

ISC/SCI Conference 2023
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Program

June 7, 2023–June 11, 2023



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Wednesday, June 7, 2023

1:00–5:00 p.m. Puffin-Palooza Ecological Reserve Tour

Thursday, June 8, 2023

1:00–6:00 p.m. Early Registration, lobby of Murray Premises Hotel

2:00–4:00 p.m. Iceberg Quest Boat Tour, including Screeching Ceremony (optional). **Bring cash** to purchase beverages on board as credit cards not accepted.



Please arrive 15 minutes early so that the group tickets can be coordinated.

4:30–5:45 p.m. ICRIS Meeting

4:30–5:45 p.m. Fireside Chat for new indexers, with Mary Newberry.



Mary Newberry went to university in her forties, where she learned a different way of understanding the world. Dancing, her first passion, continues to colour her life as she works, past the age of retirement, as an editor, indexer, and teacher. Social justice and diversity are her other passions. In 2016, Mary was awarded the Ewart-Daveluy Award and in 2021 was shortlisted for the Tom Fairley Award for Editorial Excellence.

Pre-registration required.

6:00 p.m. Meet for dinner. Everyone pays for their own food and beverages.

Friday June, 9, 2023

8:00–8:30 a.m. Registration. All conference sessions in **HMS Briton Room**, Murray Premises Hotel.

Breakfast not provided. Available for purchase at the Gypsy Tea Room.

8:30–8:45 a.m. **Welcome**

8:45–10:00 a.m. **A Large Press's View of Indexing**

Phil Getz, Senior Editor at Palgrave Macmillan, will give us a behind-the-scenes view of their operations.



10:00–10:10 a.m. **Break:** coffee, tea, and snack provided

10:10–11:00 a.m. **A Musical Interlude**



Paula Clarke Bain will be discussing the art of indexing music, from scholarly works on classical music through to modern pop/rock trade biographies and memoirs.

Paula Clarke Bain is a Fellow of the Society of Indexers and has been a UK editorial freelancer for two decades, most enjoying biography and comedy.

11:00–11:10 a.m. **Break**, no refreshments provided

11:10 a.m.–12:00 **You Had to Be There**

The ISC/SCI has been serving the needs of Canadian indexers since the 1970s. Newer indexer Mercedes Brian will interview long-time members Ruth Pincoe and Gillian Watts about the Society, its history, their personal contributions to its development, and the benefits of belonging to a professional association.

Ruth Pincoe and **Gillian Watts** have belonged to the Society for yonks in a range of volunteer roles.



12:00–1:00 p.m. **Break**, lunch provided

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1:00–1:50 p.m. **Content Management with Auto-Tagging**



Glenda Browne will show us how to use Mondeca to manage thesaurus, ontology, and auto-tagging.

Glenda Browne has been a freelance indexer of books, journals, and websites since 1988. She is co-author of *Website Indexing and The Indexing Companion*, and author of *The Indexing Companion Workbook: Book Indexing*. Learn more at webindexing.com.au.

1:50–2:00 p.m. **Break**, no refreshments provided

2:00–2:50 p.m. **Book Indexing: A Step-By-Step Guide**

Stephen Ullstrom shares the experience of writing his book on indexing, to be published in 2023.

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2:50–3:00 p.m. **Break**: coffee, tea, and snack provided

3:00–4:30 p.m. **Annual General Meeting**

6:00 p.m. **Awards Banquet** (pre-registration required). Ewart-Daveluy Award, Tamarack Award, and Certificates of Recognition announced. Details are in the registration package for those who pre-registered.

Saturday, June 10, 2023

9:00–9:10 a.m. Welcome

9:10–10:00 a.m. The Tamil Epic and Linked Indexes: A Case Study

Ronnie Seagren presents her experience with a straightforward indexing project that grew into a two-year saga. Asked to index an important, but out-of-print, medieval Tamil epic story, she edited and indexed the book while working directly with the publisher. This project has implications for embedded indexes, e-book indexes, scoping a project, and more.



***Ronnie Seagren** has been an editor, indexer, and user experience (UX) writer for more than three decades. With a science education and years working in Asia, her curiosity knows no bounds. A key interest is how people find what they're looking for, whether online or in an e-book or print book.*

10:00–10:10 a.m. Break: coffee, tea, and snack provided

10:10–11:00 a.m. Cancelled. Another session will be scheduled to replace this one.

11:00–11:10 a.m. Break, no refreshments provided

11:10 a.m.–12:00 Caring for Your Eyes

Noubar Kara-Yakoubian, BSc, OD, of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Optometrists will talk to us about eye care.



12:00–1:00 p.m. Break, lunch provided

1:00–1:50 p.m. Project Management with MS Office: How to Keep Up with Your Workload

Find out how to manage your workload to retain more clients without losing your sanity.



***Sergey Lobachev** has been writing back-of-the-book indexes for scholarly monographs, textbooks, and trade publications since 2014, focusing on literature in the humanities and social sciences. He holds a PhD in Russian history and a Master of Library Information Science degree. In 2017, Sergey won the Indexing Society of Canada's Purple Pen Award. He lives in London, Ontario.*

1:50–2:00 p.m. Break, no refreshments

Saturday, June 10, 2023, continued

2:00–2:50 p.m. William Lost-His-Pants and More Fun with Medieval Names

While the treatment of names and titles for nobility has been well covered in indexing manuals and handbooks, the many by-names found throughout medieval Europe can pose special challenges for the indexer. Jolanta will cover medieval naming conventions, recommendations for inverting names, and commentary on the glossing of names.



Jolanta N. Komornicka is a former professor of medieval history and has been indexing since 2021. She specializes in the scholarly humanities, particularly history.

2:50–3:00 p.m. Break: coffee, tea, and snack provided

3:00–3:50 p.m. Tips of the Trade, from a Fast Start to a Slow Finish

Tips and tricks for your indexing practice, featuring highlights from Mary Newberry's own experiences, including what to do with the metatopic; how to sneak sub-sub entries into run-in formats; how to know what to index and how to point to ideas that are not directly indexed. And how much fun it all is—although, maybe not all those late, late nights!



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3:50–4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks, including next year's conference details

Sunday June 11, 2023

1:30–4:30 p.m. Join **Stephen Ullstrom** in this interactive workshop as he writes an index for a new-to-him scholarly article, from rough draft to final edit. Stephen will think aloud as he works, unpacking his process and decision making.



Come ready to ask questions, pick up some tips and tricks, and see how one indexer puts theory into practice. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided.