

ESPERANTO ABBREVIATIONS

One of the most bewildering things for a newcomer to Esperanto is the plethora of strange and similar-sounding acronyms. The unsuspecting komencanto can soon be drowning in a sea of abbreviations, and despair of ever knowing his IJS from his IJK. Below is a collection of the most common acronyms you are likely to encounter, as well as a brief explanation and links to further information.



BK

Brita Kongreso, an annual congress for British Esperantists, held in a different part of the country each year. Typically the BK hosts the AGMs of EAB and JEB. In 2009 the BK will be in Salisbury. The name is pronounced as an Esperanto initialism.



CO

Centra Oficejo, the headquarters of UEA in Rotterdam.



EAB

Esperanto-Asocio de Britio, the official organisation for speakers of Esperanto in Britain. EAB organises events and congresses, publishes several newsletters and provides a book service. EAB is a registered charity, with headquarters currently in Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent. You can choose to pronounce the name as either an English or an Esperanto initialism.



ELNA

Esperanto-Ligo por Norda Ameriko, the former name for Esperanto-USA (EAB's American counterpart), pronounced as two syllables rather than initials.



IJF

Internacia Junulara Festivalo, a week-long event organised by young Esperantists in Italy, normally taking place around Easter each year. Being an international event, you pronounce it as an Esperanto initialism.



IJK

Internacia Junulara Kongreso, the biggest annual meet-up for young Esperantists anywhere in the world, this congress happens in a different country each year. In 2009 it will take place in Liberec, Czech Republic. Being an international event, you pronounce it as an Esperanto initialism.



IJS

Internacia Junularo Semajno. This event is organised by young Esperantists in Hungary and typically takes place one week every July, always in a different location. Being an international event, you pronounce it as an Esperanto initialism.



JEB

Junularo Esperantista Brita, the association for young speakers of Esperanto in Britain. Our name is pronounced as an Esperanto single-syllable word.



JES

Junulara E-Semajno, a new event for young Esperantists, jointly organised by the Germans and Poles, to take place in Poland over New Year 2009/10. This replaces both the Ago-Semajno (AS) and the Internacia Seminario (IS), which were held around each New Year. The name is pronounced as an Esperanto single-syllable word.



KK-Ren

Konstanta Komisiono por Renkontiĝoj: The organising team of repeating events. Events such as JES keep the same core organising team (KK-Ren) wherever the event is held. (Compare with LKK, which is the organising team for a one-off event: events such as the BK occur regularly, but always under the responsibility of a one-off team localised to that particular event.) Pronounce the name *ko-ko-ren*.



LBE

La Brita Esperantisto (The British Esperantist), a magazine published by EAB twice annually, entirely in Esperanto. Back issues are available to read online. The abbreviation is hardly given in Esperanto and only tends to be pronounced using English initial pronunciation.



LKK

Loka Kongresa Komitato, the committee with responsibility for organising a particular instance of an Esperanto congress. (Compare with KK-Ren.) Pronounce the name *lo-ko-ko*.



ManCom

EAB's Management Committee, the elected trustees of the association.



MIRO

M... Internacia Renkontiĝo, an event organised by young Esperantists in Croatia, typically taking place after the UK or the IJK. The meaning of the initial M changes every year, depending on where the event is held.



NF

Ni Festivalu, a weekend event organised by EAB at Esperanto House in Barlaston. Any group of Esperantists can attend the weekend and organise their own programme. Typically the biggest group participate in theatricals. NF is pronounced using the English initials.



NoJEF

Norwich Jubilee Esp^{eranto} Foundation, a charity which funds the travel of young British Esperantists.



PIV

Plena Ilustrita Vortaro, the complete illustrated dictionary of Esperanto. An enormous monolingual dictionary of Esperanto, pronounced as a single-syllable word in Esperanto.



PMEG

Plena Manlibro de Esp^{eranta} Gramatiko, a book which explains Esperanto grammar in Esperanto. PMEG is a great resource and is available for free on the web, pronounced *po-meg*.



PS

Pasporta Servo, a hospitality service for speakers of Esperanto. Esperantists can volunteer to let other Esperantists stay in their homes, either for free or for a small contribution, and travel the world as a guest of other people.



PV

Plena Vortaro, the non-illustrated monolingual Esperanto dictionary.



SAT

Sennacia Asocio Tutmonda, the world annational association. A left-wing political Esperanto group, pronounced as a single-syllable word.



SATEB

Sennacia Asocio Tutmonda En Britio, the British affiliate of SAT, pronounced *sat-eb*.



TEJO

Tutmonda Esp^{er}antista Junulara Organizo, the official international organisation for young Esperantists. TEJO is responsible for publishing the Pasporta Servo booklet, as well as organising the IJK. The organisation's name is pronounced as a two-syllable Esperanto word.



TTT

Tut-tera teksaĵo = World-wide web, pronounced as *to-to-to*.



UEA

Universala Esp^{er}anto-Asocio, the world Esperanto organisation, the largest international organisation of Esperanto-speakers. The name is pronounced as three initials, either in Esperanto or English.



UK

Universala Kongreso, organised by UEA this is the biggest Esperanto congress in the world, typically occurring one week each summer in a different country. Recent destinations have included Rotterdam, Yokohama and Florence. In 2009, the UK will be in Białystok, Poland. The name is pronounced as an Esperanto initialism.

All the above links are available at:

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