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Appendix A7: Terminology Survey

The following is the result of a survey of terminology related to the university museum context. The objective was to investigate the existence of specific terminology, or, at least, special terms.

The survey is not exhaustive and based on a selected sample of 94 articles (from journals and books), reports, and catalogues, written in English and French and published during the 20th century. All words and expressions were taken from professional museum literature. The survey is presented in the form of a table indicating:

- a) the precise term or expression;
- b) the reference for the publication in which it appears;
- c) the purported meaning and/or relevant comments.

The table begins with terms associated with the word *museum*, then with *collection*, then with *objects and specimens*, then with *jobs and staff* and finally with *exhibitions*. Common and trivial terms (e.g. 'zoology collection') are not included, unless there exists ambiguity about meaning or content. No definitions are given. The survey is discussed in chapter 3.

Term or Expression	Reference	Purported Meaning/Comment
Civic museum	Zeller 1985: 88; Coolidge 1956: 167	As a synonym for <u>non-university museum</u>
Independent museum	Odegaard 1963: 32	As a synonym for <u>non-university museum</u>
Public museum	Guthe 1966: 105; Reimann 1967: 39; MacDonald & Shaw 2000: 1; Laetsch 2000: 84; Borhegyi 1956: 309; Rodeck 1968: 34; Tirrell 2000: 159	As a synonym for <u>non-university museum</u>
General museum	Sawyer 1964-65: 337	As a synonym for <u>non-university museum</u>
Campus museum	Hester 1967: 246; Burcaw 1969: 15,16; Davis 1976: 116; Borhegyi 1958: 79; Rodeck 1968: 33,34; Black 1984: 20	As a synonym for <u>university museum</u>
Academic museum	Burcaw 1969: 16; Coolidge 1956: 167; Clercq 2001a	As a synonym for <u>university museum</u>
Academic collections and museums	Declaration of Halle, 16/4/00 (see appendix A10)	
University-affiliated museum	Kinsey 1966: 106	As a synonym for <u>university museum</u>
University-based museum	Ferriot 2002: 89	As a synonym for <u>university museum</u>
University-state museum	Tirrell 1991: 159	Museums that belong to a state

		university (USA)
College museum ¹⁹²	Sawyer 1964-65: 337; Freundlich 1964-65: 165	
Teaching museum	Eldredge 1978: 245; Rolfe 1969: 7; Ruthven 1931: 22; MacDonald 2000: 74; Warhurst 1984: 80; Rickards 1979: 78	To be used exclusively by campus students; same as <u>teaching museum</u>
Educational museum	Ortner 1978: 212	To be used exclusively by campus students
Musée de moulages	Mossière 1996: 10	The author gives other synonyms for musée de moulages: <u>musée de modèles</u> , <u>cabinet de copies</u> , <u>gypsothèque</u> , <u>musée de sculpture comparée</u> & <u>galerie d'études</u>
Science museum	Witteborg 1968: 25; Taub 1999: 730	The term includes <i>all sciences</i> (and not just exact sciences), e.g. title of the paper: "The role of science museums in teaching anthropological and biological concepts through exhibits"; same in Taub (1999)
Scientific museums	Tucci 2002: 18	The author uses the term in the sense of <u>museums of 'exact' sciences</u> (in accordance with ICOM)
Research museum	Grinnell 1910; Rolfe 1969: 7; Jonaitis 1995: 39; Niles Eldredge quoted in Nicholson 1991: 91; Ruthven 1931: 22; Rickards 1979: 78	
Working museum	Boylan 1999: 46	As a synonym for <u>research museum</u>
Research collections	Williams 1969: 303; Madden 1978: 161; Parr 1963: 23; Edson & Dean 1994: 75; MacDonald 2000: 69; Grinnell 1910: 165, Wolf 1980: 249	
Scientific collections	Parr 1958: 14; Jorge 1941: 82	As a synonym for <u>research collections</u>
Collections scientifiques (1)	Hudson & Legget 2000: 20	As a synonym for <u>research collections</u>
Collections scientifiques (2)	Van den Driessche 2000: 39	Meaning collections where exact sciences are represented
Study collections (1)	Collier 1962: 323; Guthe 1966: 103; Eldredge 1978: 274; Anonymous 1964-65: 46; Nicks 1991: 113; Kohlstedt 1988:417	As a synonym for <u>research collections</u>
Study collections (2)	Williams 1969: 303	For the exclusive use of students
Collections d'étude (3)	Keene 1995	Meaning collections only accessible for researchers (<u>research collections</u>)
Sub-collection	Minsky 1976: 40; Clercq 2001b, 2003	
Student collections	Strachan 1979: 74	Meaning collections resulting from PhDs and monographs made by students
Cabinet of types	Owen 1964: 290	
Collection of type series	MacDonald 2000: 70	
Reference collections	Minsky 1976: 42; MacDonald 2000: 71; Reynolds 1979; Taub 2001: 13; Strachan	

¹⁹² Institutionally speaking, a college *per se* cannot grant more than graduate degrees. A university, however, can be composed of colleges.

	1979: 68, 72	
Representative collections	Rolfe 1969: 7; Madden 1978: 162; Nicks 1991: 110	
Gift collection	Minsky 1976: 43	A collection that was donated
Bulk-stratigraphic collection	Minsky 1976: 40	Meaning unclear, supposedly the bulk resulting from field collecting in palaeontology
Characteristic collection	Love 1967: 36	As a synonym for <u>reference</u> and <u>representative collections</u>
Specialised collection	Ortner 1978: 212	For the exclusive use of specialists
Comparative collection	Boylan 1999: 45	
Comparative study collections	Swanson 1969: 9	
Comprehensive collection	Ortner 1978:213; Eldredge 1978: 245; Waller 1971: 386, Madden 1978: 160, 161	“Complete”, <u>reference collection</u>
Comprehensive collection of comparative bones	Madden 1978: 160	
Encyclopaedic collection	Olmi 2001: 11	Same meaning as <u>comprehensive collection</u>
Reserve collection	Willett 1986: 142; Nicks 1991: 113; Owen 1964: 290; MacDonald 2000: 74; Warhurst 1984: 80	Meaning unclear: I assume that it's simply the collection not on public display
Reserve material	Pearce 1974: 150	The meaning is unclear. Presumably, <u>backup collections</u> (S. de Clercq, pers. comm.. 21/5/02). It could also mean <u>storage collection</u> , but the author uses this term also in the same text, so it's unlikely
Working collection	ICOM 2004	
Assemblage	Saville 1999, 2002	Same as <u>working collection</u> , the bulk resulting from field work (in this case archaeological). Saville disagrees calling it <u>collection</u>
Field collection	Society of Museum Archaeologists 1993	Same as above
Archive repository	Owen 1995	Meaning unclear, possibly <u>reference collections</u>
Matériaux de référence et de recherche	Hudson & Legget 2000: 22	Meaning <u>research</u> and <u>reference collections</u>
Storage collection	Pearce 1974: 150	
Fundamental collections	Neustupn 1967: 57	Neustupn explains: “depositories”, so I suppose <u>reference collections</u>
Colecção pública [Public collection] vs. Colecção científica [Scientific collection]	Jorge 1952: 135	Meaning the collection that is on public display vs. the research collections, supposedly reserved
Teaching collections	Minsky 1976: 38, 39; Ortner 1978: 212; Waller 1971: 390; Merriman 2002: 76; Boylan 1999: 43, 52; MacDonald 2000: 69; Strachan 1979: 68, 72;	
Educational collections	Kohlstedt 1988: 422	Meaning <u>teaching collections</u>
Education program collection	Edson & Dean 1994: 75	Not exactly as a synonym of teaching collection because the term is used in a non-university museum context
Demonstration collection	Nicks 1991: 113	As a <u>teaching sub-collection</u> , composed of demonstration material
Collections à usage	Van den Driessche 2001: 132	As a synonym of <u>teaching collection</u>

pédagogique		
Collections didactiques	Hudson & Legget 2000: 21	
Collection muséale	Van den Driessche 2001: 132	Ambiguous meaning: possibly collection with 'museum' value, or 'display' value
Display collection	Nicks 1991: 112	The same meaning as public collection above
Systematic collections	Kinsey 1966: 108; Madden 1978: 160; Parr 1958: 16; Braun & Mares 1991: 434; Nicholson 1991: 106; Nicks 1991: 110	Collections of Systematics (the discipline)
Synoptic collections	Madden 1978: 159; Rodeck 1968: 33	Meaning <u>reference collections</u> (for identification)
Synoptic research collections	Madden 1978: 160	Meaning <u>reference collections</u> (for identification)
Associative collections	Nicks 1991: 111	Accurate meaning to be confirmed
Opportunistic collections	Nicks 1991: 111	Accurate meaning to be confirmed
Backup collections	Steven de Clercq, pers. comm. 21/05/2002	Duplicates and spare parts collected in the field as a replacement resource for research
Orphan collections	Boylan 1999: 53	Any collection that lost its original purpose
Permanent collection	Edson & Dean 1994: 75	Meaning unclear
Incidental collections	Recommendation # 1375, Council of Europe, 1998	Collections cared for and owned by institutions which main priority is not collection preservation and care
Raw data	Guthe 1966: 104	Collections that were just gathered in the field, waiting to be analysed, similar to working collections (Steven de Clercq, pers. comm., 21/05/02)
Study room	Jones 1967: 343	"where reserve material is available for inspection, but not on formal display"
Scientific specimens	Getty's Thesaurus (consulted in 23/05/02)	
Series of specimens	Braun & Mares 1991: 434	
Type specimens	Stanbury 2001; Boylan 1999: 47	
Voucher specimens	Braun & Mares 1991: 438; Boylan 1999: 47	
Types (1)	Héritier-Auger 1991: 45	In the sense of <u>type-specimens</u> , in a natural history context
Types (2)	Renfrew 1967: 113	Same as above, but in the context of archaeology
Modèles manipulables	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 49	
Manipulations presse-bouton	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 52	
Modèles animés	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 49	
Objets historiques	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 49	
Historical records	Declaration of Halle, 16/4/00	
Maquettes	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 50	
Replique	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 51	
Instruments mathématiques	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 49	
Instruments obstétriques	Helden & Steenhorst 1998: 49	

Skeletal material	Warhurst 1984: 80	
Bird skins	Warhurst 1984: 80	
Study skins	Roselaar 2003: 253	Bird skins for study
Herbarium sheets	Warhurst 1984: 80	
Demonstration model	Clercq 2001a	
Instrumental systems	Brenni 2000: 16	As a synonym for instruments of the 20 th century
Pièces de référence	Van den Driessche 2001: 134	The author completes: "pièces de référence pour les spécimens de paléontologie". Therefore he speaks of reference objects, possibly even types
Objects of research	ECSITE Meeting Director's Forum, Lisbon, 16/03/02	Complete sentence: "The Deutsches Museum exhibits objects of research"
Object as source	Neustupn 1967: 57	
Object as evidence	Neustupn 1967: 57	
Museum scholar	Fleming 1969: 12	
Research scholar	Ricciardelli 1967: 11	
Scholar-naturalist	Whitehead 1971: 159	
Museum docent	Johnson 1971: 261	
Artist-teacher	Coolidge 1956: 169	
Teacher-curator	Coolidge 1956: 169	
Scholar-curator	Washburn 1967: 46	
Curator-professor	Jaffé 1967: 150	
Professor-curator	Jaffé 1967: 154	
Museum specialist	Auer 1970: 105	Not clear if the author means the curator, the teacher or the museologist
Research oriented curator vs. collection and exhibit-oriented curator	Washburn 1967: 46	Interesting the 3 functions suggested by Washburn when using these expressions: a) research, b) collection care, and c) exhibitions
Research scientists (!)	Burcaw 1969:16	
Museologists	Burcaw 1969: 16	
Museum historians	Schlereth 1980: 256	As a synonym for curators of history museums
Portable exhibition	Eldredge 1978: 274	Meaning unclear, possibly travelling exhibition
Period rooms	Schlereth 1980: 256	Rooms faithfully reconstructing a given historic period
Didactic exhibit(ion)s	Johnson 1971: 261; Jaffé 1967: 150	Exhibits in a teaching exhibition (exclusively to be used by students)
Students' gallery	Rolfe 1969: 9; A.S. Wittlin quoted in Seyd 1971: 180; Baramki 1970: 30	An exhibition exclusive for students, organised in a didactic manner
Galerie didactique	Van den Driessche 2000: 39	Exhibition exclusively to be used by students
Scholarly exhibition	Waller 1971: 390	Meaning unclear
Systematic display	Kinsey 1966: 111	Systematic in the sense of the process (i.e. methodical)
Taxonomic displays	MacDonald 2000: 71	In the context of archaeology, meaning an exhibition of artefacts typologically grouped
Systematic exhibits	Parr 1958: 13	Here, the meaning is precise: exhibits that display the discipline of Systematics
Public exhibition vs. reserved exhibition	MacDonald 2000: 78	In the context of archaeology
Display museum vs. working museum	MacDonald 2000: 83	In the context of archaeology
Student display	Seyd 1971: 180	A display designed by students

Scholarly catalogue	Hester 1967: 247	
Object-oriented research	Lindsay 1962: 238	
Discipline based study of museum material	Pearce 1995: 259	As a synonym for disciplinary research or subject-matter research
Museum-based research	Fenton 1995: 225	As a synonym for disciplinary research or subject-matter research
Subject-based expertise	Fenton 1995: 224	As a synonym of disciplinary knowledge, possibly even connoisseurship
Museum research	Fleming 1969: 13; Parr 1963: 21	
Systematic research	Parr 1958: 14; Braun & Mares 1991: 432	Research in the field of Systematics
Systematic study	F. Petrie, quoted in MacDonald 2000: 72	Systematic here employed as method
Curatorial research	Gilberto Silva Taboada, quoted in Nicholson 1991: 99; Hounsome 1984: 153	
Sampling methodology	Braun & Mares 1991: 434	When referring to the survey collecting done in the 19 th century expeditions
Taxonomic and systematic collecting	Warhurst 1984: 80	
Museum science (1)	Borhegyi 1958: 79; Nicholson 1991: 106	As a synonym for museology
Museum science (2)	Nicholson 1991: 106	As a synonym for the science/research produced in the museum; in the case of a natural history museum, it's Systematics
Museological discipline	Neustupn 1970: 67	As a synonym for the discipline represented in the collections (e.g. archaeology)
Scientific museology	Tucci 2002: 19	As a synonym for museology of science
Archival function [of university museums]	Rolfe 1969: 7	

Table A7.1 – Terminology survey.

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