PHOIBLE (PHONETICS INFORMATION BASE AND LEXICON)

Richard Wright, PI. PHOIBLE: Phonetics Information Base and Lexicon.

PHOIBLE Online is a repository of cross-linguistic phonological inventory data, which have been extracted from source documents and tertiary databases and compiled into a single searchable convenience sample. There are currently 1240 inventories that contain 1680 segment types found in 1010 distinct languages.

Two principles guide the development of PHOIBLE, though it has proved challenging both theoretically and technologically to abide by them:

1. Be faithful to the language description in the source document (now often called ‘doculect’, for reasons indicated above)
2. Encode all character data in a consistent representation in Unicode IPA

Read more and access the repository at the PHOIBLE Website.

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