LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADONIS: Article Delivery Over Network Information Systems
AGP: Advanced Graphic Ports
AGRIS: Agricultural Information System
AIC: Agricultural Information Centre
AMDISA: Association of Management Development Institute in South-Asia
APINESS: Asia-Pacific Information Network for Social Sciences
BAEC: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission
BAIN: Bangladesh Agricultural Information Network
BALLOTS: Bibliographic Automation of Large Library Operations
BANSDOC: Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre
BANSLINK: Bangladesh National Scientific and Library Information Network
BARC: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council
BBS: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
BIDS: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
BIOSIS: Bio-Science Information System
BIRDEM: Bangladesh Institute of Research on Diseases of Endocrine and Metabolism
BLEND: Birmingham and Loughborough Electronic Network Development
bps: Bits Per Second
BTTB: Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board
CABI: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux Index
CARIS: Current Agricultural Research Information System
CAS: Current Awareness Service
CCF: Common Communication Format
CD-ROM: Compact Disk-Read Only Memory
CDS/ISIS: Computerised Documentation System/Integrated Set of Information Systems
CIRDAP: Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific
CRT: Cathode Ray Tube
DAT: Digital Audio Tape
DESIDOC: Defence Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation Centre
DEVINSA: Development Information Network on South-Asia
df: Degree of freedom
DISC: Dissemination and Information Services Centre
DOS: Disk Operating System
DRDO: Defence Research Development Organisation
ECP: Extended Common Point
ed./eds.: Editor/Editors
EDI: Electronic Data Interchange
EJO: Electronic Journal Online
EPP: Extended Point-to-Point
ERNET: Education and Research Network
ESA: European Space Agency
FDD: Floppy Disk Drive
FID/DC: Federation International de Information and Documentation/Developing Countries
FRI: Fisheries Research Institute
FRILDOC: Fisheries Research Institute Library and Documentation Centre
FTP: File Transfer Protocol
GB: Gigabits
Gbps: Gigabits Per Second
GNP: Gross National Product
HDD: Hard Disk Drive
HeLLIS: Health Literature, Library and Information System
IBM: International Business Machine
ICAR: Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICDDR,B: International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases and Research, Bangladesh
ICMR: Indian Council of Medical Research
IMED: Implementation, Management and Establishment Division
INIS: International Nuclear Information System
INRD: Information Network on Rural Development
INSDOC: Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre
PCI: Peripheral Component Interconnect
POPIN: Population Information Network
PSDN: Packet Switched Data Network
R&D: Research and Development
RAM: Read Access Memory
RECON: Retrospective Conversion
SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
SAIC: SAARC Agricultural Information Centre
SCSI: Small Computers System Interface
SDI: Selective Dissemination of Information
SDRAM: Synchronised Dynamic Read Access Memory
SIRNET: Scientific and Industrial Research Network
STI: Scientific and Technical Information
STN: Scientific and Technical Information Network
SVGA: Super Video Graphics Adapter
TCP/IP: Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNISIST: United Nations Information System in Science and Technology
USB: Universal Serial Board
VGA: Video Graphics Adaptor
VINITI: All Russian Institute of Scientific and Technological Information
VRAM: Video Read Access Memory
VSAT: Very Small Aperture Terminal
WAIS: Wide Area Information Service
WAN: Wide Area Network
WWW: World Wide Web