

Terminologia anatomica and terminologia histologica. A meeting point between morphologists [Terminologia anatomica y terminologia histologica. Un lugar de encuentro entre los morfólogos]

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The correct use of morphological terminology is extremely important for scientific communication. These terminologies should be clear and precise and consistent with each other. The need to unify criteria has been reflected in the performance of the Iberian Latin American Symposium of Terminology (SILAT), initiated in 2009 by the Pan American Association of Anatomy. The priority is to unify and update morphological terms and also pose challenges and propose solutions to improve the different terminologies. The objective was to coordinate a review of some Latin terms common to Terminologia Anatomica (TA) and Terminologia Histologica (TH), in order, by way of example compare and identify some terms that generate discrepancy, and therefore confusion for those who use it. Although both terminologies present the same considerations for their makeup, there are some differences in organization, denomination of terms and more than one single term for the same structure. Furthermore, the same structure may have different names between one terminology and another. Many terms are written in the plural and singular in TA and TH. SILAT proposes some improvements for these issues by providing opportunities to review and discuss the different terminologies and thus demonstrate the need to modify and harmonize terms that present discrepancies. In short, we are hopeful that with this initial information, arguments can be made to further uniform criteria that may be considered by the experts that make up the Federative International Programme for Anatomical Terminology. Additionally, and as noted this would allow the development of dialogue with members of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists, and continue to improve scientific communication between the various actors of the morphological sciences. © 2015, Universidad de la Frontera. All rights reserved.

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