

**Co-Presidents' Report, Gillian Watts and Mary Newberry
ISC/SCI Executive Meeting, May 30, 2012
Annual General Meeting, May 31, 2012**

We began our last report exclaiming about the extraordinarily high level of activity and productivity at the Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation (ISC/SCI). The trend continues, as many members of the executive can attest. We are looking forward to some projects' reaching a point where we at the executive can pause and pass some of the activity on to you, the members.

You are very close to gaining access to the new website. Its design is professional and pleasing to the eye – and exciting. But what has been hugely challenging is behind the scenes – an efficient and affordable structure for membership purchase, public profiles, and information exchange. François Trahan's report gives you some of the details of our struggle.

The website is not the only news of the year. This has been a year of change as the new executive found their groove. Besides François's finding himself in the thick of things – and very professionally handling it all – a new editor, Moira Calder, and editorial team took over the *Bulletin*, with the first issue already in our hands. Our editorial skills, in the personified by Heather Ebbs, were also gainfully employed as she took the guest editor's seat for the December 2011 issue of the international indexing journal *The Indexer*, on behalf of the ISC/SCI. Merridy Cox Bradley has just about worked out all the kinks in the new accounting software, adopted when she took over from long-serving outgoing treasurer Gillian Watts, who was also learning the ropes as co-president. Linda Lefler, when she wasn't working hard on the website, moved our publicity forward. We are now a presence on Twitter!

The reports from the new regional reps – Moira Calder for the Prairies and northern Canada and Tia Leschke for British Columbia – indicate that these are challenging positions. Both found creative ways to address their members, but both also found their success mixed or disappointing. They are struggling to find ways to support a membership that is often unresponsive except when meeting face to face. Chris Blackburn, central Canada's rep, has a larger base of members who live closer together. His energy was rewarded and he ran a very successful program of meetings.

And then there is the 2012 Ottawa conference. Already the program and registrant numbers promise a big success. We have a wonderful mix of Canadian talent, headed by Noeline Bridge and her newly published book about indexing names, and international contributions, headed by our acclaimed keynote speaker, Jan Wright. As we slowly make progress thinking and talking about the challenges of e-publishing and the future of indexing, this conference promises to give us a boost.

As usual, the conference represents a huge amount of work carried out by a small and very busy team, this time headed by Judy Dunlop and with considerable contributions by past president Vivien Cartmell. Viv, who now has three years' experience of conference

organizing, is wondering whether it's too much for our organization to think we can do this every year. Would every two years be more reasonable? This is something to discuss. Conferences are so central to our organization – how can we make them less work?

It's been a challenging and invigorating year, and the fruits of our labour are beginning to show. We look forward to sharing more of these successes with you, the membership, in the following year.

Mary Newberry and Gillian Watts
Co-presidents
Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation

**Annual report, 2011-12
Past President**

The follow-up work for the spring 2011 conference included a report on the evaluation forms submitted and a brief telephone conference with the Editors' Association on the conference finances. The good news is that we had a small profit from the conference and that the co-operative effort with the Editors' Association worked very well.

The 2012 conference programming work has been a major project from December 2011 to May 2012. There is a full schedule for the two days of the conference. The single stream of presentations provides all registrants with an opportunity to attend everything on offer. A great deal of work goes into finding speakers, getting brief descriptions of their presentation, obtaining short biographies, creating a schedule, and keeping everyone in the loop. Thank you to all the people who provided excellent suggestions for speakers.

I've worked closely with Judy Dunlop, 2012 Conference Chair, on the many and various aspects of the conference. In the month or so leading up to the conference, Susan Brown, the 2012 Co-ordinator of Volunteers was drawn into all the planning and discussion concerning on-site volunteer tasks. During the months when the behind-the-scenes planning and programming was progressing, Linda Lefler provided a magnificent and extensive advertising campaign for the conference. Without such wonderful volunteers there would be no conference: thank you!

Viv Cartmell
25 May 2012

Vice-president's report – May 2012

Since the last meeting my main project has been the website where I have been busy as the contact point between Rayola, the contractor, and the website team (Mary, Gillian, Linda and Ronnie Seagren).

One other action item for me from the last meeting was to contact a Ryerson distance education student living near Victoria, BC, to inform her of a potential meeting in late March. She was not sure she could attend, and in the end the meeting didn't take place. At the time of writing the site was nearing the soft launch. The design of the site was approved around mid-April and since then the work has mostly consisted of creating the membership page and databases (for general members and for those with a Register listing) which was a complicated endeavour due to our budget, allowing only for a third-party plugin rather than personalized programming, and the fact that we needed all the functions in both English and French.

There were compromises for us along the way and a bit more work than expected on our part. A lot of the text and other content still needs to be transferred from the old site and we have to do a thorough check for accuracy before going live. We were hoping to have the site ready for the conference but it won't be before sometime in June since the end of May is already upon us.

The website renewal involved a lot of organizing and decision-making. I would not have been able to get this done without the reliable help, ongoing advice and ever-present support from Mary, Gillian and Linda. Extra thanks to Linda for taking over my role while I was on holidays.

François Trahan
24 May 2012

Indexing Society of Canada / Societe canadienne d'indexation

Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting, 31 May 2012

Although the fiscal year of the Indexing Society of Canada runs from 1 January to 31 December, the Annual General Meeting is held in mid-year. I am pleased to present this report for the year 2011 and for the first part of 2012.

We have a healthy bank balance and over \$10,000 invested in short-term GICs: total assets over \$34,000. This more than covers our ambitious endeavour to recreate the ISC / SCI website. Rayola Creative, a company in Victoria, BC, is improving the function of our website to allow for automated registration for membership, the Register of Indexers, and the annual conference. A secure members' area will also increase functionality. The cost for this is reflected in the Balance Sheet under Accounts Payable for 2012.

The Budget to Actuals sheet reflects the successful activities of 2011. We were able to support travel for important international liaison meetings and the printing of ISC marketing postcards and still end the year in the black.

For 2012, the Budget to Actuals is as up-to-date as possible. Congratulations are due to the conference committee for bringing in more than was budgeted. A portion of the website creation has been entered under Website and Listservs; this inflates the budget for this item, only because the project was in the early planning phase when the budget

was created. There is a possibility of running a deficit for 2012. The cost of Website development was planned to be taken from savings.

Merridy Cox Bradley
Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2012

ASSETS

Chequing account	24,579.37
Savings account (GIC)	10,043.63

Total chequing & savings	34,623.00
Accounts receivable	0

Total assets	34,623.00

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Equity (GIC) 10,043.63

Liabilities

Accounts payable 5650.00

Total liabilities & equity 15,693.63

TO: ISC Executive

FROM: Brian F. Hogan

Editor, *Register of Indexers Available/Réviser, Répertoire des indexeurs*

RE: *Le Répertoire des Indexeurs/The Register of Indexers*

DATE: 21 May 2012.

In summer 2011 I accepted responsibility to act as Editor for the *ISC Register*. I received all the necessities from Deborah Schryer in order to effect a smooth transition. She warned me that it was a complicated business, but I had no idea.

I attended to inquiries and requests for inclusion from late summer and, in the autumn, working with President Mary Newberry (and she, in turn, with our web people) an update to the site was made. After that it was mostly the business of responding to inquiries and asking people to be patient while our new website and format was being developed.

In February I prepared an inclusive file of persons who had indicated their desire to be included in the new *ISC Register* and sent it all along to Mary Newberry. She then worked with François Trahan, and they with the new web designers, to include all of the material in the new *Register*. It is now up and running and, as I understand it, my job is really just now beginning. The very good news is that the *Register* is now member-interactive. Those who choose to be listed on it are provided with a password and they can make such additions / corrections as they wish, whenever they wish. Formerly additions and corrections required re-working the register and its indexes. This required the intervention of the web-master and it happened only once or twice a year, with advanced angst and anguish.

The job of managing the *Register* promises to be much simpler than formerly. I hope that, over the summer, I will have both learned and mastered to everyone's satisfaction.

My sincere thanks to President Mary, for much assistance, and to members, for your patience through a prolonged process. And, to Deborah - my continuing admiration for your accomplishment over these last years – as I now clearly understand, it was no small service which you have provided.

Bulletin – Annual Report
ISC/SCI Executive Meeting, May 2012

First, I'm sorry I'm unable to attend the meeting. Travel from west to east takes longer on the clock than the other way, and the Alberta Legislature is still in session. I couldn't arrange for the extra day off that would have allowed me to attend.

Second – it really should have been first – I thank all the people who have formally volunteered to help with the Bulletin: Chris Blackburn, Pietro Cammalleri, François Trahan, Marnie Lamb, and Gillian Watts. Marnie has done an amazing job in keeping production going and serving as liaison with authors. I also thank people who have helped informally; for example, Linda Lefler reviewed an article that was outside the expertise of the editorial board members, and Anna Olivier provided translation.

The first 2012 issue of the *Bulletin* came out on schedule in April. I sent this and the previous issue to the National Library for the legal deposit. We are planning the next issue for August and the third for December. That will be the schedule for the next two years, which is my term of office.

The *Bulletin* board members attending the conference will be meeting briefly on Thursday at noon. We plan to discuss issues such as production schedule, submission guidelines, and review procedures for submitted articles.

Moira Calder
May 26, 2012

Report from Central Canada for ISC/SCI Executive Meeting, May 30 2012

Three meetings were held in Toronto since the last report: one in each of February, March, and April. We decided not to hold a May meeting, but to hold a post-conference meeting in June.

Venues for the meetings were arranged and notices sent out by Gillian Faulkner, discussions were led by Mary Newberry, and Merridy Cox Bradley supplied many helpful suggestions.

Ronnie Seagren, Chris Blackburn, and Mary Newberry led discussions at the February meeting. After the introductory discussion led by Ronnie, Chris gave out information about the ASI Digital Trends Task Force, the International Digital Publishing Forum, and the EPUB format for e-books. There was some discussion of new groups and terms. Based on comments by Jan Wright, Chris suggested the index could be seen as not just a sort but a “sifted sort” with irrelevant material already sifted out by an indexer. The EPUB3 Webinar series starting Feb. 21st was mentioned (based in info. from the IDPF page). Mary spoke about getting the Register online, and putting information up for the website. Francois and Linda are working on this – Rayola, in Victoria B.C., will put up the new site, and Ronnie will check it.

At the meeting on March 17, Chris asked questions about problems he’d been having on his computer. Frances, Marnie, Merridee and Ronnie made comments or suggestions. (For example, Ronnie mentioned Malware Bytes, a free program she uses once a week to support antivirus software.) Composition of the group of 9 people attending this meeting was considered: 3 younger indexers not presently working in indexing, 2 recently retired indexers, 2 copy editors who have prepared indexes and 2 fulltime indexers. People discussed the software they were using. Ronnie said InDesign now supports embedded indexing. She will give a presentation at the ASI meeting in San Diego. Other topics discussed at the March meeting were digital libraries and “privileged index entries” (Ronnie). Margaret de Boer mentioned her work on databases for a newspaper – they attempted to automate the indexing based on frequency of terms, etc., but finally gave up on it after spending a lot of money.

At the April meeting, Brian gave a talk on fitness, and his sense of humour was appreciated. Mary spoke on information management, and on sessions she had attended recently at the University of Toronto. This was the best-attended meeting of the three, with 12 persons in attendance. There was some discussion of the forthcoming presentations at the Ottawa conference, and of the latest ASI Keywords issue, much of which dealt with e-publishing.

Christopher Blackburn, Central Canada Representative

Regional Representative
Prairie Provinces and North
Report for ISC/SCI Annual Meeting
Maira Calder, May 26, 2012

The Prairie Provinces and North branch of ISC/SCI is a small, scattered group of indexers. During the past year, which was my first as the representative, I tried to initiate online discussion groups as a way of connecting us but found the group too small even for that. My next thought was to organize cross-jurisdictional online discussions in conjunctions with other regional reps, which got to the discussion stage.

I have also continued the tradition of providing an opportunity for members to share their experiences through reports to the executive meetings and through the *Bulletin* regional rep reports.

**Regional Representative: British Columbia
Tia Leschke**

The last year has had its ups and downs for the BC indexers group. There was a lot of excitement about the group at the conference last year, with lots of interest in meetings on both sides of the "pond". We had 2 pretty good meetings, in the fall and in January, one on each side of the pond. There seemed to be lots of excitement. Then the March meeting on the Victoria side was coming up, and only two people said they could come. We cancelled.

I started a Yahoo list for the group last summer, but it has had very little traffic. I've been feeling like I was beating my head against a wall. I'm thinking that the BC group needs to have two equal reps, one on each side of the "pond".

For now, what I've decided to do is focus on meetings here in Victoria. Everyone would be welcome, and I would try to schedule them in such a way that people could come over from Vancouver for them.

If someone on the other side wants to step up and organize meetings over there, it would be wonderful, but I can't continue to do that from this side. I would certainly try to make any meetings that I could over there, but I'm not willing to be responsible for making them happen.

Audrey and I have discussed having an informal meeting here after the conference, and I think that will happen. We local people can talk about where we want things to go at that meeting.

Moira Calder has had similar problems with her even more widespread Prairies/North group. We're both thinking that some kind of electronic meetings (Skype? Something else?) might be a good idea for all those who aren't able to make in-person meetings. This might be something for the executive to discuss. It probably needs a tech-savy person in charge of it.

ISC/SCI Membership Annual Report 2012

Audrey McClellan, Membership Secretary

As of May 24, 2012, we have 123 members. Nine members did not renew last June, and nine did not renew in December. Fifteen new members have joined, for a net loss of three members.

The geographical breakdown of the membership is as follows:

Within Canada

British Columbia	37
Alberta	4
Saskatchewan	2
Manitoba	1
Ontario	52
Quebec	12

New Brunswick	3
Newfoundland & Labrador	1
Nova Scotia	4
Prince Edward Island	1

Outside Canada

United States	5
Italy	1

Membership Types

Individual	109
Student	7
Institutional	7

Institutional members are distributed as follows:

Alberta	1
British Columbia	1
Ontario	3
Quebec	1
United States	1

The following members have joined or rejoined since the last AGM:

Rebekka Augustine of West Kelowna BC	rebekka.augustine@gmail.com
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Stéphanie Bilodeau of Gatineau QC	Stephanie.Bilodeau@gmail.com
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Linda Cardella of Beloeil QC	index@videotron.ca
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Ann-Marie Gasher of Port Coquitlam BC	info@wintergreenindexing.com
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Nancy Wills of Kingston ON	nancwills@gmail.com

Please update your *Membership Directory / Liste des membres* as follows:

Meral Alakus has a new email address: meral_alakus@yahoo.ca

Ruth Marzetti has replaced Hugh Leschot as the contact at BC211

Stéphanie Bilodeau has a new address: 167 du Vision, Gatineau, QC, J9J 0Y5

New members who do not appear in the *Membership Directory / Liste des membres*:

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Linda Lefler - ISC/SCI Member at Large for Publicity - May 2012

Since the last meeting my main projects have been the website and publicity for the 2012 conference.

Website

I have been the secondary person on this as François Trahan has been the contact point between Rayola, the contractor, and the website team. My main roles have been to help François when he needed an opinion on things, fine-tune the subject/skills/materials categories and apply them to existing members, and some data entry and editing.

Conference publicity

I have done quite a bit of work on this and think I have improved it over last year. Individuals and groups that I have contacted (with help from others and texts provided by Judy Dunlop and Vivien Cartmell) include:

- Email contact
- All members of ISC and isc-l
- Index-L
- Indexers Discussion group
- Web indexing SIG
- Indexing Students yahoo groups
- Some state or regional chapters of ASI
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- Web posts
- LinkedIn groups – ASI Digital Task Force, ASI, Special Libraries Association, Digital Book World
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- Twitter @IndexersCanada
- Regular updates concerning registration, individual speaker promos, reTweeting speaker and member tweets and EAC tweets.
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- Archivists
- Canadian Library Assoc.
- Contact person for university and college Library programs
- Society for Technical Communication
- ARMA (records managers)

Other

Although I would have done this regardless of my status as Member at Large for Publicity, I have spoken about indexing and ISC three times since assuming duties last spring, at Book Camp Halifax; on “Associations Day” for the Nova Scotia Community College Library and Information Technology students; and to the local chapter of ARMA (Records managers).

Respectfully submitted
Linda Lefler

Meeting of International Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS) and *Indexer* Representatives at the ASI Conference Thursday 19 April 2012, 5:00 pm, San Diego, California, USA

Participants: ICRIS representatives: Ruth Pincoe (ISC/SCI; ICRIS Coordinator), Maureen MacGlashan (SI), Mary Russell (ANZSI), Pilar Wyman (ASI)
Visitors: Noeline Bridge (ISC/SCI), Judy Dunlop (ISC/SCI), Heather Ebbs (ISC/SCI), Steve Falk (ASI), Lai Heung (ANZSI – New Zealand Branch), Ronnie Seagren (ISC/SCI)

Welcome and Introductions

Ruth Pincoe welcomed all participants to this informal ICRS meeting and asked for a round-table of introductions. Ronnie Seagren of Canada noted that ISC/SCI’s new website will be up soon.

1 International Agreement Issues

1.1 Agreement revisions: Ruth circulated the draft revisions to the International Agreement prior to this meeting. Ratification of revisions has to be made at the International Triennial Meeting, which will be in July 2012 in Brighton, England. At the current meeting, most international representatives said that their executives had given it a green light (with some minor editorial corrections requested from SI). It is before the ISC/SCI executive as of this date, but Ruth expects no problems. She had heard from ASAIB and they are fine with it. She has not heard from the European networks, but thinks they will also be fine.

Actions

- • *Ruth Pincoe will double-check with the sister societies and networks not represented at the San Diego meeting that they are fine with the revised International Agreement.*
- • *Heather Ebbs will make the grammatical edits to the Agreement.*

1.2 International Coordinator: Ruth Pincoe plans to step down as International Coordinator soon. She has very much appreciated the role and mentions that it is a good way for the smaller societies to contribute. She has informally approached Mary Russell, who has agreed that she would be willing to take on the mantle. This will have to be approved at the International Triennial Meeting on 11 July 2012.

1.3 Proposed host for 2015 Triennial

ANZSI has indicated that they would be happy to host the International Triennial Meeting in 2015. If the same rotation as for the previous Triennials continues to be followed, that would put the 2018 Triennial somewhere in North America. This rotation is not binding, but provides a good starting point. Maureen MacGlashan noted that the ICRIS page on the *Indexer* website could include this sequence.

2 Business Arising from Meetings in 2011

2.1 ICRIS role and/or responsibilities in International Digital Publishing Forum (IDPF), Indexes Working Group

The question at issue is whether there is an ICRIS role or responsibility in the IDPF Indexes Working Group (WG). Discussion included the following points:

- Given that ICRIS has an international agreement, a working ICRIS and ongoing international discussions, we need to consider what international issues we might play a role in, and what that role could be.
- ICRIS could possibly, as a body, be a member of the WG, but the cost is ~US\$650. (ASI is a member, and ANZSI is just joining.) Other societies may not have the funds to spend on membership. Further, an organization that joins should have someone who is willing to commit a lot of time to participate and has the appropriate competence and expertise. ANZSI will pay a small honorarium to their representative to cover expenses and a small amount of time.
- ICRIS is not structured appropriately to be a working member of the WG.
- *The Indexer* is beginning to have “Around the Digital World” as a regular column. The problem is the timeline, as the usual copy deadline is three months before date of issue (although there is good flexibility). Nonetheless, regular reports from IDPF are being sought—these will be part of the historical record.

Ultimately, it was agreed that, at least for now, ICRIS’s role is that of information sharing amongst each other and with our societies.

2.2 Indexer Appreciation Day (ASI, 18 November 2011)

ASI celebrated its first Indexer Appreciation Day on 18 November 2011. Indexers gathered in towns and areas having the name Index. It was a fairly quiet day, but it is hoped to continue the Day and to gradually gain more recognition. About 20 places were identified as having the name—towns, mountains, etc. A few had reasons behind the name (for example, Index Mountain looks like an index finger sticking up).

3 New Business and Concerns

3.1 ICRIS list: Membership and changing functions

The ICRIS email list has grown “organically”, without many specific decisions. There has been an arbitrary limit of two people per society or network so that the list would not become too big or busy. Different societies and networks have different needs and resources. However, two list spots per society may or may not be enough, depending on how the list use grows. Further, we do not all know who is on the list, or is supposed to be on it.

In our discussion, it was agreed that ICRIS needs to decide how the list should be used and then move on from that to ideas on representation. Strict rules and regulations are not necessary, but we do need a guide on what the list is for and a system for regularly circulating a list of members.

One suggestion was that people who are known to be coming to another society’s meeting or conference as their society’s representative (this is not always the regular ICRIS representative) be temporarily added to the ICRIS list to help bring them up to date on current ICRIS issues.

The list is also very important for newsletter exchange, but equally important is that the representatives on the list know what their responsibilities are relating to other societies’ newsletters.

For new ICRIS members, it would be useful to have an FAQ of some sort: how members are appointed or elected, what their role is, etc.

More discussion is needed on how ICRIS can be used. For example, Maureen MacGlashan has been using the list for discussing how *The Indexer* can move forward. An ICRIS web presence in general would be useful for exchanging information not just among ICRIS representatives, but also the public in general: for example, access to the FAQs and the International Agreement, contact information, dates of forthcoming conferences, etc. There could be an ICRIS page on *The Indexer* website, which all societies could have links to. That page might also be a good place for IDPF information.

Action: Mary Russell and Ruth Pincoe will work on a first draft of a guideline for ICRIS members and the ICRIS email list, and consider what content would be appropriate for an ICRIS webpage.

3.2 Suggestions for a theme for the international session at the SI conference in Brighton (the conference session, not the Triennial Meeting)

Often the international session at the Triennial covers something like what each society did over the previous year. Given the increasing sharing of information through newsletters, ICRIS and *The Indexer*, that type of session might not be very valuable this year. Instead, Maureen MacGlashan suggested that each speaker talk for five minutes about their conferences: what worked well at the last one, what did not work well, lessons learned, what changes they are making for the future, etc. Given that many of the conferences are close together this year, the news will be quite fresh.

Other ICRIS members agreed, noting that this type of session could help people to think about ways to better attract not just their own members, but international members. What is the purpose of a national conference, especially if people can get information through local workshops or on line? Face-to-face, personal contact is always a draw, but it may not be enough; people may be looking for practical, hands-on continuing education. ANZSI does national

conferences every other year; on off years, the branches offer more workshops, which allows them the chance to reap some of the conference advantages. Further, expanding the topics or sessions to include editors, etc., may add interest, especially as many indexers have other income sources.

Action: Maureen MacGlashan will circulate a question to the ICRIS list to prepare representatives for speaking to their society's conferences: problems, successes, plans for the future, etc. at the Triennial international session.

3.3 Website access for Indexers in China

ISC/SCI was recently warned by its new web host that the host (Webnames.ca) will soon be blocking access to its services from China. In other words, websites and email hosted by Webnames.ca will not be available to users in China.

This same issue happened to Potomac Indexing (Richard ShROUT) of the U.S. Others at the current meeting were not aware of any problems encountered by their societies or members.

Action: Ruth Pincoe will check with the ISC/SCI executive and Richard ShROUT on how they resolved the issue about their web hosts blocking access from China users.

4 Indexer Issues and Concerns

4.1 Indexer status and news

See earlier items.

4.2 International availability of society publications at membership rates

The issue at question is how, technically, to make society publications available at member rates to members of sister societies through online ordering systems.

Recently Maureen MacGlashan went online to try to order some ASI publications, but there was nowhere on either the ASI site or the Information Today site to enable a member of a different society to order ASI publications at member rates. This issue has relevance to *The Indexer* because it is beginning to be made available via the publish-on-demand company Lulu. Further, some of the old SI publications will also be made available through Lulu to non-SI members. SI has a members-only Lulu page that is password protected. Clearly SI does not want this link to become publicly available. If the sister societies and networks could post the link and password on their members-only areas, that might work, but it may not be the best way of handling it. At least one society tends to circulate such information via email to members, which is the same as circulating it to the general public.

When a publication is available through a society website, there could be a place in the order form to indicate that one is a member of an associated society. This will not work for Lulu, because to get the SI member rate, one must go to the password-protected SI member site.

Discussion then moved on from this specific technical issue to related technical issues about online publications:

- ANZSI was recently able to order all ASI publications at the member rate by simply writing in "ANZSI member" in the Information Today order form.
- There needs to be an obvious way for members of sister societies to order other society publications.
- The ANZSI website has three areas: public access, members only and council members only. Sister society newsletters go only on the council members area.

- KeyWords may be changing format to have only one print issue a year of such things as feature articles and key columns. Other content would be available online and added continually to address issues of postage and printing costs as well as timeliness. ASI is also looking to make its website more nimble, maybe through an app.
- E-publishing makes publishing easy but raises issues such as digital rights, member-discount ordering, etc.

4.3 Visible presence of ICRIS on *The Indexer* website

See under item 3.1, above.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

Upcoming Society Conferences and ICRIS Meetings for 2012

ISC Conference, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

Thursday, 31 May to Friday 1 June

ICRIS Meeting: Wednesday 30 May, 4:00 pm, location TBA

Representatives expected: ANZSI: Max McMaster; ASI: David Ream; ISC: Ruth Pincoe; SI: Hilary Faulkner

SI Conference, Mercure Brighton Seafront Hotel, Brighton, UK

Wednesday to Friday, 11-13 July

ICRIS Triennial Meeting: Wednesday 11 July, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Representatives expected: ANZSI: Mary Russell; ASAIB: Marlene Burger; ASI: Pilar Wyman; DNI: Elske Janssen; NIN: Caroline Diepeveen; ISC: Ruth Pincoe; SI: Maureen MacGlashan

ISC/SCI Archives

Report to the Executive

May 25, 2012

Prepared by Jennifer Hedges

Unfortunately, I haven't had any time to devote to the archives since my last report in February.

I have written to Peter Greig and hope to meet with him in Ottawa during or after the conference. I also have a short list of people I plan to talk to in Ottawa, to try to get more files.