

a place, libraries are arranged in alphabetical order and not by order of size or importance, as they frequently were in the earlier editions of *LMB*. Within the subsection for each library the works there recorded are arranged in the following order: library guide (if one exists); printed catalogues and other publications; handwritten catalogues and indices, which are invariably available in the library for which they were compiled, so that no indication is needed of where they can be found.

If a library holds more than one collection of manuscripts, there are further subheadings, beginning with a dash and with the name of the collection in brackets (see for example under Firenze, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, or Città del Vaticano). The order of publications here is the same as that for libraries.

For bracketed abbreviations following titles in Section C (e. g., AB, Cr I, Born) see the list of abbreviations on p. xxxv. Occasional references preceded by 'Communication of' are all due to Professor Kristeller and have been taken over from the previous edition. References beginning 'In possession of' are almost all adopted from Kristeller's *Iter Italicum*, and should always be taken together with the year given there, which marks the time when Professor Kristeller saw the manuscript(s), whose ownership may, however, have changed in the meantime.

In this fourth edition of *LMB*, books and articles published up to the summer of 1992 have been included. In view of the enormous amount of pertinent recent publications it is not surprising that I cannot claim that my coverage is absolutely comprehensive and reliable in every detail. For not a few titles that were not accessible to me I have had to rely on bibliographies<sup>2</sup> and other printed sources. Thus even as important a work as the first volume of the *Handbuch der Handschriftenbestände in Deutschland*<sup>3</sup> could only be listed in Section B, as the book came into my hands too late to insert the relevant cross-references to it in Section C. Professor Kristeller and I also agreed to delete the asterisks of former editions as

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2) E. g. François DOLBEAU and Pierre PETITMENGIN with F. AVRIL, D. MAJCHRZAK and F. ZEHNACKER, *Indices Librorum. Catalogues anciens et modernes de manuscrits médiévaux en écriture latine. Sept ans de bibliographie (1977-1983)*. (Bibliothèque de l'École Normale Supérieure. Guides et Inventaires Bibliographiques, 3). Paris 1987; Charles B. FAULHABER, *Libros y bibliotecas en la España medieval: una bibliografía de fuentes impresas* (Research Bibliographies & Checklists, 47). London 1987; Julián MARTIN ABAD, *Manuscritos de España: guía de catálogos impresos*. Madrid 1989.

3) Tilo BRANDIS and Ingo NÖTHER, *Handbuch der Handschriftenbestände in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*, hg. vom Deutschen Bibliotheksinstitut, 1: *Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Berlin (West), Bremen, Hamburg, Hessen, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Schleswig-Holstein*. Wiesbaden 1992.