

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR ABC's?

Much of the "lingo" in Washington offices and in some other offices is reduced to the initials of organizations, etc. This has become so common that the uninitiated often have difficulty in understanding conversations in committee meetings, and in some cases the written material in correspondence. The following are some of the initial abbreviations used most commonly. This is by no means a complete list.

- AAAS - American Association for the Advancement of Science
- AAI - American Association of Immunologists
- ACS - American Cancer Society
- ACS - American Chemical Society
- ADI - American Documentation Institute
- AEA - American Entomological Association
- AEC - Atomic Energy Commission
- AFB - Air Force Base
- AFIP - Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
- AIBS - American Institute of Biological Sciences
- AIN - American Institute of Nutrition
- AIP - American Institute of Physics
- AJP - American Journal of Physiology
- AMA - American Medical Association
- APA - American Psychological Association
- APS - American Physiological Society
- ASBC - American Society of Biological Chemists
- ASEP - American Society for Experimental Pathology
- ASPET - American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental  
Therapeutics
- BOB - Bureau of the Budget
- CBE - Conference of Biological Editors
- CCICMS - Council for the Coordination of International Congresses  
of Medical Sciences
- CIA - Central Intelligence Agency
- CSC - Civil Service Commission
- DOA - Department of Agriculture
- DOD - Department of Defense
- FASEB - Federation of American Societies for Experimental  
Biology
- FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation
- FCC - Federal Communications Commission
- FDA - Food and Drug Administration
- FID - International Federation for Documentation
- FOA - Food and Agriculture Organization (of United Nations)

- GPO - Government Printing Office  
GSA - General Services Administration  
HEW - Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
ICC - Interstate Commerce Commission  
ICSI - International Conference of Scientific Information  
ICSU - International Council of Scientific Unions  
IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations  
IGY - International Geophysical Year  
IRO - Information Retrieval Organization  
IRS - Internal Revenue Service  
IUBS - International Union of Biological Sciences  
IUC - International Union of Chemistry  
IUPS - International Union of Physiological Sciences  
JAP - Journal of Applied Physiology  
JBC - Journal of Biological Chemistry  
NAS - National Academy of Sciences  
NBS - National Bureau of Standards  
NCI - National Cancer Institute  
NEA - National Education Association  
NHI - National Heart Institute  
NIAID - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  
NIAMD - National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases  
NIDR - National Institute of Dental Research  
NIH - National Institutes of Health  
NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health  
NINDB - National Institute of Neurological Diseases and  
Blindness  
NMC - National Medical Center  
NMRI - Naval Medical Research Institute  
NRC - National Research Council  
NSF - National Science Foundation  
PRV - Physiological Reviews  
SAB - Society of American Bacteriologists  
SEBM - Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine  
SGP - Society of General Physiologists  
UDC - Universal Decimal Classification  
UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural  
Organization  
USPHS - U.S. Public Health Service  
WHO - World Health Organization