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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS FOR PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

For a good many years, specialist collectors and philatelists have paid increasing attention to magazine articles and other contributions to the philatelic literature. This type of material is only useful however when there is some means of referring back to the literature that has appeared earlier. This kind of aid has been available for some years in Germany, and also in England and America, so that nowadays we philatelists should find it easy to make detailed surveys of the earlier writings.

However, the production of such an index calls for the use of set abbreviations which must not be departed from at all. A guiding table of this sort has been available for some time in Germany from the philatelic section of the Munich City Library. However the abbreviations it contains differ in part from the ones that are customary in England and America. To reach international agreement, our second chairman Christoph Otto Müller of Steinebach am Wörthsee has engaged in a protracted correspondence which has finally resulted in the attached internationally acceptable table of abbreviations. Some of the older terms now need correcting. However, in the not too distant future, every publisher ought to be able to publish on the basis of the most up to date form of the list.

Overleaf we give an alphabetical list of abbreviations, followed by another alphabetical list of journals.

The following special symbols should be noted:

To avoid confusion, the abbreviation **BnBz** = **Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung**, will be used to distinguish this from Kosack's journal **Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung** (= **BBZ**).

Since **SBZ** = **Sächsische Briefmarken-Zeitung**, the **Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung** will be represented by the abbreviation **SchBZ**.

SiP means **Sieger Post**, but **S.P** can also be used for the volumes of the **Sieger-Post** published under the heading **Deutsche Briefmarken- und Flugpost- Zeitung**.

Our future literature references will use the abbreviations given in the present list.

Literature surveys have already appeared for Baden, Prussia, Saxony, Württemberg and the Saar. Bavaria will follow shortly.

- before the author indicates a monograph. If there is no dot, an article in a magazine, colloquium proceedings, etc. is referred to.

- * before the journal indicates that this is still appearing today (end of 1959).

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