

Thesaurus Newsletter

Quarterly update from the CAB Thesaurus management team
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CABI is proud of its new headquarters in Wallingford, UK, which opened in October, 2020. We invite you to watch a video at <https://twitter.com/i/status/1332263757666541568>

CABT Q4 2020 published

The [CAB Thesaurus Q4 2020 edition](#) went live on 24th January 2021. Compared with the previous edition, over 3100 new organism names were added, particularly species relevant to the various [compendia](#) published by CABI, over one hundred terms were added related to [Global Health](#), 20 small plant families were revised, and there were thousands of other updates. Not bad in just 3 months!

The latest version of CABT is fully integrated into our publishing programmes.

The next edition is due in April 2021.

Tony Pittaway has retired

After 33 years working at CABI, Tony Pittaway retired in December 2020. He contributed hugely to the quality and breadth of CAB Thesaurus. His private passion was hawkmoths ([Sphinxidae](#)) and he wrote several books and numerous scientific papers on the subject. He is a taxonomist in the true sense of the word by naming, describing and classifying many moth species. He travelled the world on what he called 'bug hunts' to study his favourite moths first hand. And his garden was full of plants grown to feed the moths he bred at home. They are fussy eaters, apparently!

Tony is greatly missed. But we wish him a happy retirement.

Truly multilingual

CABT is available in twelve languages. The main language has been English since the first edition was published in 1983. Translation started in 1999 when Spanish and Portuguese were added, followed shortly afterwards by Dutch. More recently particular attention has been given to adding German and the percentage translated is now approaching the first three languages. Of course, not all terms can be translated. For example, organism common names, orthographic variants, abbreviations and homographs may be untranslatable. Excluding Latinised scientific names, which are universal, CABT includes over 105,200 translations from English.

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 web site. Please [contact us](#) to discuss your requirements. CABI has offices in a dozen countries.

The thesaurus team

Email: [Anton Doroszenko](#)

It's not really a team at the moment 😞 since it is just me after Tony retired.

Upcoming meetings

Bited-sized Taxonomy Boot Camp

London: 2 March 2021 (online only).

www.taxonomybootcamp.com/London/

European DDC Users Group Meeting

2021: 6-7 May 2021, Vienna, Austria.

Please check <https://edug.pansoft.de/>

TOTH 2021: 3-4 June 2021, Chambéry,

France. Theme: Terminology & Ontology – theories and applications.

toth.condillac.org/conference; Satellite

session on Terminology and Text Mining, 3 June 2021.

<http://toth.condillac.org/ttm-2021>

European Semantic Web Conference

2021: 6-10 June 2021, Hersonissos,

Greece or online. [https://2021.eswc-](https://2021.eswc-conferences.org/)

[conferences.org/](https://2021.eswc-conferences.org/)

NASKO 2021: 9-11 July 2021 (online

only). Theme: Resilience, Resistance, and Reflection: Knowledge Organization at a Crossroads.

<http://www.iskocus.org/nasko2021.php>

ISKO UK Conference 2021: 12-16 July

2021 (online only). Theme: Knowledge Organization in Exceptional Times.

www.iskouk.org/Conference-2021

Formal Ontology in Information

Systems 2020: 13-16 September 2021,

Bolzano, Italy. fois2020.inf.unibz.it/

KMIS 2021 - 13th International Joint

Conference on Knowledge

Discovery, Knowledge Engineering

and Knowledge Management: 25-27

October 2021, Valletta, Malta.

<http://www.kmis.ic3k.org/>

Taxonomy Boot Camp Connect: 15-

16 November 2021, Washington DC,

USA. www.taxonomybootcamp.com/

KM World 2021: 15-18 November

2021, Washington DC, USA.

<https://www.kmworld.com/Conference/>