



SELECTED SOURCES FOR INTERPRETING THE ABBREVIATIONS OF JOURNAL TITLES

Abbreviated Titles are one of the major components of scientific and technical citations of contributions or articles. Using the standardized abbreviation is an essential part of correct and validated citation practice.

The following print and electronic resources can be used to verify the proper name of a journal or other serial title. They are especially useful when only partial information about a journal, e.g. abbreviated or partial title, publisher, or ISSN number, is known.

DEFINITIONS

SERIAL: Is defined by the Library of Congress National Serials Data Program as "Print or non-print publications issued in parts, usually bearing issue numbers and/or dates, and expected to continue indefinitely." Serials include:

- magazines,
- journals,
- newspapers,
- annuals,
- memoirs,
- proceedings,
- transactions of societies,
- monographic series.

ISSN: International Standard Serial Number: An unique eight digit number assigned to a journal/serial in the format xxxx-xxxx. For example, the Journal of Scientific Exploration has an ISSN of 0892-3310.

RESOURCES:

- **Acronyms, Initialisms and Abbreviations Dictionary**. Detroit, MI: Gale Research.
LOCATION: Humanities Collection (Third Floor)
CALL NUMBER: P365 A28 1995
- **All That JAS (Journal Abbreviation Sources)**
Comprehensive registry of web resources providing full title access of journal abbreviations. Compiled and maintained by Gerry McKiernan, Science and

Technology Librarian and Bibliographer, Iowa State University Library.

LOCATION: WWW

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~CYBERSTACKS/JAS.htm>

- **BIOSIS Serial Sources.** Philadelphia: BioSciences Information Service.
Serials indexed in Biological Abstracts.
LOCATION: Agricultural & Life Sciences Division (2nd Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z5321 B68a
- **California Institute of Technology (CALTECH) ISI Journal Abbreviations Index**
LOCATION: WWW
<http://library.caltech.edu/reference/abbreviations/>
- **Chemical Abstracts Plus (CA Plus) Journal Coverage**, Titles, Abbreviations and CODENS
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.cas.org/sent.html>
- **Chemical Abstracts Service Source Index.** 1907-1999. Columbus, Ohio: Chemical Abstracts Service
Includes Chemistry Journal Titles and Conference Proceedings.
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z5523 C517 A1
- **Dictionary of Acronyms and Abbreviations**, Eric Pugh, 5th Edition
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: T8 P79 1987
- **Elsevier's Dictionary Of Acronyms, Initialisms, Abbreviations, And Symbols**
Amsterdam ; New York : Elsevier. Compiled and edited by Fioretta Benedetto Mattia.
LOCATION: General Reference Collection (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: PE1693 B46 1997
- **ENTREZ Journal Browser**
A searchable (by title words, ISSN, or abbreviated title) database of the journals indexed in the MEDLINE database along with additional life science journals. This is the place to begin for biomedical journals including veterinary medicine.
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov:80/entrez/jrbrowser.cgi>
- **FirstSearch Periodical Titles**
Searchable database of the journals included in the various OCLC FirstSearch databases. Can search by title words and ISSN, or browse by title. Searching by abbreviated title not available.

LOCATION: WWW

<http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/fs/fstitle/index.asp>

- **Guide for Abbreviating Periodical Titles**, American Chemical Society, 1966.
LOCATION: Engineering and Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: QD7 A512 G9
- **INSPEC List of Journals and other Serial Sources**, Institution of Electrical Engineers, 2001-2003.
Includes Engineering and Physics Journal Titles.
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z7143 I57
- **International Encyclopedia Of Abbreviations And Acronyms In Science And Technology** . München : K.G. Saur. Compiled by Michael Peschke
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Q179 I58z 2003
- **International Union List of Agricultural Serials**. Wallingford: CAB International, 1990.
LOCATION: Agriculture & Life Sciences (2nd Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z5076 I58 1990
- **List of Journals Indexed in AGRICOLA**. Beltsville, MD: National Agricultural Library, 1992- . Updated quarterly.
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/indexing/ljiarch.html>
- **List of Serials Indexed for Online Users 2003**. Bethesda, MD: National Library of Medicine.
List of the 10,192 serials indexed in various NLM databases, including MEDLINE.
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/lsiou.html>
- **Periodicals Titles Abbreviations**, Gale Research Co., 2 Volumes, 1981.
Includes Science, Engineering and many other fields.
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z6945 A2 W34 1981
- **PubList.com, The Internet Directory of Publications**
Database of over 150,000 domestic and international print and electronic publications including magazines, journals, e-journals, and newsletters.
Select "Partial Word" and search on abbreviated title to locate full journal title.
Can also search on ISSN, subject, or publisher.

LOCATION: WWW

http://www.publist.com/search_title.html

- **Science Citation Index** , Institute for Scientific Information Inc.(ISI). 1994.
Includes Journal Titles indexed in Science Citation Index (SCI).
LOCATION: Engineering and Physical Sciences Division (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z7401 S365
- **Scientific And Technical Acronyms, Symbols, And Abbreviations** . New York : Wiley-Interscience / Uwe Erb, Harald Keller
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences Collection (First Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Q179 E64 2001
- **Serials Monitored for the ASFIS** [Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System] **Bibliographic Database**. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 1988.
ASFIS Reference Series no. 1, revision 2.
LOCATION: Agriculture & Life Sciences (2nd Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z695.1 A63 F33 1986
- **Thompson ISI Scientific Master Journal List**
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.isinet.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jloptions.cgi?PC=master>
- [Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory](#) **UWI only**
38th ed. New York: Bowker.
The standard directory for journal information, although it does not provide abbreviated title. Main access is by title, ISSN, or subject.
LOCATION: WWW
<http://www.mainlib.uwi.tt/online.html>
- **World List of Scientific Periodicals Published in the Years 1900-1960**. Brown, P. and G.B. Stratton eds. 4th ed. London: Buttersworth, 1963-1965.
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z7403 W927 L7 1963
- **World List of Scientific Periodicals: New Periodicals 1960-1968**. London: Buttersworth.
LOCATION: Engineering & Physical Sciences (1st Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z7403 W927 L77
- [Zentralblatt Math Serials and Journals Database](#)
LOCATION: WWW
http://www.zblmath.fiz-karlsruhe.de/MATH/serials/zbl/journals/all/j/dir?query_start=341

- **Zoological Record Serial Sources.** Philadelphia: Biosis, 1989- .
LOCATION: Agriculture & Life Sciences (2nd Floor)
CALL NUMBER: Z7991 Z87