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"INDEXERS IN A WORLD OF CHANGE"

will be the theme of

A WEEKEND CONFERENCE

to be held by

THE SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

at Newnham College
CAMBRIDGE
(England)

on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
11th, 12th and 13th July 1980.

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Early booking is recommended.
For further details see the insert in The Indexer, October 1979 or contact our Secretary.
'There's a call from Macedonia...' 

by Jean Hagger

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Society now has entries in a number of directories. Certainly, the entry in the Society of Editors freelance register is somewhat indirect. It reads:

"Jean Hagger (followed by address and phone number). Jean is Secretary of the Australian Society of Indexers and will be pleased to provide you with the names and addresses of indexers in specialized fields."

And Jean has been called on to do just that!

On the several occasions, I have replied along the following lines:

"The Society has a Register of Indexers approved by its panel of Assessors as being suitable for recommendation to inquirers. (Then follows information about any Registered Indexer with suitable subject competence.)

... other members have stated that they have had experience of indexing in fields of interest to you but they have not submitted work for assessment so the Society has no way of knowing the quality of the work done. No doubt you could make some assessment of this if you decide to contact them. (Then follows information about members whose application forms indicate that they might be of interest to the inquirer.)"

I do not go quite as far as the Society of Editors, who include the following at the head of their Register:

"The Society of Editors accepts no responsibility for, but would be interested to hear about any bum steers you may get from this list."

Again as stated elsewhere in this issue, it would make my task much easier if members would do the following:

. keep me up-to-date with information about indexing activities.
. try to become a Registered Indexer.
. let me know if you do not want your name to be given to inquirers.

Members who are unable to understand my choice of heading for this note will get some help from Bartlett (v.3, no. 3, Nov. 1979 issue of the Newsletter) and more help from any good non-conformist hymnal.

The provisional dates for meetings during 1980 are:

March 19
June 18
September 17
November 19

The Committee is keen to receive suggestions for meeting programmes from members.
## AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

### LIST OF MEMBERS, JANUARY 1, 1980

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Australian Government Publishing Service, PO Box 84, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600
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Newsletter subscriptions

There are 10 subscriptions:  A.C.T. 2; N.S.W. 1; Queensland 3; Victoria 3; overseas 1.

Some notes on the membership of the Society

On January 1, 1980, there were 64 members; 61 individual and 3 institutional members. These are divided between the states as follows:

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The present dominance of Victoria is due largely to historical reasons, specifically the work of the late H. Godfrey Green. It would be of great advantage to the Society if it could be organized as a network of regional groups; not only would this strengthen the whole but
also give a greater opportunity for participation by members in all states. It is hoped that the publication of the membership list will enable members to identify fellow members in their vicinity, to meet either formally or informally, and to work towards increasing the membership so that viable groups can be formed.

During 1979, 2 members resigned and 4 were deemed to have resigned, as their subscriptions were 2 years in arrears. These losses were well offset by the addition of 6 new members joining during 1979 and 5 at the beginning of 1980. This increase is largely attributable to publicity achieved somewhat fortuitously by the Society. First and foremost, its appearance on the programme of the Biennial Conference in Canberra of the Library Association of Australia aroused a good deal of interest and engendered membership inquiries and applications. Secondly, it is now listed in the following directories: Australian books in print, Bookmark, Society of Editors freelance register and International Library market place.

The Constitution states that 'membership of the Society shall be open to persons and institutions engaged in indexing and to others interested in promoting the objects of the Society'. Details supplied on application forms indicate that the breakdown of individual members into categories is as follows:

- Freelance indexers: 7
- Librarians: 36
- Information officers: 7
- (not in libraries): 7
- Editors/journalists: 4
- Academics: 3
- Other: 4

Again, from details supplied on application forms, it is clear that a number of members, apart from those working as freelance indexers, are actively engaged in indexing activities in addition to their normal work. The register of subjects shows activity in a wide range of fields. Members are urged to keep the Secretary informed of their indexing activities so that the register of subjects can be kept up-to-date.

Finally, it is pleasing to note the presence of two Registered Indexers amongst the membership. Again, members are urged to submit their work to the Panel of Assessors, either for assessment or for comment (see Newsletter, v. 2, no. 253, Sept. 1978 and v. 3, no. 2, Sept. 1979).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I read your Newsletter with interest, but in spite of my genuine concern with indexing I cannot find the time to participate in the work and the meetings of your Society.

You may care to know that a recently published work, edited by myself, gives full credit to the indexer. I hope his efforts meet with the Society's standards.

I draw your attention to a very small error on p. 2 of the November 1979 issue of your Newsletter. The name of the author of "Australian newspaper index feasibility study" is Robert Stafford, not Richard. When it comes to indexing the Newsletter this might perhaps be corrected for the sake of posterity.

Finally, might I suggest that in order to ease future references to your Newsletter you adopt continuous pagination for each volume instead of separate pagination for each issue?

All this is evidence, should you need it, that someone is watching your Society very closely.

Cheerio,

D.H. Borchardt
Chief Librarian
La Trobe University
AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

A note to members from the Hon. Treasurer -

Membership subscription renewals are now due on the first of January annually. The rate for the year Jan. - Dec. 1980 remains unchanged at $10.

Please complete the form below and send it with your payment, making cheques payable to the Australian Society of Indexers.

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Australian Society of Indexers,
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49 Exhibition Street,
MELBOURNE 3000. Vic.

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The Indexer for 1980

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