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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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A

- 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)
- AACOBS** 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)
- AALSED** 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 (Ifé 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 (Ittek 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)
AEGIS 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 Télématicque (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
AIPPI 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 informatieverbreiding 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