Corrections and additions to the dating of the “Histoire Naturelle des Vers” and the Tableau Encyclopédie (Vers, coquilles, mollusques et polypiers) portions of the Encyclopédie Méthodique

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Abstract

A recently published collation of the entire Encyclopédie Méthodique contained some errors in the Histoire Naturelle des Vers and the Tableau Encyclopédie (Vers, coquilles, mollusques et polypiers) portions. Those errors are here corrected and a few additional notes added.

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In a recent publication (Evenhuis, 2003), a detailed overview of the entire Encyclopédie Méthodique was given that included not only the history of the publication but details of pagination as well as authorship and dating of its many parts. Unfortunately, last minute additions and minor changes caused unfortunate typographical errors. As the correct authorship and dating of the parts of the Histoire Naturelle des Vers is of considerable importance, especially in malacology, we hasten to supply corrections. Instead of just listing errata we here give complete collations for both the Histoire Naturelle des Vers and the Tableau Encyclopédie (Vers, coquilles, mollusques et polypiers) so that the complete collation will be available in one place.

Although there are some unanswered, and probably unanswerable, questions about parts of this work, the following is thought to be the best possible collation based on all available evidence. Annotations have been made where explanations are deemed necessary or valuable. We take this opportunity to incorporate a few additional details about this remarkable work that have no bearing on its collation, but are thought to be of interest.