Upcoming meetings


**5th LODLAM Summit**: 3-4 February 2020, The Getty Center, Los Angeles, California, USA. Theme: Linked Open Data in Libraries, Archives and Museums. [https://lodlam.net/](https://lodlam.net/)

**14th IEEE International Conference**: 3-5 February 2020, San Diego, California, USA. Theme: Semantic computing. [https://www.ieee-icsc.org/](https://www.ieee-icsc.org/)


**16th International ISKO Conference**: 6-8 July 2020, Aalborg, Denmark. [ISKO 2020](https://isko2020.com/)

Progress on CABT 2020

Rapid progress has been made on the next edition of CAB Thesaurus, due for public release in July 2020. Since the last edition was published in July 2019:

- 11,644 terms were updated
- 4657 new terms in English were added
- The total number of terms (labels), in all languages combined, is now 2,955,967
- 4352 new translations were added from English, including
  - 1636 into German
  - 576 into French
  - 302 into Spanish
  - 247 into Portuguese
  - 210 into Finnish
  - 133 into Dutch

Culinary fruits update

An effort has been made to include a complete global list of culinary fruits, i.e. fruits which are either grown or harvested for human consumption. More than 100 new local and regional species/names have been added, cross-linked to their preferred botanical names, synonyms and other uses. Until recently, the main focus had been the more widespread species of commercial and nutritional importance. New species include the pome fruit *Flacourtia inermis*, the drupes *Eugenia involucrata* and *Nephelium hypoleucum*, and the berries *Billardiera scandens* (common apple-berry) and *Grewia retusifolia* (emu berry). Species already in the thesaurus have been checked and updated.
Forage database

Grasslands and Forage Abstracts has been published by CABI since 1971 and contains over 255,000 research summaries in its database. Grasslands are important in the agriculture of many regions worldwide and CAB Thesaurus covers the subject well. However, we realised that the tropics could do with improvement. Therefore, we reviewed all the Fact Sheets in the Tropical Forages database and filled in any gaps in species coverage.

New version of MultiTes

Multisystems Inc. released two updates to the Unicode compliant version of MultiTes Pro in November 2019. The latest is v.2019.11.14u. A new feature is hierarchy expansion for narrower terms on the term record display. There were also various code optimizations, visual enhancements, and bug fixes.

Feedback

We welcome suggestions for improvements to thesaurus content as well as corrections. You may email a team member directly or use the dedicated general email address.

Obtaining thesaurus files

If your organization is interested in obtaining thesaurus data for your projects they are available in multiple formats, including plain text, CSV, XML and SKOS. If you wish to see beforehand what to expect sample data are available for download via the thesaurus website. Please contact us to discuss your requirements. CABI has offices in a dozen countries.

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