REMINDER *Indexers Available 1995/96*

Indexers Available is a booklet published by the Australian Society of Indexers to help publishers and authors find an indexer to suit their needs.

The indexers listed, both registered and unregistered, are members of the society and are all expected to be available to take commissions.

An *Indexers Available 1995/96* entry form was enclosed with the July newsletter.
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World Wide Web (URL) and Webmaster Email

Members are invited to use the **database** entry on the *Indexers Available 1995/96* form for their World Wide Web URL and their Webmaster email addresses.
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Please print the title, publisher and date of publication of the works you have indexed on the space provided on the form with due care and precision - using correct upper and lower case letters - so that they can be easily deciphered and accurately listed. Thank you.
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**The deadline for return of entry forms is:
31 August 1995.**

Editorial

In this issue there is an article from the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services about the relationship between primary and secondary publishers, Dwight Walker looks at another tool for using the Internet, Garry Cousins reports on the NSW Branch's evening talk on the Internet as well as explaining about setting column widths with Cindex, Alan Walker calls for recommendations for the AusSI Medal and there is a complete list of members in non-branch states and territories as well as upcoming conferences, new releases from publishers and notice of an `Introduction to Indexing' course in Victoria in September. Members are reminded that all entry forms for the new edition of *Indexers Available* must be received by 31 August 1995.

Ann Philpott

Indexers Medal

The Australian Society of Indexers is again offering its annual Medal for the most outstanding index to a book or periodical compiled in Australia or New Zealand. The Medal will be presented to the indexer responsible for the best index submitted if it is of sufficient quality. The publisher of the winning index will be presented with a certificate.

To be eligible for the award the index must meet the following criteria:

* be still in print

* be first published after 1992

* be compiled in Australia or New Zealand (although the text to which it refers may have come from elsewhere).

For the award indexes are judged at the level of outstanding professional achievement, thus sufficient material is required, both in quality and quantity, for appraisal. The index should be substantial in size, the subject matter should be complex, and the language, form and structure of the index should demonstrate the indexer's expertise, as well as serving the needs of the text and the reader.

Publishers, indexers and all interested persons are invited to nominate indexes which meet the above criteria, and which they regard as worthy of consideration.

Indexers are encouraged to nominate their own works.

Please send recommendations with bibliographic details and, if possible, a copy of the book (which shall be returned) to:

**The Secretary,
Australian Society of Indexers
(NSW Branch),
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Royal Exchange
Sydney. NSW 2000**

as soon as possible but no later than

Friday 29 September 1995.

For further information please contact Alan Walker, telephone (02) 380 5875, fax (02) 361 0651.

Alan Walker

MEMBERS LIST Correction

The following member has been a registered indexer with the society for many years but was inadvertently listed as a unregistered member of the society in the June newsletter's list of members. Apologies are extended to:
registered indexer:

New members

The society welcomes the following new members:

Ms T. Hendrikson, Wollstonecraft, NSW

Ms L. Goodman, Bayview, NSW

Formation of Local Groups

The society wishes to encourage members in states or territories with no official AusSI branches to form local groups or simply to make contact with other state or territory members, if they so desire. To aid these members in this endeavour, the following list of members as of 15 June 1995 is provided. (No distinction is made between registered and unregistered members in this list.)

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Internet Tools: ftp - copying files from another computer

Ftp (file transfer protocol) is a little like downloading from a Bulletin Board System (BBS). There is a treasure trove of programs and data on the Internet. Ftp will then allow you to download them into your computer. Although email is possible, ftp is more efficient.

Like telnet, ftp sites have internet names, for example, ftp.microsoft.com or its equivalent IP address. You can use Archie or Web Crawler to find the site name where the files are kept then log on and transfer the files across. These sites are free for use by anyone and are called anonymous ftp sites.

The program I use is called WS_FTP (Winsock FTP), which is free for non-commercial use and is freely available. Another FTP program comes with the Chameleon sampler. Both are used over SLIP.

Like in a telnet connection, you create an ftp connection by pressing Connect. In the ftp program there is usually a list of many different sites. If the one you want is not there you can for example,

1. Punch it in
        Host Name: godzilla.zeta.org.au

2. Leave host type
        Host Type: Automatic detect

3. Enter userid for anonymous ftp
        Userid: anonymous

4. Enter the password for anonymous ftp, namely, your email address
        Password: dwalker@zeta.org.au

Enter initial directories:

5. Remote Host: /arch/Local

6: Local PC: /tmp

Once all of this is entered in and saved for future reference, click the OK button and the connection will begin. A dialogue burbles along in the background as you are connected. As in File Manager in Windows you will see two directories of files: one for your local PC on the left and the other for the remote host on the right. You can manoeuvre here.

Select transfer format: Binary (allows programs and text to transfer without corruption). Select a file name on the host then click the <- (left arrow) button and the file transfer to your PC will begin. The size and proportion of files transferred are given via a progress bar.

NB: Check the size before downloading! Look for INDEX or README files and download and read them. They list all the files in a giant directory and give information about their contents, saving you time.

At the end you close the connection and exit. The file is transferred!

Bibliography
The whole Internet: users guide & catalog by Ed Krol, 2nd ed., 1994, Ch 6

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Conferences

If you would like to notify AusSI members of any events, send information (including dates, venue, cost, theme and contact) to the Editor.

2 - 6 September 1995

IFIP96 14th World Computer Congress, Canberra, ACT

Hosted by: AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER SOCIETY
On behalf of: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

There will be three specialised world conferences making up the 14th World

Computer Congress. The conferences will share a common venue, trade exhibition, social events, opening and closing ceremonies. Delegates to each conference will be able to break out of the specialised program of their own conference and take part in activities of the other two.

Separate Calls for Papers and on-line expression of interest forms for each conference are now available.

1996 WORLD CONFERENCE ADVANCED IT TOOLS

With special focus on Innovative Applications, Intelligent Systems and their use in the Public Sector.

1996 WORLD CONFERENCE TELETEACHING

This conference will explore issues of IT and education in the 1990s with a special focus on teleteaching.

1996 WORLD CONFERENCE MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

With three streams: Mobile Visualisation, Smart Cards and Trusting in Technology.

For calls for papers and other details see the IFIP'96 home page at <URL: http://www.acs.org.au/ifip96.html> or contact:

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National Reference and Information Services Section (RAISS) Conference, Adelaide, SA

THEME: Fantastic Futures: Virtual and in the Flesh
VENUE: Ramada Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Adelaide, SA
COST: ALIA member $370, non-member $470
CONTACT: Philip Plevin & Associates, Tel (08) 379 8222, Fax (08) 379 8177
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18 - 21 September 1995

Asia Pacific World Wide Web Conference '95, Wagga Wagga, NSW

THEME: WWW - Changing the Way We Work, Learn and Play
CONTACT: Brian Cornish, School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650, Tel (069) 332 460, Fax (069) 332 733, Email bcornish@csu.edu.au

New Releases

Order Out of Chaos: National Priorities for Bibliographical Projects. Papers from the Conference `Order Out of Chaos', Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide, 1993
Adelaide: Barr Smith Press, University of Adelaide, 1995. 70p. $10. The publication is sponsored by the National Library of Australia. ISBN 0863962661

In the lead up to Federation Centenary 2001 there is an increased emphasis on improving access to Australia's published resources.

The conference papers look at future directions for indexers and bibliographers as identified by Australia's leading researchers and practitioners.

A National Meeting on Collaborative Indexing, convened by Professor John Barnes, La Trobe University, was held as part of the conference.

Coverage includes
* the needs of major areas of research using Australian materials
* future directions in areas such as database development
* national priority projects
* coordinating bodies relevant to indexing
* funding for National High Priority Cross Sectoral Projects
* major projects planned or in progress
* an appendix of contact people and addresses for indexing and other projects and coordinating bodies

Contact: Ray Choate, University Librarian, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, SA 5005, Tel (08) 303 5370, Fax (08) 303 4369, Email rchoate@library.adelaide.edu.au

International Books in Print 1995 Munich: K G Saur Verlag, 1995. CD-ROM $1700. ISBN 3598402902

The electronic version of this highly acclaimed international reference allows quick and simple access to over 250,000 English-language titles published in Asia, Africa, Canada and Europe. Updated annually, the database provides exceptional search facilities, a choice of three display formats and a bibliographic data-source of the highest quality.

Contact: D W Thorpe, 18 Salmon Street (PO Box 146) Port Melbourne, Victoria 3207, Tel (03) 9245-7370, Fax (03) 9245-7395, Email dwthorpe@slim.slnsw.gov.au

World Databases in Physics and Maths London: Bowker-Saur, 1995. Hardback. c$200 ISBN 1857390385

Contact: D W Thorpe (as above)

Periodicals in Print: Australia, New Zealand & the South Pacific 1995 Melbourne: D W Thorpe, 1995. Paperback. $85. ISBN 1875589651

More accurate than ever, this standard work provides full details of over 12,000 Australian, New Zealand and South Pacific in-print periodicals, magazines, directories, yearbooks, newspapers, proceedings and trade publications of city, state, national and international interest.

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National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services
Primary/Secondary Publishers: A Complementary Relationship

Founded in 1958, the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS) is an organisation of more than sixty of the world's leading publishers of databases and information services in the sciences, engineering, social sciences, business, the arts and the humanities. NFAIS members are the international leaders in information collection, organisation, and dissemination.

NFAIS believes that widespread access to information benefits all participants in the information distribution chain: authors, primary publishers, secondary publishers, distributors, libraries, and users. NFAIS also believes that any action that could negatively impact information upon dissemination must be thoroughly and carefully deliberated in order to ensure that an equitable balance of the interests of all the participants in information distribution is maintained.

The principal objective of both the primary and secondary journal publishers is the same, that is, to facilitate the transfer of information, with each providing a unique service to the information community and to each other.

The primary publishers have traditionally provided the publishing framework for scholarly research, facilitating functions such as the collecting, organising, and peer review of manuscripts, in addition to the editing, printing, distributing, and archiving of the final publications.

The secondary publishers have provided a convenient information access/retrieval

service by functioning as a `front end' to multiple journals across thousands of publishers, with their ability to index, abstract, and classify literature. Secondary publishers serve to address researchers' needs both in the breadth and depth of publications covered, providing ease of access to current and archival material produced by the primary publishing community.

As a result, secondary publishers provide a beneficial distribution and marketing mechanism for primary publications.

Today the publishing industry is in the process of being transformed by economic forces and advances in information technology so that the traditional roles within the industry are being redefined.

Indeed, the combined pressures of advancing technology, changing usage patterns, and decreasing library budgets have accelerated the decline in subscriptions to journals and indices alike, with libraries sharing resources via networks.

In addition, the electrocopying of both printed and electronic information, legally and sometimes illegally, is becoming increasingly problematic. The electronic delivery of information, the unlimited potential usage of electronically delivered information and the resultant overall impact on the economics of publishing and information distribution has forced all industry participants not only to reshape their businesses and functions but also to rethink their relationships with one another.

In response to the current economic dynamics in the publishing industry, some primary publishers have begun to look to the secondary publishers for a new source of revenue. While journals have been provided, for the most part, to secondary publishers on a complimentary basis in order to gain market exposure, some primary publishers are beginning to charge for these subscriptions.

Additionally, a few primary publishers are considering licensing and charging for the use of author abstracts in secondary services.

Such actions will result in secondary publishers incurring huge expenses for the thousands of journals that they presently abstract and index, expenses that can total millions of dollars for any one abstracting and indexing service. Restrictions on and payments for use of author abstracts will only further increase the costs for secondary publishers.

Primary publishers will find it increasingly difficult to have journals covered by secondary publishers, resulting in libraries and users having less access to titles, particularly new ones.

In extreme cases, the smaller secondary services face possible extinction if they and their customer base cannot absorb the additional costs being levied, possibly creating information voids for users in small niche markets. The relationship that was once forged to facilitate the broadest possible distribution of information may fall well short of that objective in the not too distant future.

Recommendations

NFAIS recognises that the publishing industry is in a state of flux. NFAIS also recognises that the primary and secondary publishing communities face common concerns: increased use of electronic media and networks, decreased print subscriptions, increased focus on copyright and intellectual property rights, the need for creative pricing and new revenue opportunities, and the ever present threat of new entrants to the business who may usurp the traditional functions currently fulfilled by primary and secondary publishers.

NFAIS strongly recommends that the primary and secondary publishers establish strong and open channels of communication to more fully understand the environments within which the two communities operate.

To this end, NFAIS will initiate the establishment of working groups of primary publishers, secondary publishers, creators and users of information as well as others in the information chain who may be affected by any actions taken by the two publishing communities.

These working groups, consisting of representatives from key organisations, will meet to discuss issues and recommend actions for resolving both current problems and broader issues facing information providers and users.

NFAIS believes that policy recommendations can be ultimately developed that will ensure that the economics of information flow along the distribution chain is gradually adjusted in a way to keep the financial viability of the evolving publishing industry in line with the purchasing power and needs of the marketplace.

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NSW Branch Report

The Internet for beginners

Members of the NSW Branch met at the State Library on Thursday 13 July 1995 to hear guest speaker Jonathan Jermey speak about and demonstrate the Internet.

Jonathan explained that the Internet is basically a global network of computer networks. Access to it was originally restricted to mainframes - mostly in universities - but now it is possible to access `the Net' via a modem simply by dialling a phone number.

Some of the main features for users of the Internet that Jonathan mentioned were:

* `letterboxes', for communication, which users can use to send each other email (There are currently 25-30 million users of email.)

* access to newsgroups on more than 5,000 topics
* access to documents, graphics and software which can be downloaded to one's own computer using file transfer protocol (ftp) (*Dwight has written an article on ftp in this issue. Ed.*)

* `party lines' for just chatting

Jonathan predicted that communication via the Internet will eventually replace the fax and post simply because it is cheaper. He also thinks that the Net will take over some functions of the telephone, pointing out that some modems have the capacity to transmit voice already.

Numerous attempts were made to establish a connection to the Internet during the evening but all were unsuccessful, no doubt because we were attempting to make the link at peak `surfing time'.

Nevertheless, Jonathan pushed on undaunted, explaining the structure of an Internet address, such as Gopher, WAIS, Archie and the World Wide Web. We also looked at Eudora, an email program, and Free Agent, a newsgroup browsing program.

Getting down to the nitty gritty, Jonathan gave us a good idea of how much we should expect to spend on a connection to the Net.

The cost of modems and Internet connections varies considerably, but as a minimum we were told to expect to pay $300-500 for a modem, $40 a month for a subscription (connection) to the Net, plus the cost of actual telephone calls, which obviously depends upon frequency of use. The number of service providers is mushrooming, but Jonathan recommended Magnadata as being reliable. (Tel (02) 264 7326)

For readers who would like to know more, Jonathan has compiled extensive notes which cover these topics in greater depth. If you are interested, write to Jonathan Jermey at 32A Ross Crescent, Blaxland NSW 2774, enclosing $5 to cover the cost of photocopying and postage.

Garry Cousins

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Setting column width in version 6

Double columns

Like single columns, the width of double columns is adjusted in SET LAYOUT. First change the **Columns** option to "2". (CINDEX can actually accommodate up to six columns). The option below this on the menu is the **Gutter**—the number of characters between columns. The default is 3, but you can change it to whatever you wish. The left and right margins are both set to 5 by default.

To work out the width of each column, first add the sum of the left and right margins to the gutter. For example, if you have a left and right margin each of 5 characters, and a gutter of 4, this will be 14. Then subtract this number from the page width. A4 paper is 82 characters wide, so in our example the calculation would be 82 − 14 = 68.

But this is the width of *both* columns, so divide by two to get the width of each column. Hence each column in our example would be 34 characters wide.

Using this method you can change the settings for the left and right margin, and the gutter, to get the column width you desire.

Next issue: how to locate entries with more than seven locators for editing
If you have a tip for other CINDEX users, or a problem you need solved, write to Garry Cousins Indexing 2/27 Whatmore St, Waverton NSW 2060 Tel/fax (02) 955 1525

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Introduction to Book Indexing Course (Vic)

An introduction course into back of book indexing will be held at RMIT, Melbourne, on September 25, 26 and 27. Places are limited to 15 people. To book a place and for further information about cost, interested members should contact either Max McMaster (03) 9571 6341, Mary Long (03) 9286 9125 or George Levick (03) 9534 4843.