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Paris, June 28, 2013

Sir,

You have referred a matter to the National Library of France (BnF) on behalf of one of your clients, a request for eight documents stored in the Library for which you want to know the date of listing in BnF's catalog, as well as the date when it was made publicly available by the Library.

Those papers were published in the 1950's and 1960's. However, computerization of documents was implemented by BnF much later (those references were incorporated into a computerized catalog in the late 1990's from paper registration forms). That is why it is hard to give a precise and definite answer for each book, covering the entire period.

As of today, I cannot give you all the information requested, but I can already give you, below, data relating to two monographs:

1. René Grangaud. "Astaxanthin, new vitamin A factor", Desoer Publisher, Liege, 1951.

In –octavo (245 x 160), 52 p., fig. 380 fr. [D. L. 11167-51]-IVc2- Biochemical News. No. 15.

Record No.: FRBNF32189127

<http://catalogue.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cb32189127z/ISBD>

The volume was announced in the Bibliography of France on December 21, 1951. The corresponding registration form was inserted in the "Authors" index during the same period.

In the "Topics" index it was filed under the following entries Astaxanthin. - Astacin. - Carotenoid. Astacin-astaxanthin. A comparative study.

Observation: The thesis corresponding to this book was also received at the National Library, and announced in Attachment D of the Bibliography of France in 1952, as well as in the Catalog of theses and academic writings, Volume 67, Chapter XIV. As a result, its integration into the "authors" index probably dates back to 1952.

(Grangaud, René. Theses submitted to the Department of Sciences of the University of Lyons for the purpose of obtaining the Ph. D. degree in physics by René Grangaud ... 1st thesis: Investigation on astaxanthin, a new vitamin A factor. . [Printed text] - Liege, Desoer, 1951

In –octavo, 71 pp., fig [2756] No. 181

Record No. FRBNF32189130

<http://catalogue.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cb32189130v/ISBD>

2. Massonet Renée "Research on the Biochemistry of Astaxanthin ..." [Printed text]. - Lyons, Algiers: F. Fontana Publishers, 1958.

Record No. FRBNF33093076

<http://catalogue.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cb33093076m/PUBLIC>

This book was announced in the Bibliography of France on April 28, 1961. The corresponding registration form would have been inserted in the "Authors" index shortly after. Two copies can be found in the collections of the Library. In the "Topics" index, it was reported under the following entries: Astaxanthin - Vitamin A. Deficiency. Astaxanthin. - Astaxanthin.. Avitaminosis A. Vitamin A. Astaxanthin.

Observation: the typed thesis corresponding to that book was also received at the National Library, and announced in Attachment D of the Bibliography of France on December 4, 1959.

The other 6 documents included in your request are articles published in periodicals.

However, it is the title of the periodical which is indexed, and not the title or the authors of the articles. Consequently, we cannot find each title corresponding to the article by just typing words or names of authors in the catalog.

The relevant department of the BNF continues its investigations for those documents.

A response will be given to you by Friday, July 5 at the latest.

I can however inform you that those periodicals are indeed included in BNF collections and can be made available to the Public.

All of these documents are made available to the Public, a maximum of one month after the announcement of incorporation in the Bibliography of France.

I hope this letter meets your expectations.

Best regards.

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