Two introductory sections for each area cover economic data and prevailing economic and political conditions. Individual entries provide title, address, and names of chief officials of each agency. Current activities and financial structure of each agency are also detailed. An index of agency officials is provided.

- (GPO) *Style Manual*. Rev. ed. Washington, D.C.: US Government Printing Office, 1984.

Terms are included in Chapter 24, Foreign Languages.

- (HU) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Special Terms Used in the Hungarian Press*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1978.

- (IN) *Reference Aid: Glossary of Indonesian Abbreviations and Acronyms*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1971.

- (IRC) *International Research Centers Directory 1986-1987*. 3rd ed. Ed. by Kay Gill and Darren L. Smith. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1986 (And supplements, ed. by Darren L. Smith, 1986).

A world guide to government, university, independent, nonprofit, and commercial research and development centers, institutes, laboratories, bureaus, test

facilities, experiment stations, and data collection and analysis centers, as well as foundations, councils, and other organizations which support research.

- (LA) *Reference Aid: Acronyms in the Latin American Press.* Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1979.
- (LA1) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations and Acronyms in the Latin American Press.* Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1983.
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- (MAR) Private collection of African abbreviations. Lawrence Marwick, late head of the Hebraic section, Library of Congress.
- (ME) *Reference Aid: Administrative Structure, Military Ranks and Organization, Police, Monetary Units, and Abbreviations Related to the Middle East Press.* Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1976.
- (ML) *Reference Aid: A Glossary of Malaysian and English Abbreviations Appearing in the Press of Malaysia and Singapore.* Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1972.
- (MSC) *Annotated Acronyms and Abbreviations of Marine Science Related International Organizations.* 2nd ed. Rev. by Charlotte M. Ashby. Washington, D.C.: US Department of Commerce. National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Environmental Data Service. National Oceanographic Data Center, 1976.
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- (MTD) *A French-English Military Technical Dictionary.* By Cornelis De Witt Willcox. Washington, D.C.: US Government Printing Office, 1917.
- (NAU) *Nautical Chart Symbols and Abbreviations.* 7th ed. Washington, D.C.: Department of Defense, 1979.
- (NRCH) *A Handbook of Acronyms and Initialisms.* Nuclear Regulatory Commission. NUREG-0544. Rev. 2. Division of Technical Information and Document Control. Washington, D.C., 1985.
- (PD) *Political Dissent.* A Keesing's Reference Publication. Comp. by Henry W. Degenhardt. Ed. by Alan J. Day. Harlow, Essex, England: Longman Group, 1983; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.

"An International Guide to Dissident, Extra-Parliamentary, Guerrilla and Illegal Political Movements." Includes the history and aims of approximately 1,000 organizations, with details of their leaderships.
- (POL) *Abbreviations in the Polish Press.* Translations on Eastern Europe: Political, Sociological, and Military Affairs, no. 88. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1969.
- (PPE) *Political Parties of Europe.* 2 vols. Ed. by Vincent E. McHale. The Greenwood Historical Encyclopedia of the World's Political Parties. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1983.

One of a series of reference guides to the world's significant political parties. "Each guide provides concise histories of the political parties of a region and attempts to detail the evolution of ideology, changes in organization, membership, leadership, and each party's impact upon society."

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- (SJT) *Reference Aid: Glossary of Specialized Japanese Terms*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1974.
- (SLS) *World Guide to Scientific Associations and Learned Societies/Internationales Verzeichnis wissenschaftlicher Verbände und Gesellschaften*. 4th ed. Ed. by Barbara Verrel. New York: K.G. Saur, 1984; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.
- A directory of more than 22,000 societies and associations in all fields of science, culture, and technology. International, national, and regional organizations from 150 countries are also included.
- (TSPED) *Trade Shows and Professional Exhibits Directory*. 2nd ed. Ed. by Robert J. Elster. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1987.
- A guide to scheduled events providing commercial display facilities, including conferences, conventions, meetings, fairs and festivals, etc. Entries include name of trade show, sponsor name, address, and telephone number; attendance figures; principal exhibits; special features; publications; and date and location of shows.
- (TU) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations, Acronyms and Special Terms in the Turkish Press of Turkey and the TFSC*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1977.
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