

BIBLIOGRAPHIC ABBREVIATIONS, A SUGGESTION

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The abbreviated citation of periodicals and books in scientific literature has developed into a jargon which few of us can understand completely. All writers who must cite literature have had some difficulty in concocting understandable abbreviations, but not with uniform success. Various style books and bibliographic publications have attempted to standardize abbreviations but they are far from general agreement. This state of affairs results in a number of inconveniences which it should be possible to eliminate; to name but a few: (1) waste of authors' time in checking abbreviations to fit the style of the publication to which they intend to submit a paper; (2) waste of editors' time in standardizing abbreviations in manuscripts submitted; (3) puzzlement of the reader who tries to decipher such cryptic messages as: "Moscow, Gosudar. Nauch. -Tekh. Izd. Neft. i Gorno-Topliv. Lit."; (4) difficulties in tracing a paper in libraries when a citation is incomplete or faulty - especially when a paper is sought on interlibrary loan; (5) the unnecessarily large amount of space needed to list references, even in abbreviated form, in scientific papers.

Most scientists would agree that when a title is cited it must be given in full. On the other hand, we have been truncating the names of periodicals for so long and with such impunity that we might be ready to accept the even more radical method proposed here.

The principle of this method is extremely simple: All abbreviations of books and periodicals shall consist of four capital letters followed by volume or part number, a colon, and citations of pages and illustrations.

For example, instead of "Abh. Archiv f. Molluskenk., 2: 1-20" we would write "AAFM 2: 1-20" and refer to a list of abbreviations for the full meaning of "AAFM."

During the past few years, I have experimented off and on with this system and have found it quite practical. It is similar, of course, to such systems as that used to designate libraries in the "Union Catalogue of Serial Publications" and to library call numbers.

As an example of how this would work in our field, the appended list of abbreviations may be of interest. It is far from complete but it covers many of the periodicals frequently cited in malacological literature. I have compiled a much more extensive list which I plan to publish elsewhere later.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS FOR
MALACOLOGICAL PERIODICALS

- AAFM: Abhandlungen des Archivs für Molluskenkunde. Frankfurt-am-Main.
 ADMP: Annales de Malacologie, Paris.
 AFMK: Archiv für Molluskenkunde. Frankfurt-am-Main.
 AGMM: American Geologist.
 AGPG: Annales de Géologie et de Paléontologie, publiées sous la direction du Marquis Antoine de Gregorio. Palermo.
 AINT: Albany Institute, Transactions. Albany, N. Y.
 AJOC: American Journal of Conchology. Philadelphia.
 AJSY: American Journal of Science. New Haven, Conn.

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- AMNB: American Museum of Natural History, Bulletin. New York.
- AMNH: Annals and Magazine of Natural History. London.
- AMNP: American Naturalist. Philadelphia.
- AMUB: American Malacological Union, Annual Report and Bulletin. Philadelphia, etc.
- ANPJ: Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Journal. Philadelphia.
- ANPP: Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Proceedings. Philadelphia.
- APAL: Annales de Paléontologie. Paris.
- APGB: American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Bulletin. Tulsa.
- APSP: American Philosophical Society, Proceedings. Philadelphia.
- APST: American Philosophical Society, Transactions. Philadelphia.
- ASLT: Academy of Science of St. Louis, Transactions. St. Louis, Mo.
- ASZP: Annales des Sciences naturelles. Zoölogie et Paléontologie. Paris.
- BAPI: Bulletins of American Paleontology. Ithaca, N. Y.
- BAST: Basteria. Lisse, Netherlands.
- BCAL: Biologia Centrali-Americana. London.
- BCBL: Biologisches Centralblatt. Leipzig.
- BCCB: Brooklyn Conchological Club, Bulletin. Brooklyn, N. Y.
- BEIS: Bulletin of the Essex Institute. Salem, Mass.
- BBMO: Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Occasional Papers. Honolulu.
- BIMP: Bulletino malacologico italiano. Pisa.
- BJNH: Boston Journal of Natural History. Boston, Mass.
- BRNA: The British Naturalist. London.
- BSNB: Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Bulletin. Buffalo, N. Y.
- BSNM: Boston Society of Natural History, Memoirs. Boston, Mass.
- BSNP: Boston Society of Natural History, Proceedings. Boston, Mass.
- BSOP: Boston Society of Natural History, Occasional Papers. Boston, Mass.
- BSWP: Biological Society of Washington, Proceedings. Washington, D. C.
- BWLN: Bulletin of the Washburn Laboratory of Natural History. Topeka, Kansas.
- CAFN: Canadian Field-Naturalist. Ottawa (Formerly OTNA).
- CAMR: Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Memoirs. New Haven, Conn.
- CASM: California Academy of Sciences, Memoirs. San Francisco, Calif.
- CASO: California Academy of Sciences, Occasional Papers. San Francisco, Calif.
- CASP: California Academy of Sciences, Proceedings, Zoology. San Francisco, Calif.
- CAST: Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Transactions. New Haven, Conn.
- CHAB: Chicago Academy of Sciences: Bulletin. Chicago, Illinois.
- CHAG: Chicago Academy of Sciences: Geological and Natural History Survey Bulletin. Later: CHAN.
- CHAN: Chicago Academy of Sciences: Natural History Survey Bulletin. Formerly: CHAG.
- CIZO: Congrès International de Zoölogie. Published in various countries.
- CMKJ: Conchological Magazine. Kyoto, Japan.
- CMPA: Carnegie Museum, Annals. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CMPM: Carnegie Museum, Memoirs. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CNGP: Canadian Naturalist and Geologist and Proceedings of the Natural History Society of Montreal. Montreal, Que.
- COEP: The Conchologist's Exchange. Philadelphia, Pa.
- CONL: The Conchologist. London.
- COUS: Colorado, University of, Studies. Boulder.
- CRNH: Canadian Record of Natural History and Geology. Montreal, Que.
- CRSP: The Canadian Record of Science, including the Proceedings of the Natural History Society of Montreal. Montreal, Que.
- CSNJ: Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Journal. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- DANP: Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Proceedings. Davenport, Iowa

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- DMGJ: Deutschen Malakozoologischen Gesellschaft, Jahrbücher. Frankfurt-am-Main.
- GAOI: Gastropodia. Ohio, Ill., and elsewhere.
- GDMP: Giornale di Malacologia. Pavia.
- GEOM: The Geological Magazine, or Monthly Journal of Geology; with which is incorporated, "The Geologist." London.
- GSAB: Geological Society of America, Bulletin. New York.
- GSAM: Geological Society of America, Memoirs. New York.
- GSAS: Geological Society of America, Special Papers. New York.
- GSCM: Geological Survey of Canada, Memoirs. Ottawa, Ont.
- GSCR: Geological Survey of Canada, Annual Report. Montreal and Ottawa.
- GSCS: Geological Survey of Canada, Summary Report. Ottawa.
- GSCU: Geological Survey of Canada, Museum Bulletin. Ottawa.
- HJJP: Hamilton Association, Journal and Proceedings. Hamilton, Ont.
- HALN: Halifax Naturalist and Record of the Scientific Society. Halifax, N. S.
- JDCP: Journal de Conchyliologie. Paris.
- JEMS: Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. Raleigh, N. C.
- JJOM: Japanese Journal of Malacology. Mukaisima, Fukuyama, Japan.
- JMBA: Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. Plymouth.
- JMLB: Journal of Marine Zoology and Microscopy. Jersey.
- JOCL: Journal of Conchology. London.
- JOCM: Johnsonia. Cambridge, Mass.
- JOZO: Journal de Zoologie. Paris.
- LIMR: Leaflets in Malacology. Redlands, Calif.
- LSLP: Linnean Society of London, Proceedings.
- LSLT: Linnean Society, Zoology, Journal. London.
- MABL: Malakozoologische Blätter. Cassel and Berlin.
- MACM: The Malacological and Conchological Magazine. London.
- MCSC: Minutes of the Conchological Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.
- MCZB: Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, Bulletin. Cambridge, Mass.
- MCZM: Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, Memoirs. Cambridge, Mass.
- MEDG: Meddelelser om Grønland, etc. Copenhagen.
- MHBA: Musée royal d'Histoire naturelle de Belgique, Annales. Bruxelles.
- MHBB: Ibid., Bulletin. Bruxelles.
- MHBM: Ibid., Mémoires. Bruxelles.
- MHPA: Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Annales. Paris.
- MHPB: Ibid., Bulletin. Paris.
- MHPN: Ibid., Nouvelles Archives. Paris.
- MLPA: Museo de La Plata, Anales. Buenos Aires.
- MSAJ: Malacological Society of Australia, Journal. Melbourne.
- MSLP: Malacological Society of London, Proceedings. London.
- MUZUM: Michigan, University of, Museum of Zoology, Miscellaneous Publications. Ann Arbor.
- MUZO: Ibid., Occasional Papers. Ann Arbor.
- NACA: Le Naturaliste Canadien. Chicoutimi, Que., and Québec, Que.
- NASM: National Academy of Sciences, Memoirs. Washington, D. C.
- NATL: Le Naturaliste. Paris.
- NATR: La Nature. Revue des Sciences. Paris.
- NAUT: The Nautilus. Philadelphia.
- NMNC: Nyt Magazin for Naturvidenskaberne. Christiania.
- NVSS: Det Kongelige Norske Videnskabers Selskabs Skrifter. Trondhjem.
- NYAA: New York Academy of Sciences, Annals. New York.
- NYAM: Ibid., Memoirs. New York.
- NYAT: Ibid., Transactions. New York.
- NYCA: New York State Cabinet of Natural History, Annual Report of the Regents of the University. Albany, N. Y.

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- NYLA: Lyceum of Natural History of New York, Annals. Albany.
- NYLP: Ibid., Proceedings.
- NYMB: New York State Museum, Bulletin. Albany.
- NYMM: Ibid., Memoirs.
- NYMR: Ibid., University of the State of New York, Annual Report of the Regents. Albany.
- OASA: Ohio State Academy of Science, Annual Report. Columbus.
- OASP: Ohio State Academy of Science, Proceedings. Columbus.
- OASS: Ibid., Special Papers.
- OHJS: Ohio Journal of Science. Columbus.
- OHNA: Ohio Naturalist, Ohio State University. Columbus. Later OHJS.
- OPMC: Occasional Papers on Mollusks. Cambridge, Mass.
- OTFT: Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Transactions. Ottawa.
- OTNA: The Ottawa Naturalist. Ottawa. Later CAFN.
- QJGS: Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. London.
- QJOC: Quarterly Journal of Conchology. London.
- RSCT: Royal Society of Canada, Proceedings and Transactions. Ottawa.
- RSEP: Royal Society of Edinburgh, Proceedings. Edinburgh.
- RSET: Ibid., Transactions.
- RSLP: Royal Society of London, Proceedings. London.
- RSLT: Ibid., Philosophical Transactions.
- SAMA: South African Museum, Annals. Cape Town.
- SCGO: Science-Gossip, an illustrated monthly record of Nature and country-lore. London.
- SCAB: Southern California Academy of Sciences, Bulletin. Los Angeles.
- SCIE: Science, a weekly journal. New series. New York.
- SGFB: Société géologique de France, Bulletin (incl. Compte-rendu). Paris.
- SGFM: Ibid., Mémoires.
- SGPM: Ibid., Mémoires, Paléontologie.
- SMBA: Société royale malacologique de Belgique, Annales. Bruxelles.
- SMBB: Société royale malacologique de Belgique, Bulletin des séances. Bruxelles.
- SMBP: Ibid., procès-verbaux des séances. Reappears later, with a different number to the volume, as SMBB.
- SMCK: Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge. Washington, D. C.
- SMCW: Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections. Washington, D. C.
- SMFB: Société malacologique de France, Bulletin. Paris.
- SMFR: Ibid., revue biographique. Paris.
- SMIB: Società malacologica italiana. Pisa.
- SNBA: Senckenbergiana. Frankfurt-am-Main.
- STER: Sterkiana. Columbus, Ohio.
- SZFB: Société zoologique de France, Bulletin. Paris.
- SZFM: Ibid., Mémoires. Paris.
- TIPA: Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, Part A. Lawrence, Kansas and New York, N. Y. (TIPB, TIPC, etc. for all other parts to TIPZ).
- UFCE: United States Fish Commission, Bulletin. Washington, D. C.
- UFGR: Ibid., Report of the Commissioner.
- UGSB: United States Geological Survey, Bulletin. Washington, D. C.
- UGSM: Ibid., Monographs. Washington, D. C.
- UGSP: Ibid., Professional Papers.
- UNMB: United States National Museum, Bulletin. Washington, D. C.
- UNMP: Ibid., Proceedings.
- UNMR: Ibid., Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.
- VELI: The Veliger. Berkeley, Calif.
- VENU: The Venus. Kyoto, Japan.
- WAMS: The West American Scientist. Los Angeles, etc.
- WASJ: Washington Academy of Sciences. Journal. Washington, D. C.
- WASP: Ibid., Proceedings.
- WAST: Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Transactions. Madison, Wis.
- WFIT: Wagner Free Institute of Science of Philadelphia, Transactions. Philadelphia.
- WGNB: Wisconsin Geological Survey, Geology of Wisconsin. Later, Wis. Geol. and Nat.

WGNB (cont.) History Survey, Bulletin.
Madison, Wis.

ZBML: Zeitschrift für Biologie. München
and Leipzig.

ZFMH: Zeitschrift für Malakozoologie. Han-
nover, etc. Later MABL.

ZRML: The Zoological Record, Mollusca.
London.

ZSLP: Zoological Society of London, Proceed-
ings of the Scientific Meetings. London.

ZSLT: Ibid., Transactions. London.

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