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ANALYSIS OF ABBREVIATION COMPONENTS IN ATHLETICS ORGANIZATIONS

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Abstract. The article deals with the issue of abbreviations in the names of professional organizations in athletics, as one of the most spectacular and widespread kinds of sport around the globe. Notwithstanding the great interest of many scholars in professional organizations of different fields, as well as the numerous issues of various kinds of sports including the sport of athletics, the abbreviations of professional athletics organizations have not been explored enough. Considering the actuality of researching and standardization in abbreviations of professional organizations and the international popularity of athletics, the paper is aimed at exploring the names of occupational institutions in this common kind of sports. Tasks of the research imply defining and analyzing the main characteristics of abbreviation components in athletics organizations. The object of research involves the names of occupational institutions in the sport of athletics, and the subject concerns the abbreviation components in the names of athletics organizations. The material under research is represented by the sample of abbreviations of global occupational institutions and bodies in athletics from the printed and internet resources. Literature analysis and comparative

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analysis of the material under research reveal that the main differentiated groups of abbreviations in the names of professional athletics organizations appear to comprise the international, world and intergovernmental organizations and institutions. The most productive components in abbreviations of professional athletics organizations are found to be the constant abbreviation components Association and Athletics, initial components International, World and Athletic, and final components Association and Athletics, which is predetermined by the total globalization of athletic institutions and popularity of the sport. Further prospects in the research area are the study and comparative analysis of abbreviations usage in the increasingly popular and spectacular sport of athletics in the English and Ukrainian languages.

Key words: terminology of athletics, professional organizations, abbreviations.

АНАЛІЗ АБРЕВІАТУРНИХ КОМПОНЕНТІВ У ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯХ З ЛЕГКОЇ АТЛЕТИКИ

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Анотація. Стаття присвячена вивченню питання абревіатур у найменуваннях професійних організацій сфери легкої атлетики як одного з найбільш видовищних та поширених видів спорту у світі.

Незважаючи на значний інтерес науковців до професійних організацій багатьох галузей та численних аспектів дослідження різних видів спорту, включаючи легку атлетику, аббревіатури найменувань професійних легкоатлетичних організацій досліджені не досить. З огляду на актуальність вивчення та необхідність стандартизації аббревіатур професійних організацій, а також міжнародну популярність легкої атлетики метою статті є дослідження найменувань професійних установ у цьому поширеному виді спорту. Завдання цього дослідження полягають у визначенні та аналізі основних характеристик аббревіатурних компонентів у легкоатлетичних організаціях. Об'єктом дослідження є найменування професійних установ у легкій атлетиці, а предметом дослідження – аббревіатурні компоненти в назвах професійних організацій сфери легкої атлетики. Матеріал цього дослідження представлений вибіркою аббревіатур професійних установ та організацій у легкій атлетиці з друкованих та інтернет-ресурсів. Літературний та порівняльний аналізи досліджуваного матеріалу дають підстави визначити, що основні групи аббревіатур у найменуваннях професійних організацій сфери легкої атлетики охоплюють міжнародні, всесвітні та міжурядові організації та установи. Найпродуктивнішими компонентами в аббревіатурах найменувань професійних легкоатлетичних організацій є постійні аббревіатурні компоненти – Association та Athletics, ініціальні компоненти – International, World та Athletic, а також фінальні компоненти – Association та Athletics, що зумовлено загальною тенденцією до глобалізації професійних, у тому числі спортивних, організацій та популярністю легкої атлетики як виду спорту. Перспективи подальшого дослідження такої галузі полягають у вивченні та порівняльному аналізі вживання аббревіатур у такому дедалі популярнішому та видовищному виді спорту, як легка атлетика, в англійській та українській мовах.

Ключові слова: термінологія легкої атлетики, професійні організації, аббревіатури.

Problem statement. In today's fast-paced world, staying updated on occupational trends is crucial for maintaining a competitive edge. In the modern globalized society, there are numerous professional bodies and organisations around the world. They are widely recognized as a vital source of upskilling individuals and preparing them for the occupational development and expertise in their respective fields, including the immense sphere of sports and the diverse scope of athletics in particular.

Athletics, a variety of competitions in running, walking, jumping, and throwing events. Although these contests are called track and field in the United States, they are generally designated as athletics elsewhere. They are the oldest forms of organized sport, having developed out of the most basic human activities – running, walking, jumping, and throwing. Athletics have become the most truly international of sports, with nearly every country in the world engaging in some form of competition [1].

The vast array of names in global professional organizations and institutions are often subject to abbreviation and need standardization. The current body of recent research publications provides evidence of much attention being paid to professional organizations in varied fields. The scholars such as P. Osmond-Johnson, C. Campbell, B. Faubert [2], X. Wang, X. Yang, J. Ye [3], N. A. Yurko et al. [4], E. Moyano [5], M.L. Naraine [6], N. A. Yurko et al. [7] concerned the spheres of education, information

technology, economics, agriculture, sport, tourism, leisure and recreation, etc. Numerous issues of different kinds of sports, including the sport of athletics, have also been the focus of scientific consideration [8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14] on a regular basis. Nevertheless, the abbreviations of professional organizations in the field of athletics have not been explored enough.

Article purpose and tasks. Considering the *actuality* of researching and standardization in abbreviations of professional organizations and the international popularity of athletics, the paper is *aimed at* exploring the names of occupational institutions in this common kind of sports. *Tasks* of the research imply defining and analyzing the main characteristics of abbreviation components in athletics organizations.

Research subject and object. Consequently, the *object* of research involves the names of occupational institutions in the sport of athletics, and the *subject* concerns the abbreviation components in the names of athletics organizations. The *material under research* is represented by the sample of abbreviations of global occupational institutions and bodies in athletics from the printed and internet resources [15; 16; 17; 18].

Basic research material. Due to the *methods* of literature analysis and comparative analysis of the material under research, the following main groups of abbreviations in the names of professional athletics organizations appear to be differentiated:

– international organizations – 36.1% (*AI – Achilles International, AIMS – Association of International Marathons and Distance Races, AITFS – Achilles International Track and Field Society, CCAF – Coast 2 Coast International Athletics, IAAAC – International Association of Athletic Administrators and Coaches, IAAF – International Amateur Athletic Federation, IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federations, IAU – International Association of Ultrarunners, ICCU – International Cross Country Union, IMSCTF – International Military Sport Council Track and Field, ITA – International Track Association, ITFCA – International Track and Field Coaches Association, ITRA – International Trail Running Association, etc.*);

– world organizations – 19.4% (*WA – World Athletics, WACC – World Athletics Coaches' Club, WAM – World Athletics Management, WMA – World Masters Athletics, WMRA – World Mountain Running Association, WRA – World Runners Association, WRC – World Runners Club, etc.*);

– intergovernmental organizations – 44.5% (*AA – Asian Athletics, AAA – Asian Athletics Association, AAF – Arab Athletic Federation, AASSE – Athletic Association of Small States of Europe, AFMA – African Masters Athletics, AMA – Asia Masters Athletics, CAA – Confederation of African Athletics, CACAC – Central American and Caribbean Athletic Confederation, EA – European Athletics, ECCA – English Cross Country Association, NACAC – North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association, OAA – Oceania Athletics Association, OMA – Oceania Masters Athletics, UKA – UK Athletics, etc.*).

The above research outcomes visibly demonstrate the minor quantity of world athletics organizations as compared to the international and intergovernmental organizations.

The results of the further comparative analysis of abbreviation components within the distinguished main groups of professional athletics organizations are found to be as follows.

The percentage ratio of the prevalent components in abbreviations of **international organizations** in athletics:

– abbreviations with constant component *Association* – 53.8% (*AIMS – Association of International Marathons and Distance Races, IAAAC – International Association of Athletic*

Administrators and Coaches, IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federations, ITA – International Track Association, ITFCA – International Track and Field Coaches Association, ITRA – International Trail Running Association, etc.);

– abbreviations with constant component *Athletic* – 30.8% (*IAAF – International Amateur Athletic Federation, CCAF – Coast 2 Coast International Athletics, IAAAC – International Association of Athletic Administrators and Coaches, IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federations, etc.*);

– abbreviations with constant components *Track and Field* – 23.1% (*AITFS – Achilles International Track and Field Society, IMSCTF – International Military Sport Council Track and Field, ITFCA – International Track and Field Coaches Association, etc.*);

– abbreviations with initial component *International* – 69.2% (*IAAAC – International Association of Athletic Administrators and Coaches, IAAF – International Amateur Athletic Federation, IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federations, ICCU – International Cross Country Union, IMSCTF – International Military Sport Council Track and Field, ITA – International Track Association, ITFCA – International Track and Field Coaches Association, ITRA – International Trail Running Association, etc.*);

– abbreviations with final component *Association* – 23.1% (*ITA – International Track Association, ITFCA – International Track and Field Coaches Association, ITRA – International Trail Running Association, etc.*);

– other initial component – 30.8% (*AI – Achilles International, AIMS – Association of International Marathons and Distance Races, AITFS – Achilles International Track and Field Society, CCAF – Coast 2 Coast International Athletics, etc.*);

– other final component – 76.9% (*AI – Achilles International, AIMS – Association of International Marathons and Distance Races, AITFS – Achilles International Track and Field Society, CCAF – Coast 2 Coast International Athletics, IAAAC – International Association of Athletic Administrators and Coaches, IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federations, IAU – International Association of Ultrarunners, ICCU – International Cross Country Union, IMSCTF – International Military Sport Council Track and Field, etc.*).

The data demonstrate obvious predominance of constant abbreviation component *Association*, initial component *International* and the final component *Association* in the names of international professional organizations in athletics.

The percentage ratio of the prevalent components in abbreviations of **world organizations** in athletics:

- abbreviations with constant component *Association* – 40.9% (*WMRA* – *World Mountain Running Association*, *WRA* – *World Runners Association*, etc.);

- abbreviations with constant component *Athletics* – 41.8% (*WA* – *World Athletics*, *WACC* – *World Athletics Coaches' Club*, *WAM* – *World Athletics Management*, *WMA* – *World Masters Athletics*, etc.);

- abbreviations with constant component *Club* – 28.3% (*WACC* – *World Athletics Coaches' Club*, *WRC* – *World Runners Club*, etc.);

- abbreviations with initial component *World* – 100.0% (*WA* – *World Athletics*, *WACC* – *World Athletics Coaches' Club*, *WAM* – *World Athletics Management*, *WMA* – *World Masters Athletics*, *WMRA* – *World Mountain Running Association*, *WRA* – *World Runners Association*, *WRC* – *World Runners Club*, etc.);

- abbreviations with final component *Association* – 38.5% (*WMRA* – *World Mountain Running Association*, *WRA* – *World Runners Association*, etc.);

- abbreviations with final component *Athletics* – 27.9% (*WA* – *World Athletics*, *WMA* – *World Masters Athletics*, etc.);

- abbreviations with final component *Club* – 27.4% (*WACC* – *World Athletics Coaches' Club*, *WRC* – *World Runners Club*, etc.);

- other final component – 6.2% (*WAM* – *World Athletics Management*, etc.).

The outcomes illustrate the prevalence of constant abbreviation components *Association* and *Athletics*, initial component *World* and the final components *Association* in the names of world professional organizations in athletics.

The percentage ratio of the prevalent components in abbreviations of **intergovernmental organizations** in athletics:

- abbreviations with constant component *Association* – 43.8% (*AAA* – *Asian Athletics Association*, *AASSE* – *Athletic Association of Small States of Europe*, *APA* – *Association of Panamerican Athletics*, *ECCA* – *English*

- Cross Country Association*, *NACAC* – *North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association*, *OAA* – *Oceania Athletics Association*, *USTFCCCA* – *U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association*, etc.);

- abbreviations with constant component *Athletics* – 62.5% (*AA* – *Asian Athletics*, *AAA* – *Asian Athletics Association*, *AFMA* – *African Masters Athletics*, *AMA* – *Asia Masters Athletics*, *APA* – *Association of Panamerican Athletics*, *CAA* – *Confederation of African Athletics*, *EA* – *European Athletics*, *OAA* – *Oceania Athletics Association*, *OMA* – *Oceania Masters Athletics*, *UKA* – *UK Athletics*, etc.);

- abbreviations with constant component *Confederation* – 12.5% (*CACAC* – *Central American and Caribbean Athletic Confederation*, etc.);

- abbreviations with initial component *Association* – 13.2% (*APA* – *Association of Panamerican Athletics*, etc.);

- abbreviations with initial component *Athletic* – 19.6% (*AASSE* – *Athletic Association of Small States of Europe*, etc.);

- abbreviations with final component *Association* – 25.0% (*AAA* – *Asian Athletics Association*, *ECCA* – *English Cross Country Association*, *Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association*, *OAA* – *Oceania Athletics Association*, *USTFCCCA* – *U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association*, etc.);

- abbreviations with final component *Athletics* – 50.0% (*AA* – *Asian Athletics*, *AFMA* – *African Masters Athletics*, *AMA* – *Asia Masters Athletics*, *APA* – *Association of Panamerican Athletics*, *CAA* – *Confederation of African Athletics*, *EA* – *European Athletics*, *OMA* – *Oceania Masters Athletics*, *UKA* – *UK Athletics*, etc.);

- other initial component – 67.2% (*AA* – *Asian Athletics*, *AAF* – *Arab Athletic Federation*, *AFMA* – *African Masters Athletics*, *EA* – *European Athletics*, *ECCA* – *English Cross Country Association*, *NACAC* – *North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association*, *OAA* – *Oceania Athletics Association*, *UKA* – *UK Athletics*, *USTFCCCA* – *U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association*, etc.);

- other final component – 25.0% (*AAF* – *Arab Athletic Federation*, *AASSE* – *Athletic Association of Small States of Europe*, *CACAC* – *Central American and Caribbean Athletic Confederation*, etc.).

The results point out to the predominance of constant abbreviation component *Association*,

initial component *Athletic* and the final component *Athletics* in the names of intergovernmental professional organizations in athletics.

Conclusions. On the bases of the presented research outcomes, the following conclusions can be made. Notwithstanding the great interest of scholars in professional organizations of different fields, as well as numerous issues of various kinds of sports including the sport of athletics, the abbreviations of professional athletics organizations have not been explored enough.

Literature analysis and comparative analysis of the material under research reveal that the main differentiated groups of abbreviations in the names of professional athletics organi-

zations appear to comprise the *international*, *world* and *intergovernmental* organizations and institutions.

The most productive components in abbreviations of athletics organizations are found to be the constant abbreviation components *Association* and *Athletics*, initial components *International*, *World* and *Athletic*, and final components *Association* and *Athletics*, which is predetermined by the total globalization of athletic institutions and popularity of the sport.

Further **prospects in the research area** are the study and comparative analysis of abbreviations usage in the increasingly popular field of athletics in the English and Ukrainian languages.

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