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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, and 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.

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, exhibitors, databanks and serials to have their own obvious or contrived abbreviations or acronyms. In many cases their use seems to be an unnecessary contraction which has the sole advantage of brevity.

Arrangement and entry details

Entries are arranged in alphabetical order, letter by letter, ignoring 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 in 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.

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 'suggested' 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. 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

Some entries have been deleted from this edition. These were mainly for organizations where library and information activities are not the primary function. 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.

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AAA Association of Authors Agents (UK)

AABevK Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das Archiv =und Bibliothekswesen in der evange-

lischen Kirche, Sektion Bibliothekswesen. (Working group for Archives and Libraries in the Lutheran Church, Library Section, West Germany).

AACOBS Australian Advisory Council on

Bibliographic Services

AA code Anglo-American cataloguing code (1908)

Anglo-American cataloguing rules (1967)

AACR/BT Anglo-American cataloguing rules-British text (1967)

Association of Assistant Librarians. (Group of Library Association, UK) (formerly LAA(1))

Association of Assistant Librarians AALED Eastern Division (Library Association, UK) (also known as EDAAL)

American Association of Law Libraries (USA)

Association of American Library Schools (USA)

AALSED Association of Assistant Librarians South East division (Library Association, UK) (also known as SED and SEDAAL)

A and I Abstracting and indexing

Association of American Publishers (USA) (formerly ABPC)

Afro-American resources and Library Manpower Project (Columbia University, USA)

American Antiquarian Society (USA) (National research library of American

AASL American Association of School Librarians (American Library Association, USA)

AAUCS Australian Asian Universities Cooperation Scheme

Association of Atlantic Universities Librarians' Committee (Canada)

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) ABC (1) Abridged building classification for

architects, builders & civil engineers (UK) ABC (2) Africa Bibliographic Centre (Tanzania) ABC (3) American Bibliographical Center

(USA) ABC (4) AMIGOS Bibliographic Council

(USA)

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

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

ABC (7) Augmented bibliographic citation

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

Association of British Columbia Libra-ABCL rians (Canada)

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

Association des Bibliothécaires-ABD (2) 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=Südostcuropa und DDR = Forschung (East Europe and East Germany)

ABDP Association of British Directory Publi-

shers (UK)

ABEBD Associação Brasileira de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (Brazilian Association of Library Science and Documentation Schools)

Association des Bibliothécaires Français ABF (France)

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

ABGRA Asociación de Bibliotecarios Gradu-

ados de la República Argentina (Association of Graduate Librarians of the Republic of Argentina)

Annual bibliography of the history of the ABHB

printed book and libraries

Association des Bibliothèques Inter-ABI nationales (Association of International Libraries) (also known as AIL)

ABIESI Asociacion de Bibliotecarios de Instituciones de Ensenanza e Investigacion

(Mexico)

ABIP African books in print (Ife University, Nigeria)

ABIPAR

Asociacion de Bibliotecarios del Paraguay (Association of Paraguay Libra-

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

ABLE Agricultural-biological literature evalu-

ation ABLISS Association of British Library and Information Science Schools (UK) (for-

merly SLC (3), then 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 (suggestion)

All-but-not-only (Possible mode of a retrieval system, suggested by R. Fairthorne)

Australian Book Publishers' Association ABPA ABPC (1) American book prices current (USA) ABPC (2) American Book Publishers Council (now Association of American Publishers.

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

ABO Association des Bibliothécaires du Ouebec (Canada) (also known as QLA)

Association des Bibliothécaires Suisses ABS (1) (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 (Soviet and East European abstracts series) (Glasgow University, UK)

Arbeitsstelle für Bibliothekstechnik ABT (Institute for Library Technology, West Germany)

Abstract and book title index card ABTICS

service (Metals Society, UK)

Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (UK) (Formerly SCOTAPLL)

Agrupación Bibliotecológica del ABU Uruguay

Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias y Especializadas de Nicaragua

Asociatión de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Sintemáticos Argentinos

ACACE Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing 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 (Canada) (also known as CLA

ABYDSA

ACBCU Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Collège et d'Université

(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)

Architecture, construction and ACCESS (3) consulting engineers special services (Stanton Municipal Library, Sydney, Australia)

ACCESS (4) Architects central constructional, engineering, surveying service (Greater

London Council, UK)

Algemene Classificatic Commissie voor ACCO de Overheidsadministratic (General Classification Committee for Governmental Administration, Nether nds)

(Agency for Cultural and Technical

Co-operation, France)

ACCWP Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working Party (Aslib Computer Applications Group, UK)

Association du Catalogue Documentaire ACDB du Bâtiment (France)

ACE (1) Advisory Centre for Education (UK) ACE (2) Articles in civil engineering (Bradford University, UK)

Asian Centre for Educational Inno-ACEID vation for Development (Thailand)

Acronautical Chart and Information Center (US Air Force)

ACICS Australian consolidated industries computer services

Association of Computational Linguistics ACL (USA)

Association of Cooperative Library ACLO Organisations (USA)

ACLS American Council of Learned Societies (USA)

ACM Association for Computing Machinery (USA)

ACMC Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, Associate Committee on Medical School Libries (Canada)

ACML Association of Canadian Map Libraries Alternative catalog newsletter (Johns Hopkins University, USA)

ACOL Advisory Committee on Libraries (Committee of Vice-Chancellor and Principals, UK)

ACOMPLIS A computerised London information service (Greater London Council Research Library, UK)

Activities Committee on New Directions for American Library Association Activities (USA)

Advisory Committee on Orientalist Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK)

ACORDD Advisory Committee for the Research and Development Department (British Library, UK) (also known as BLRDDAC)

ACORN Associative content retrieval network

(A.D. Little Inc., USA)

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, New South Wales, Australia)

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)

Association pour la Conservation et la Reproduction Photographique de la Presse (France)

ACSEEM Advisory Committee on Slavonic and East European Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK) (also known as

ACOSEEM, formerly SEEG) 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 (Con-

sumers' Association, UK) ACT Alternative Community Telephone.

(Sydney, Australia) Auckland Commercial and Technical Information Service (New Zealand)

ACURIL Association of Caribbean University

and Research Institute Libraries ACW Assessed course work (education)

ASTIA document or Accession document (Defense Technical Information Center,

ADAM Advanced data management (Mitre Corp. USA)

ADAPT Automated data analysis using pattern recognition techniques

ADAS Agricultural Development Advisory Service (Ministry of Agriculture, UK)

Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (France) (also known as AFDBS)

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 and University Microfilms, USA)

ADD (S) Automatic document distribution (service) (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)

(Alternative information service, Reading, UK)

ADEK Allgemein Datenerhebungskatalog (West Germany)

Association de la Documentation Économique et Sociale (France)

Accessible documentation for the ADHOC House of Commons (UK)

ADI (1) Agence de l'Informatique (France)

ADI (2) American Documentation Institute (now American Society for Information Science, USA)

ADIC Aktueel Dokumentatie-en Informatie Centrum (Current Information Centre, Amsterdam Public Library, Netherlands)

ADIPA (Association of Development Research and Training Institutes of Asia and the Pacific, Thailand)

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)

Association of Database Producers ADP (1)

(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

Aslib Economics and Business Infor-AEBIG

mation Group (UK) (also known as EBIG, EBI) AEC (1) Administrative, executive, clerical

(Civil Service grade, UK)

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

AEDS Association for Educational Data

Systems (USA)

Association of European Engineering Periodicals (initiated by UNESCO and World Federation of Engineering Organisations)

AEG Aslib Electronics Group (UK)

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

Association de l'École Nationale **AENSB** Supérieure des Bibliothécaires (Association of the National School of Librarianship, France)

AESF Association des Écrivains Scientifiques de

AESIS

Australian Earth Sciences Information System 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) Arbeitstelle für das Büchereiwesen

(West Germany)

AFCET Association Française pour la Cybernétique, Économique et Technique (France)

AFCRL Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories (USA)

AFDAC Association Française pour la Documentation Automatique en Chimic

AFDBS Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (France) (also known as ADBS)

AFIN Association Française des Informaticiens (France)

AFIPS American Federation of Information Processing Societics (USA)

Asian Federation of Library Associations AFLA (formerly FALA)

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

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

AFNOR Association Française de Normalisation (France)

AFR (1) Automatic field recognition

AFR (2) Automatic format recognition

AFSARI Automation for storage and retrieval of information

AGB Amerika-Gedenbibliothek (West Germany)

AGDOC Agricultural documentation (and retrieval-patents) (Derwent Publications Ltd, UK)

AGE (1) American bibliography of agricultural economics (National Agricultural Library, USA)

AGE (2) Asian Information Center for Geotechnical Engineering (Thailand)

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 Agriculture

Organisation)

(Algorithm for generating structural surrogates of English Text)

AGREP Agricultural research projects (Centre for Information and Documentation, European Communities)

AGRICC Automatic generation and retrieval of information on chemical compounds

AGRICOLA Agricultural on line access (National Agricultural Library, USA) (formerly CAIN)

(Interamerican) Agricultural AGRINTER Information Network (Costa Rica)

Agricultural Information System (Food AGRIS & Agriculture Organisation)

AHIB American Health Information Bank (USA)

Association of Hospital and Institution AHIL Libraries (American Library Association. USA)

AHIS Automated hospital information system Ad-hoc committee on new directions for Resources and Technical Services Division (American Library Association,

Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (Italy) AIB Agricultural Information Bank for Asia

(Philippines)

AIBDA Asociación Interamericana de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Agricolas (Interamerican Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists) (Costa Rica)

AIBM Association Internationale des Bibliothèques Musicales (International Association of Music Libraries) (also known as

IAML, IVM, IVMB)

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

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,

Association Internationale pour le Développement (Agency for Inter-

national Development)

AID (4) Associative interactive dictionary AID (5) Augmented index and digest (Information Retrieval Ltd, UK)

AID (6) Automatic information distribution Analysis of interconnected decision areas AIDA

(management term)

Association Internationale pour le AIDBA 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)

Analytical index to dictionaries and

other translating aids

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

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

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)

Association Internationale des Écoles des AIESI Sciences d'Information (Switzerland)

AIIC (International Association of Conference Interpreters) (France)

A I Inf Sci 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

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

AIM (2) Association of Information Managers (USA)

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

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

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

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

AINAI African integrated network of administrative information (proposal)

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 Asso-

AIPP American imprints publication project AIPPI Association Internationale pour la pro-

tection de la Propriété Industrielle Academic Information Retrieval (UK) AIR (1)

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) American Information Retrieval Service (UK)

AIRS (2) Automatic image retrieval system

AIS Aeronautical Information Service (Civil Aviation Authority, UK)

AISA Agricultural Information Society for Asia AJBD Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Juristisches Bibliotheks-und Dokumentationswesen (Association for Law Librarianship and Documentation, West Germany)

AJCP Australian joint copying project (Natio-

nal Library of Australia)

AJL Association of Jewish Libraries (USA) AKD Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kommunale Daten-

verarbeitung (Working Party of Municipal data-processing centres. Nordrhein-Westfalen, West Germany)

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 (periodical, UK)

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)

ALAA Associate of the Library Association of Australia

ALA/CSD American Library Association/ Chil Iren's Services Division (USA)

ALADIN Automatisering landbouwkundige documentatie-en informatieverspreiding in Nederland (Automation of agricultural information and documentation, Centre for Agricultural Publishing and Documentation, Netherlands)

ALAI (International Literacy and Artistic Asso-

ciation)

ALA/IRO American Library Association/ International Relations Office (USA)

ALA-ISAD American Library Association's Information Science and Automation Division (USA)

ALALC Asociación Latinamericana de Libre Comercio

Agricultural Libraries Association of the Philippines

ALARM Anaesthesia literature abstracting and retrieval method (American Society of Anesthesiologists, USA)

Automated literature alerting system ALBIS Australian library-based information

system (National Library of Australia) ALBOR Asociacion Latinoamericana de Bibliotecarios

Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit ALBSU (UK) (formerly ALU)

ALCAPP Automatic list classification and profile production

ALCL Association of London Chief Librarians (UK) (formerly AMCL)

ALCRLB Association of Librarians in charge of Regional Library Bureaux (UK)

ALCS Authors' Lending and Copyright Society (UK)

ALD Aligned list of descriptors (organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) ALE (1) Aids to library education (Coventry

City Libraries, UK) ALE (2) American Librarians in Europe (No

permanent headquarters)

ALEBCI Asociación Latinoamericana de Escuelas de Bibliotecologia y Ciências de la Información/Associação Latinoamericana de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Ciências da Informação (Latin American Association of Schools of Library and Information Sciences)

ALECSO Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (Egypt) ALEGEO Latin American Association of

Editors in the Earth Sciences (Venezuela) ALERTA (Información Multidisciplinaria en la

Universidad, Mexico) ALICE Archivio Libri Italiani su Calcolatore Elettronico (Editrice Bibliografica, Italy)

ALIN Agricultural libraries information notes (National Agricultural Library, USA)

Analytic library information retrieval and transfer

ALIS (1) Association of Librarians in Schools (UK)

ALIS (2) Automated library information system (Danish Technical Library) Association for Literacy and Linguistic ALLC

Computing (USA) ALLG Australian Law Librarians Group

ALMS (1) Analytic language manipulation system

ALMS (2) Association of Little Magazines (UK) ALOIT Association of Library Officers-in-Training (Australia)

ALP (1) Association of Little Presses (UK) ALP (2) Automated library program (USA)

ALPAC Automatic Language Processing Advisory Committee (National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council USA)

ALPC Australian Library Promotion Council Automated literature processing, hand-ALPHA ling and analysis (US Army)

Administrators of Large Public Libraries (Canada)

Automated library processing services (System Development Corp. USA)

Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (UK)

Adult Literacy Resource(s) Agency ALRA

ALS Automated Library Systems Ltd (UK)

- ALSA Area Library Service Authority (Indiana. USA)
- ALSO Area library service organisation
- ALTA American Library Trustee Association (American Library Association, USA)
- ALTS Automated Library Technical Services (Los Angeles Public Library, California, USA)
- ALU Adult Literacy Unit (UK) (now Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit)
- ALWIN Algorithmic Wiswesser notation
- AMAC Aldermaston multi-access configuration (United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority)
- AMACUS Automated microfilm aperture card updating system
- AMAIS Agricultural Materials Analysis Information Service (Laboratory of the Government Chemist, UK)
- AMBAC Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, A.C. (Mexico)
- AMCL Association of Metropolitan Chief Librarians (UK) (now Association of London Chief Librarians)
- AMCOS Aldermaston mechanised cataloguing and-ordering system (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
- AMFIS Automatic microfilm information system
- AMIC (1) Aerospace Materials Information Center (US Air Force)
- AMIC (2) Asian Mass Communication Information Centre (Singapore)
- AMIS Agricultural management information system (Centre for Information and Documentation, European Communities)
- AMLO Administrators of medium-sized libraries of Ontario (Canada)
- AMMLA American Merchant Marine Library Association (USA)
- AMNIPS Adaptive man/machine non-numeric information processing system (IBM Corp. USA)
- AMOP Association of Mail Order Publishers
 (UK)
- AMPIC Atomic and Molecular Processes Information Center (Department of Energy, USA)
- AMRC Abadina Media Resource Centre (Nigeria)
- AMT Automated microform terminal (Marconi Co, UK)
- AMTCL Association for Machine Translation and Computational Linguistics (USA)
- AMTD Automatic magnetic tape distribution (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)
- AMY (Cataloguing system at Liverpool Polytechnic Library, UK)
- ANABA Asociación Nacional de Bibliotecarios, Archiveros y Arqueólogos

- (National Association of Librarians, Archivists and Archaeologists, Spain)
- ANACONDA Ad Hoc Committee to work with Activities Committee on New Directions for American Library Association Activities (USA)
- ANAI (1) Arab network of administrative information (Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences)
- ANAI (2) Associazione Nazionale Archivistica Italiana (National Association of Italian Archives)
- ANB Australian national bibliography
- ANBEF Association Nationale des Bibliothécaires, d'Expression Française (National Association of French-speaking Librarians, Belgium)
- ANCIR Automated news clipping indexing and retrieval system (Image Systems Ltd., UK)
- ANEDA Association Nationale d'Études pour la Documentation Automatique (France)
- ANHUL Australian National Humanities Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANL Australian National Library (National Library of Australia) (also known as NLA (3))
- ANNA (Automation of Italian National bibliography in the National Library, Italy)
- ANPB Asociación Nacional de Profesionales de Biblioteca (National Association of Professional Librarians, Cuba) (now Colegio Nacional de Bibliotecarios Universitarios)
- ANRIC Annual National Information Retrieval Colloquium (USA)
- ANRT Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique (France)
- ANS Alternative News Service (USA)
- ANSA Automatic new structure alert (Chemical data base)
- ANSBR American national standard for bibliographic references
- ANSCR Alpha numeric system for classification of recordings (C. Saheb-Ettaba and R.B. McFarlane, Brodart, 1969)
- ANSI American National Standards Institute (USA)
- ANSLICS Aberdeen and North of Scotland Library and Information Cooperative Services (UK)
- ANSOL Australian National Social Sciences Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANSTEL Australian National Scientific and Technological Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANTILOPE Antwerpse inventaris van Lopende periodieken (Antwerp union catalogue of current periodicals, Belgium)
- ANUIES Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Institutos de Enseñanza Superior (Mexico)

ANVAR Agence Nationale de la Valorisation de la Recherche (France)

ANYLTS Association of New York Libraries for Technical Service (USA)

ANZLA Associate of the New Zealand Library Association

Aslib On-line Centre (UK)

AP Administrative, professional

APACE Aldermaston project for the application of computers to engineering (UK Atomic Energy Authority)

APADI Asosiasi Perpustakaan, Arsip dan Dokumentasi Indonesia (Indonesian Library, Archive and Documentation Association)

APAIS Australian Public Affairs Information Service (National Library of Australia)

APB Arbeitsgemeinschaft Pädagogischer Bibliotheken und Medienzentren (Working Group of Educational Libraries and Media Centres. West Germany)

Alternative Press Center (Toronto, "APC

Canada)

APCA Authors and Publishers Copyright Association (proposal, UK)

Asian programme of educational innovation for development (Unesco)

Association of Publishers' Educational Representatives (UK)

API (1) Alternative press index (Alternative Press Center, Toronto, Canada)

API (2) Architectural periodicals index (Royal Institute of British Architects, UK)

Apollo Parts Information Center (Parts Reliability Information Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA)

Automated process information file (Library of Congress, USA)

APIN-MARC (Adaptation of MARC used by Wroclaw Technical University Library and Scientific Information Centre, Poland)

Alternative Press Information Service (London, UK) (defunct)

APL Agence de Presse Liberation (Paris. France)

APLA (1) Atlantic Provinces Library Association (Canada)

APLA (2) Authors' and Publishers' Lending Right Association (UK)

Association for Programmed Learning and Educational Technology (UK) (now Association for Educational and Training Technology)

Association of Population/Family Planning Libraries and Information Centers

(USA)

APPARAT Archive preservation programme and retrieval by automated techniques (Imperial War Museum, UK)

APRIS Alcoa picturephone remote information

system (USA)

APSE Abstracts of photographic science and engineering literature (Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers, USA)

APT (1) Administrative, professional, technical

APT (2) All-picture transfer

APTI Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (UK)

APTIC Air Pollution Technical Information Center (Environmental Protection Agency, USA)

AQUARIUS A query and retrieval interactive utility system (IBM Corp)

Advisory report

ARA (Alternative information service, Liverpool, UK)

Aerospace Research Applications Center (Indiana University, USA)

ARAL Automatic record analysis language ARBICA Arab Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives

ARCHON Archives on line (Baltimore University, USA)

ARCIS Agricultural research current information system (Agricultural Research Council, UK)

Automated ring code search (chemicals) ARCS ARDIS (1) Automatigovaný Rešerší Databágový Informační Systém (Automated data-based information retrieval system-program, Czecho-

slovakia) ARDIS (2) Army Research and Development Information System (US Army)

ARDS Advanced remote display station (Massachusetts Institute of Technology. USA)

ARIANE (Building industry data bank, Centre d'Assistance Technique et de Documentation, France)

ARIEL Automated Real Time Investments Exchange Ltd (London, UK)

ARIMA Autoregressive integrated moving average (Forecasts in information studies. USA)

ARIS Association Referral Information Service (Ohio Education Association, USA)

ARIST (1) Agences Regionales d'Information Scientifique et Technique (France)

ARIST (2) Annual review of information science and technology (Encyclopaedia Britannica for American Society for Information Science, USA)

ARKISVST (International Information System for Architecture and Urban Planning. Unesco)

Association of Research Libraries (USA) ARL Art Libraries Society (UK)

ARLIS/NA Art Libraries Society/North America (USA)

ARMS Automated records management system

ARPANET Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (Defense Communications Agency, Department of Defense, USA)

ARRT Art Reference Round Table (American

Library Association, USA)

ARSRCDS Academia Republici Socialiste Romania Central de Documentare Stintifica (Rumania)

ArtADES Art alphabetical - Dewey extended system (experimental system, Teesside

College of Art. UK)

Auto retrieval of terse conclusions ARTEC

ARTEMIS (A system for document digitalisation and teletransmission (Arthur D. Little for Commission for European Communi-

ARUANDA Arquivamento, Recuperação e Análise de Dados (Brazil)

AS Alphabetical Sequence (register)

American Standards Association (USA)

ASA (2) Australian Society of Authors

ASADT Aerospace Studies Institute Arctic. Desert. Tropic (Information Center) (Air University, US Air Force)

Allgemeine Systematik für Büchereien ASB (General Classification for Public Libra-

rics, West Germany)

ASC Automatic sequence control

ASCA Automatic subject citation alert (Institute for Scientific Information, USA)

ASCAP American Society of Composers. Authors and Publishers (USA)

American Standard Code for Information Interchange (USA) (also known as USASCII)

Australian School Catalogue Informa-ASCIS tion Service

ASCOLBI Asociación Colombiana de Bibliotecarios (Colombia)

ASD (1) Adult Services Division (American Library Association, USA)

ASD (2) Association Suisse de Documentation (Switzerland) (also known as SVD)

ASDC Aeronomy and Space Data Center (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA)

Automated Selective Dissemination of ASDI Information

ASDIRS Army study documentation and information retrieval system (US Army)

ASE Association for Science Education (UK)

Asociación de Egresados de la Escuela Interamericana de Bibliotecología (Association of Graduates of the Inter-American School of Librarianship, Colombia)

ASELT Association Européenne pour l'Échange de la Littérature Technique dans le Domaine de la Sidérurgie

(Luxembourg)

ASERL Association of South Eastern Research Libraries (USA)

ASFA Aquatic sciences and fisheries abstracts (Food and Agriculture Organisation and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation)

ASFEC (Regional Centre for Functional Literacy in Rural Areas for the Arab States.

Egypt)

ASFIS Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System (Food & Agriculture Organisation and International Oceanographic Commission)

Annotated Service Guide (European ASG directory of business information sources, Center for Business Information, France and USA)

ASI (1) American Society of Indexers (USA) ASI (2) American statistics index (Congressional

Information Services, USA) ASI (3)

Articulated subject index

Analytic subject index (American Institute of Physics, USA)

Association of Scientific Information Dissemination Centers (USA)

ASII American Science Information Institute

ASIN Agricultural services information network (National Agricultural Library, USA)

ASINIT (Automated scientific and technical information system for unpublished documents, USSR)

ASIOR (Automated system of information provision. Academy of Sciences Library. USSR)

ASIS American Society for Information Science (USA) (formerly ADI)

ASK (1) Access to subject knowledge (project, National Research Council, Canada)

ASK (2) Anomalous state of knowledge

ASL Association of Student Librarians (1964-5)

ASLA (1) Association of State Library Agencies (American Library Association, USA)

ASLA (2) Australian School Library Association ASLG American Studies Library Group (UK) ASLIB formerly Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux (UK) (organi-

sation is now known as Aslib) ASLIP Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (also known as ASLP)

Australian special libraries news (periodi-ASLN

cal) ASLP Association of Special Libraries of the

Philippines (also known as ASLIP) ASMI Agudat Ha-Sifriyot Hameyuhadot Umerkeze Ha-Meda Beyisrael (Israel Society of Special Libraries and Information Centres) (also known as ISLIC)

ASOCh (Automated reader service system, Lenin Library, USSR)

AS-OSPK-ZK (All-union master printed catalogue of foreign books, USSR)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Spezialbibliotheken e.V. (Special Libraries Working Party, West Germany)

ASPI Automatizovaný Systém Právních Informaci (Automated legal information

system, Czechoslovakia)

ASRDI Aerospace Safety Research and Data Institute (National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA)

(Automated service for the registration of periodical publications, Council for Mutual Economic Assistance)

ASSASSIN Agricultural system for storage and subsequent selection of information (Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, UK)

Advisory Service for Small Industries ASSI (Zimbabwe)

ASSIG Aslib Social Sciences Information Group (UK)

ASSISTENT (Automated reference information system for science and technology, USSR)

Association-INTD Association de l'Institut National de Techniques de la Documentation (Association of the National Institute of Documentation Technology, France) (also known as AINTD)

Association pour l'Avancement des Sciences et Techniques de la Documentation (Association for the Advancement of Scientific and Technical Documentation) (Canada) (formerly ACBLF)

Applied Science and Technology index ASTI(1)

(H.W. Wilson Co. USA)

ASTI (2) (Automated system for sorting information, Institute of Engineering Geology. Czechoslovakia)

ASTI (3) (Automated literature search system. Bulgarian Institute of Radio-electronics)

Armed Forces Technical Information Agency (USA) (now Defense Technical Information Center)

Association Scientifique et Technique pour la Recherche en Informatique Documentaire (Belgium)

Automated system for thesaurus updating, testing and editing (Commission of the European Communities)

ASUPECHAT (Automated management system for publishing, State Committee for Publishing and All-Union Book Chamber, USSR) (may have suffixes denoting subsystems)

ASYVOL Analyse synthétique par vocabulaire libre (Laval University Library, Canada)

AT Automatic translation (also known as TA) ATA American Translators Association (USA)

Association pour l'Étude et le ATALA Développement de la Traduction Automatique et de la Linguistique Appliquée (France)

ATD (1) Aerospace Technology Division (Library of Congress, USA)

ATD (2) Association Tunisienne des Documentalistes, Bibliothécaires et Archivistes (Tunisian Association of Documentalists. Librarians and Archivists)

ATI Association of Technical Institutions (UK) ATIG Alternative Technology Information

Group (UK)

Advanced technology libraries (J. Wiley. AT/L

American Theological Library Association (USA)

ATLAS (1) Aids to library administration series (Centre for Library and Information Management, Loughborough University, UK)

ATLAS (2) Automatic tabulating, listing and sorting system

ATLIS (1) Army technical libraries and information systems (USA)

ATLIS (2) Army technical library improvement studies (USA) (now Technical Information Support Activities Project)

ATMS Advanced text management system

(IBM)

Area Training Organisation (Teacher ATO training) (UK)

ATP American Technical Publications

ATPG Aslib Transport and Planning Group (UK) American Textbook Publishers' Institute ATPI

(USA) Administrative terminal system (System

360) (IBM Corp, USA)

ATsSVK (Automated centralised system for book exchange within the Soviet Union, USSR)

AUDACIOUS Automatic direct access to information with the on-line UD' system (American Institute of Physics heme for nuclear science, USA)

AUDIST Agence Universitaire de Documentation et d'Information Scientifique et Technique (University Agency for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation, France)

AULA Arab University Library Association (Kuwait)

AUPELF Association des Universités Particllement ou Entièrement de Langue Française (Canada)

Agence Universitaire de Documen-AUDIST tation et d'Information Scientifique et Technique (University Agency for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation, France)

Arab University Library Association AULA (Kuwait)

AUPELF Association des Universités Partielle-

ment ou Entièrement de Langue Française (Canada)

AUPG American Universities Publishers Group (USA)

AUPTL All-Union Patent and Technical Library (USSR)

AUSINET Australian Information Network

AUSIRC Australian Sport Information Resource Centre (proposal)

AUTIS Automatisiertes Dokumenten = recherchesystem "Schweisstechnik" (Automated Document Retrieval System "Welding Technology", East Germany)

AUTO-CITE (automated legal retrieval system) AUTOCLASS (Creation and updating of hierarchical classifications-computer program)

AUTODOC Automatic documentation

AV Audio-visual

AVA Audio-visual aid

AVG (1) Audio-Visual Group (Aslib. UK)

AVG (2) Audio-Visual Group (Library Associa-

tion, UK)

AVIP Association of Viewdata Information Providers (UK)

A-VIS Audio-visual information system (US Army)

AVLOC Audiovisuals learning objectives catalog (Alabama University, USA)

AVLS Audio-Visual Library Services (UK) AVSCOT Audio-Visual Group Scottish Branch (Library Association, UK)

AVTA Automatic vocal transaction analysis

AWARE Action for women's advice, research and education (South London Women's Centre, UK)

AWLNET Area wide library network (San Joaquin Valley Library System. California, USA)

Association of Yorkshire Bookmen (UK) AzNIINTI (Azerbaijan Scientific Research Institute for Scientific and Technical Information and Economic Research, USSR)

BA Biological abstracts (USA)

Bay Area Book Awareness Service (San Francisco, USA)

BABTAPL Bulletin of the Association of British Theology and Philosophy Libraries (UK)

BAC Business Archives Council (UK) BACIE British Association for Commercial and

Industrial Education (UK) BADADUQ Banque de données à accès

direct de l'Université du Québec (Canada)

BADJAM Banque des Données Jamesiennes (Data Bank on James Bay territory. Quebec Province, Canada)

BAJ Basic abstracts journal (Derwent Publications Ltd, UK)

BAL Bibliography of Latin America

BALLOTS Bibliographic automation of large library operations using time sharing (Stanford University, USA) (with RLG, now transformed into Research Libraries Information Network)

BALS Birmingham Association of Library Students (UK)

BAMIRAC Ballistic Missile Radiation Analysis Center (Michigan University, USA)

BANSDOC Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre

British Amateur Press Association (UK) BAPA BAPLA British Association of Picture Libraries and Agencies (UK)

BAR Book auction records (William Dawson,

BARC (1) Bay Area Reference Center (San Francisco Public Library, USA)

BARC (2) Bibliographic and Reference Center (Cornell University, USA)

(Africa Burcau of Educational Services. BASE Zaire

BASH Booksellers Association Service House (UK)

BASI (Automatic system for dissemination of information, USSR)

Biological abstracts-subjects-in-context (USA)

BASIS (1) Battelle automated search information system (Battelle Memorial Institute. USA)

BASIS (2) Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science (USA)

BASIS-E Bibliothekarisch-analytisches System zur Informations-Speicherung-Erschliessung (Library-analytical system for information storage/retrieval, West Germany)

BASYC Benefit assessment of system change (Durham University Department of Computing, UK)

BATAB Baker & Taylor automated buying (computerised ordering system-Baker & Taylor Co. USA)

BAZ Booksellers Association of Zambia Bibliotheca Bogoriensis (Indonesia)

Basic bibliographic citation

British Broadcasting Corporation (UK) BBC (2) BBDC British Book Display Centre (Tokyo,

Japan) BBIP British books in print (J. Whitaker, UK) BBK Bibliotechno-bibliograficheskava klassifikatsiya (Library-bibliographical classifi-

cation, USSR) Biblioteksbladet (periodical, Sweden) BBL

BBM Books by mail

British book news (periodical, British RBN Council, UK)

BBSLG British Business School Librarians Group (UK)

British Book Trade Association (Book-BBTA sellers Association and Publishers Association, UK)

BBX Books for business executives and business students (Book Promotion Services Ltd. UK)

BC Bibliographic classification (H.E. Bliss) BCA (1) Bliss Classification Association (UK) BCA (2) Book Club Associates (UK)

BCAC Bibliography of Central America and the Caribbean

BCC British Copyright Council (UK)

BCD Binary coded decimal (computer term) BCH Booksellers Clearing House (UK)

BCIS Building Cost Information Service (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, UK)

(Central library processing service, BCL Amherst, Massachusetts, USA)

British Columbia Library Association BCLA (Canada)

BCM British catalogue of music (British Library Bibliographic Services Division, UK)

BCN Biomedical communications network (USA)

BCOP Birmingham Cooperatives (UK)

Bibliothèque centrale de prêt (Central BCP lending library, France)

BCPA British Copyright Protection Association (UKY

BCR Bibliographic Center for Research (USA) BCS (1) British Cartographic Society (UK) BCS (2) British Computer Society (UK),

BCU Bibliothèque cantonale et Universitaire de Lausanne (Switzerland)

BC2 Bibliographic classification (H.E. Bliss, 2nd edition)

BDA Bibliotheek-en Dokumentatieakademie (Library and Documentation Academy, Netherlands)

BDC (1) Book Development Council (UK)

BDC (2) Bureau International de Documentation des Chemins de Fer

Bibliotheksverband der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Library Association of German Democratic Republic) (formerly DBV (1))

Battelle Defender Information Analysis BDIAC Center (Battelle Memorial Institute. USA) (Now Strategic Technology Office Information Analysis Center)

Bds

Boards (bookbinding) Bibliography, documentation, terminology (bi-monthly bulletin, Unesco)

BEAR Berkeley clites automated retrieval (California University, USA)

BEAST Basic experimental automatic syntactic translator (Bunker Ramo Corp, USA)

BECAN Bioengineering current awareness notification of National Institute of Medical Research (Medical Research Council, UK)

BECEWA Belgisch Studie-en Documentatiecentrum voor Water (Belgium) (also known as CEBEDEAU)

Bulletin of environmental education (Town and Country Planning Association,

BEEA British Educational Equipment Association (UK)

British education index (Library Associa-BEI tion, UK)

BEL Board of Education for Librarianship (USA)

BELINDIS (Belgian information and dissemination service, of the Ministry of Economic Affairs)

BELLPAY Bell Laboratories library network royalty accounting system, USA)

BELLREL Bell Laboratories library real-time loan (USA)

BELLTIP (Bell Telephone Laboratories-on line acquisitions & cataloguing system, USA)

Benn's Editorial Media Information Service (Benn Publications Ltd. UK)

BEP Break-even point

BERC Basic Education Research Centre (Kenva)

BETA Business Equipment Trade Association (UK)

British education theses index (Libraries BETI of the Institutes and Schools of Education.

BF Bibliotekarforeningen (Association of Librarians, Denmark)

(Libraries' Supply Centre, Sweden)

BFI British Film Institute (UK)

BFMP British Federation of Master Printers