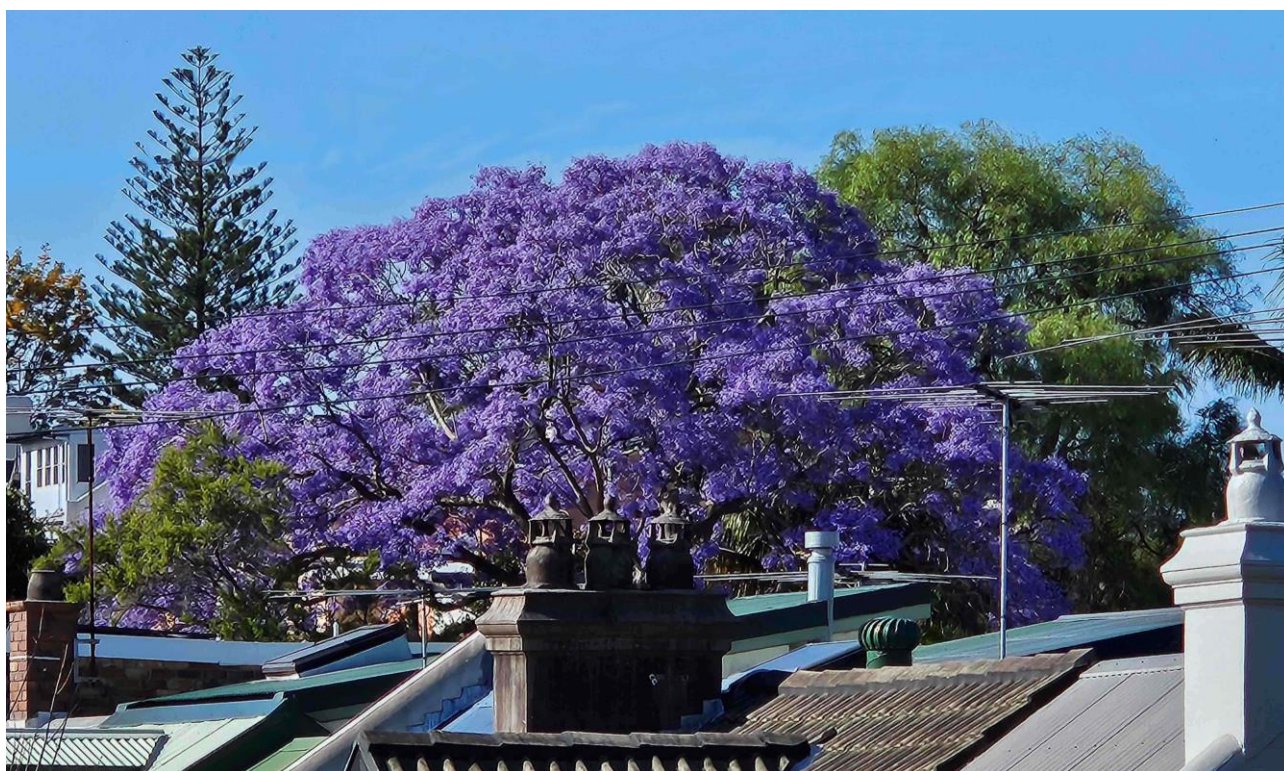




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## Council update

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At its meeting on 26 June 2023, Council noted that only two nominations had been received for the ANZSI Indexing Medal and Awards this year. After some discussion, Council agreed to defer the awards until 2024. Both nominations will be retained. Council will re-publicise the awards early in 2024.

Arrangements for the ANZSI conference have proceeded apace with three planning documents tabled: a draft program, draft budget, and proposed conference registration fees. A recommendation that ANZSI provide a 50 per cent travel subsidy to ANZSI members attending the conference in person was agreed in principle with further discussion via email and subsequent ratification by Council.

ANZSI membership fees for 2023-24 were formally approved. The rates remained the same as the previous year.

Council thanked Nikki Davis for her excellent service as Membership Secretary and welcomed Glenda Browne to the role, which she will commence on 1 August 2023.

The professional development program continued with a rebroadcast via Zoom on 25 May of 'Embedded Indexing with Word', the first of a series of sessions from the 'Continental Connections' International Indexing Conference held in Berlin in October 2022.

***Madeleine Davis, ANZSI President***

The new ANZSI Council for 2023-24 held its first meeting on 30 October 2023. The schedule of future meetings is being finalised.

At its October 2023 meeting, ANZSI Council noted, with sadness, the passing of Victorian Honorary Life Member Michael Ramsden. ANZSI's condolences go to Sylvia, Michael's wife and fellow indexer, and their family.

(Members are reminded that Council update reports appear after the endorsement of the minutes at the following Council meeting. As Council meetings will be rescheduled from six to eight weeks, this may cause an apparent publishing delay.)

***Editor***



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## Annual General Meeting 2023 - President's report and ANZSI Council 2023-24

### President's report to the AGM

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The ANZSI AGM for the 2022-23 year was held at the ANZSI Conference at 4.00 pm on 19 October 2023, at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW. In addition to conference attendees, three members participated in the meeting via Zoom.

Regular business included the acceptance of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, the President's annual report (see highlights below), the Treasurer's report for 2022-23 and election of Council members. A membership report (11 October 2023) indicated that ANZSI currently has 79 members.

#### Highlights of 2022-23

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Arising out of the COVID-19 restrictions over two years and our growing familiarity with the use of Zoom, the idea of informal 'social chat' meetings for members had been canvassed by Council late in 2021, continued through 2022 into this year. Quarterly Zoom Catch Ups for all ANZSI members were held on 7 July and 30 October 2022.

We held the ANZSI National Indexing Day at the end of the first quarter, on 30 March, with fourteen members joining the Zoom replay of Sam Leith's Berlin Conference 2022 Keynote Speech, "Developments in publishing". A quarterly member catch-up discussion was held online afterwards.

This year Council finalised its discussion concerning a proposal from the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) to develop an Affiliate Agreement between IPEd and ANZSI has now formally agreed to the proposal. The Agreement allows members of ANZSI to register for IPEd conferences, webinars and online training courses and other mutually agreed training and development services at the same price as IPEd members, and a reciprocal arrangement for IPEd members considering participation in similar ANZSI activities.

#### Membership

An ongoing concern of Council is ANZSI's declining membership, numbering 86 as at the end of June 2023. This includes 25 Accredited members and 42 members with an Indexers Available listing. Last years' figures were 90, 28 and 51 respectively.

Membership decline has been due to retirements and, sadly, the deaths of members. Although we have welcomed new members, the number has not yet made up for losses, in spite of an active program of meetings and professional development in recent years.

#### Vale Geraldine Suter

Geraldine became a member of AusSI (later ANZSI) in 1984. She was also a member of the Victorian Branch Committee from 2000-2001, Chair of the Medal Judging Panel in 2000, member of that Panel in 2001 and Editor of the Newsletter from 1985 to 1991.

Geraldine was an accomplished indexer, gaining Registration status in 1991 (the precursor to Accreditation), an ANZSI Medal Winner and winner of a 'Highly Commended' index.

## Council and committee changes

### Membership Secretary

Council accepted (reluctantly) Nikki Davis' decision to step down as Membership Secretary at the end of her current term (June 2023). Nikki has been an extremely efficient and friendly manager of the membership joining and renewal processes and Council is very grateful for her contribution. Council is also very grateful that Glenda Browne has stepped into the role as from 1 August 2023.

### Receiving/Contact Officer: Accreditation and ANZSI Indexing Awards

Shirley Campbell has stepped back from these responsibilities this year, with Sherrey Quinn taking on these duties.

### ICRIS International Liaison Officer

Tracy Harwood who has been our ICRIS international liaison officer since November 2019 has stepped down from the role this year.

The ICRIS Liaison role includes monitoring the ICRIS email list and liaising with ANZSI Council on international matters raised by ICRIS. The term of appointment is for three years to coincide with its formal triennial meeting. ICRIS meets informally by Zoom twice a year, with some informal meetings held at international conferences.

As ANZSI President, I am on ICRIS as an ex officio member, but I would love to see another ANZSI member join me.

### Conference Committee

The 2023 Conference Committee was established and met regularly from 7 November 2022. Membership comprises Sharon Betridge (Chair), Mary Coe, Madeleine Davis and Elisabeth Thomas (members) and for budget matters, Karen Gillen (Accounts Officer).

The Conference will take place from 19-21 October in Wagga Wagga, NSW.

### Council meetings

Council has moved from meeting every 6 weeks and will now meet approximately every 8 weeks from now on, with a break over the Christmas/New Year period. Any urgent matters can be dealt with by email or by the Executive. This will also allow the Secretary, Membership Secretary, Accounts Officer and Communications Officer more leeway in preparing their reports/minutes.

### International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS)

Glenda Browne was our official representative at the Berlin Triennial ICRIS meeting which was held in conjunction with the 2022 conference of indexing societies from 17 to 18 October 2022. The Berlin ICRIS meeting included discussion of updates to the International Agreement of Indexing Societies and the ICRIS Terms of Reference and a proposal for an independent ICRIS website.

ANZSI hosted the April informal meeting of ICRIS by teleconference on 12 April 2023. The meeting, attended by representatives of eight international indexing societies/networks, heard brief updates on each society, reports on National Indexing Day (Australia and UK),

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a report on *The Indexer*, and discussed the proposed ICRIS website. There were also interesting presentations from the Chinese Society of Indexers on new trends in indexing in China including digitisation of ancient documents.

Members agreed to the establishment of an international indexing website, a simple ‘landing’ page with a list of all the national indexing societies/networks and referring links and separate pages with general information on indexing, links to The Indexer and ICRIS and perhaps a blog or events diary that might also feature on the front page to announce conferences. Each society could also have its own page on the website with further information and links. For example, the ANZSI page could include some information about the Society, the indexing awards and Indexers Available, with appropriate links to pages on the ANZSI website. Further discussion about the website took place at the ICRIS meeting at the ISC/SCI Conference in Newfoundland in June 2023. ANZSI has previously agreed to pay for and manage the website. The Canadian, German and Netherlands societies are happy to assist.

### Group activity

It is encouraging to know that groups are meeting face-to-face again.

On Saturday 9 July 2022, four members of Tasmania’s small group of indexers got together for a casual lunch.

The Canberra Region Group held a members’ lunch on 24 November 2022 (seven attendees) and another on 20 February 2023 (six attendees).

On 5 March 2023, the NSW Indexers Group held a lunch in Blaxland, hosted by Glenda Browne, Jenny Browne and Jon Jermeay with 4 guests.

### Professional Development

The Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d’indexation (ISC/SCI) had approved ANZSI Council’s request for permission to re-broadcast sessions, at a mutually agreed payment, from their 2022 hybrid conference. The organisers of the Berlin conference in October 2022 also agreed. These re-broadcasts were free to ANZSI members.

Consequently, under our professional development program, we were able to re-broadcast:

- ‘In Defense of Marking Up’ on 28 September 2022
- ‘From Data to Done: Insights into Managing Workflow’ on 19 November 2022
- ‘Dennis Duncan, talks about his book *Index, A History of The*’ on 16 February 2023
- ‘Software vendors: tips and tricks - Macrex, Index Manager, Cindex, IndexExploit’ on 4 March 2023
- ‘Hacking Yourself: think like a hacker to prevent cyber attacks’ on 27 April 2023
- ‘Embedded indexing with Word’ on 25 May 2023

Being able to rebroadcast these conference sessions has been invaluable for ANZSI. However, these opportunities may not happen any longer as societies meet face to face again after COVID-19. Neither ASI, ISC/SCI, nor SI recorded their conferences this year. This will be a great pity, particularly for ANZSI members who have difficulties attending overseas conferences in distant lands.

ANZSI, however, is recording its 2023 conference and will make the sessions available to both our members and to overseas societies and networks.

### Accreditation

Three applications were finalised during 2022-23, all unsuccessful. It is noted that ‘In the view of the Panel of Assessors each of these books was extremely challenging to index.’

### ANZSI Indexing Awards and John Simkin Medal 2023

Guidelines for the ANZSI John Simkin Medal Judging Panel were reviewed by Council at its 25 July 2022 meeting. Council discussed and recommended enhancements to the Guidelines for the Award Judging Panel to include reference to ‘complexity of subject matter’ (which has always been a criterion for eligibility for nomination for the Awards) and to encourage the judging panel, at their discretion, to include the titles of shortlisted entries in their final report.

A call for nominations for the awards was distributed by email on 4 April to all ANZSI members and allied organisations with a closing date of 30 June. At Council’s June 2023 meeting it was resolved that the awards would be postponed until 2024, for administrative reasons.

### ANZSI recommended rate for indexing

Both recommended rates for Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand indexers remain at the same level as last year.

### Membership fees

Membership fees remain at the same levels as last year.

### Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the work of Nikki Davis and Karen Gillen in again maintaining membership records and renewal procedures, and to Shirley Campbell for administration and support of the John Simkin Medal and Accreditation processes as well as taking on the Vice President role.

My thanks are also extended to Elisabeth Thomas for her sterling editorship of the *ANZSI Newsletter* this year, to Jenny Browne as Communications Officer, to Glenda Browne who manages our Facebook site, and to Tracy Harwood for her contribution to ICRIS matters.

A special thanks to Karen Gillen who continued as Accounts Officer and to Michael Wyatt for continuing as ANZSI Treasurer.

Thanks too to the other members of the Accreditation Committee - Jean Norman, Karen Gillen and its Chair Sherrey Quinn - for the time they put into evaluating indexes and writing mentoring reports.

ANZSI would not be able to function as well as it does without the remarkable Sherrey Quinn as Secretary.

I also extend my thanks to all the Members of Council for the ongoing contributions in their roles.

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## Council election for 2023-24

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Single nominations for the following Council positions were received therefore voting was not required and the nominees declared elected unopposed.

Council members for 2023-24 are:

President: Madeleine Davis

Vice-President: Mary Coe

Secretary: Sherrey Quinn

Treasurer: Michael Wyatt

Council members: Sharon Betridge, Shelley Campbell, Shirley Campbell, Susan Pierotti and Elisabeth Thomas.

***Madeleine Davis, ANZSI President***



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## ANZSI Library

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### Display at ANZSI Conference

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All of the books in the Australian collection, and a selection of recent and historical issues of *The Indexer*, were transported by car from Melbourne to Wagga Wagga for display at the ANZSI Conference, held 19-20 October, 2023, at the Convention Centre, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

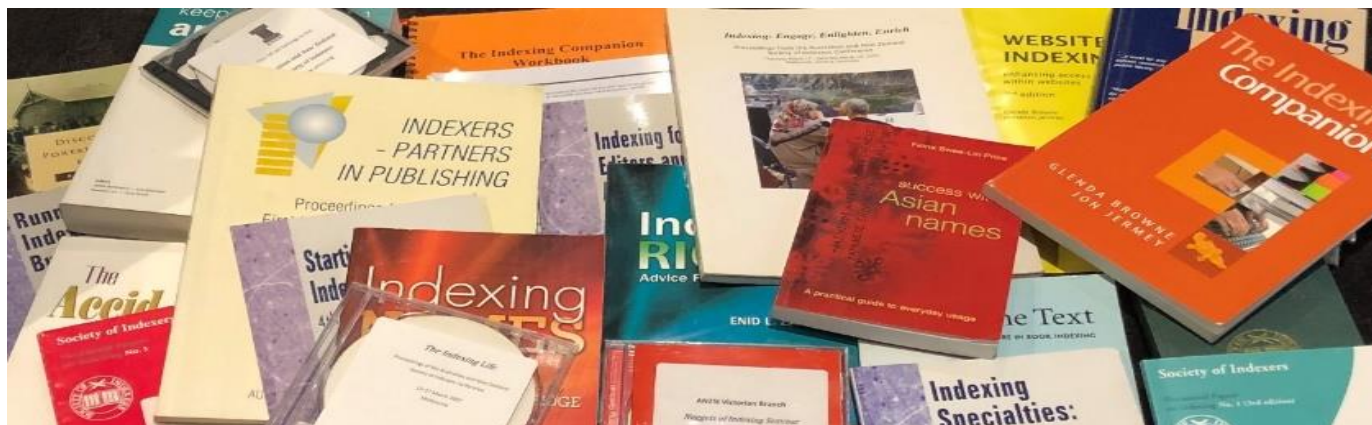
The conference provided an ideal opportunity for members to browse, borrow books, and donate items to the ANZSI Library.

### Donations

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**Tracy Harwood:** Tracy donated her collection of *ANZSI Newsletters* and a number of issues of *The Indexer*.

**Alan Walker:** A large number of books have been donated by ANZSI Honorary Life Member Alan Walker. Members of the Conference Committee, and a number of conference delegates, generously assisted in sorting, attaching ANZSI Library bookplates, and displaying the books donated by Alan.



(Photograph: Karen Gillen)

## Library catalogue

Items donated by Tracy and Alan, and retained by the ANZSI Library, have been added to the Australian Collection list on the ANZSI website.

For full lists of holdings in the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand collections, see the [ANZSI Library](#) page in the members area of the website.

## Loans

If you wish to borrow any items from the library, or have any queries about loan conditions for either collection, please contact the relevant library officer:

Australia: [Karen Gillen](#)

Aotearoa New Zealand: [Carol Dawber](#)

**Karen Gillen, Library Officer (Australia)**



## ICRIS Meeting 6 September 2023

### Minutes from the online ICRIS meeting of 6 September 2023

#### Attendees

ANZSI - Madeleine Davis, Sherrey Quinn (Secretary ANZSI)  
 ASAIB - Karin McGuirk, Karien Hutchison (Secretary ASAIB)  
 ASI - Devon Thomas  
 DNI - Jochen Fassbender, Samuel Arnet (DNI member)  
 ISC/SCI - Margaret de Boer, Jolanta Komornicka (Co-president)  
 NIN - Caroline Diepeveen, Madelon Nanninga  
 SI - Ann Kingdom, Nicola King (Chair)  
*The Indexer* - Mary Coe  
 Apologies: Eileen O'Neill (AFEPI), Chunxiang Xue (CSI)



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## Updates from societies/networks

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### ANZSI

ANZSI membership as at 18 August this year was 76 (was 84 in April). There are 24 Accredited Indexers and 39 listed on the Indexers Available directory. Where reasons are given for leaving, it is because of retirement or they are no longer indexing. ANZSI did get 2 new members this year.

The Professional Development programme continued with a rebroadcast of the Indexing Society of Canada (ISC/SCI) conference session on ‘Hacking Yourself: think Like a Hacker to Prevent Cyber Attacks’ held on 27 April and another session held on 25 May ‘Embedded Indexing with Word’ from the Berlin conference. Again, many thanks to those societies.

We have almost finalised our conference programme: ‘Making Connections’ 19-21 October at the Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, NSW. One speaker will give a pre-recorded presentation, two speakers will Zoom in and the remaining sessions will be face-to-face with the audience. We have 13 sessions, two lunchtime Roundtables for Cindex and Sky and one full and one half-day workshop.

We will be having our AGM at the conference which makes a nice change from having only online Council meetings and AGMs. We will also allow Zoom participation for members who cannot attend the conference.

Council has moved from meeting every six weeks and will now meet approximately every eight weeks, with a longer break over the Christmas/New Year period. Any urgent matters can be dealt with by email or by the Executive. This will allow the Secretary, Membership Secretary, Accounts Officer and Communications Officer more time to prepare their reports/minutes.

### ASAIB

ASAIB has 28 members currently, including five new members (four are from the workshop held in March). The National Executive Committee meetings usually take place every six weeks, but they have begun to realise that it is too often for what they need to do. One long-term member of the Committee has left.

Many other long-term members have also left and not having access to that experience is proving challenging, particularly for training purposes. Increasing engagement with members is needed, as is drawing in members of other associated professional organisations. A survey of members has not yielded much in the way of results. ASAIB uses most forms of social media with growing success. However, the overall work is proving overwhelming for the small number of committee members.

Online coffee sessions will continue; however, workshops have been put on hold while they seek more trainers.

A hybrid format conference will be held next year for the 30th anniversary of ASAIB - the first since the COVID-19 lockdown.

## ASI

ASI is undertaking a push for current members to refer potential new members and encourage them to join.

Another ASI webinar is coming up on 13 September: 'Using Diacritics in Sky' and later, a three-part online course on art indexing will be held. ASI has also started an 'Indexing Playground', a free-form discussion area with different hosts, modelled on the Canadian Society initiative. Some Chapters and SIGs are meeting. The Pacific Northwest Chapter has started meeting in person again and others may follow. The Digital SIG is meeting regularly online.

Carolyn Weaver has donated her full run of issues of the *Key Words* journal, which have now been digitised on the website. Reminder to other Societies/Networks that the *See also* Newsletter has space to publicise other Society/Network events.

The next ASI conference in 2024 is tentatively being planned as an in-person conference, but they are still determining the place, venue etc.

## CSI

Chunxiang Xue sent in the following information to be recorded in the minutes:

'Nothing new has changed since April. But Xiaoyuan Chen is launching a survey on the organisational development of indexing in different regions/countries esp. in the digital context. The survey (and interview if needed) requests will be sent to ICRIS mail list after the research plan is finalised (est. in two weeks). Your insights will be highly appreciated, and any further research or co-op ideas are welcome.'

## DNI

Membership is the same as before with one or two new members and one or two leaving. DNI will drop its annual meeting at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October and will meet online instead, and perhaps only meet at the Fair every second year or so.

Jochen offered a seminar for copy-editors mid-year. Twelve copy editors attended and were very interested. While no new members from this group have joined, Jochen thought the seminar was very useful. Jochen has also continued his involvement with the Dictionary project.

## ISC/SCI

ISC/SCI membership is around 125 currently, a slight decrease from a few months earlier.

The Executive meets six times a year - three regular meetings of three hours; a budget meeting (March); a conference meeting (November); and the AGM.

The conference in June in Newfoundland went very well, with good responses all around and excellent engagement with the activities around the conference, including the pre-conference dinner and the conference banquet. The next conference in 2024 will be virtual, but no date has been set yet. The following conference, in 2025, will be in-person in Toronto.

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An interesting presentation from an editor at Palgrave Macmillan highlighted the fact that our idea of books is changing. He sees the future of edited books as the ‘journalisation’ of books. People may not want to buy a full edited book anymore, but will be able to order an article from a book. In terms of indexing does that mean each article will be indexed? He responded by saying that there will still be an index for the whole book together with whichever article may be ordered, which will be partly to entice the reader to buy more articles. So the index will be a good marketing tool for us and the publishers. However, the option for the author to merely send in keywords instead of hiring an indexer seems likely to remain! Certainly, in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) publishing this may be the case, although it was felt that in academic humanities publishing a professional index may still be the preferred option. ISC/SCI is looking to address this issue with publishers and perhaps involving ICRIS could make it an international letter-writing campaign. Targeting the decision-makers in the publishing world, including packagers, will be important, as will further involvement with editors to explain the benefits of a good index. ISC/SCI will draft some ideas and approaches.

Work has been undertaken to upgrade the functionality of the website. ISC/SCI is also considering establishing a new bookkeeper position and incorporation of the organisation.

There is discussion about gathering indexing guidelines from publishers and making these available on the members’ area of the website.

The new library programme has had a slow response, but there will be more promotion to members. (ANZSI experience indicates that books taken to in-person events and conferences greatly increases the opportunity for members to browse and borrow.)

The Mentorship Program is going well and the call for more mentors lately has helped fill the latest mentorship needs.

The Outreach Committee is a very busy and hardworking group of indexers. It continues to stay in contact with the bursary winners and those who have received a trial membership. Applications for the 2024 bursary will go out in the new year. A member of the Committee is developing a webinar to introduce academic authors to indexing skills.

Another promotion will be at the Vancouver Readers and Writers Festival to be undertaken by indexers from Vancouver in a couple of weeks.

ISC/SCI had table at two outside conferences this year. The first one was at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at York University in Toronto, commonly known as the Learned’s Conference. It is the largest academic gathering in Canada, and one of the largest in the world. It brings together 67 academic associations from humanities and social sciences disciplines, including literature, history, theatre, film studies, education, music, sociology, geography, social work and more. The second one was at the Editors Canada conference.

## NIN

NIN membership is stable, around ten members, the same as at the previous meeting. Two of the younger members will attend the one-day SI conference in September.

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The whole NIN network meets every two to three months and has been discussing how to raise the profile of the profession. Indexing in the Netherlands is still very much unknown, but the Network has been posting blog texts on its website to assist with this. So far these are in Dutch only, but there are plans for English translations which will be forwarded to ICRIS.

One issue has been raised by a member around copyright. Some book announcements online have indicated that the indexes have been attributed automatically to the author or the editor of book with multi authors. Issues of legality aside, it was felt it was not right to have the indexes credited to others.

NIN has also been trying to get Dennis Duncan's book translated into Dutch, but without much success to date. It would help raise the profile of the profession if this could be achieved.

## SI

SI has between 270 and 280 members. Some people have been retiring although about 40 people are enrolled on the SI training course.

The Society has launched a revised Fellowship pathway. They are also hoping to revamp all the online workshops that have been offered over the years into a new format. Ruth Ellis recently gave a Zoom session on cookery and new online workshops for gardening, biography and law are planned.

Some members and local groups are now meeting in person as well as online.

The conference on 26 September in Leeds will be in person and members are excited about meeting face-to-face after such a long time.

The Society now has a representative on the British Standards Institution's Identifiers and Metadata Committee and the ISO 999 Committee. (ANZSI comment - maybe in the next round, the standard could finally refer to a koala, not a koala bear!)

SI is not having a direct presence at the Chartered Institute of Editors and Proofreaders conference in Glasgow this year, but information will go into the conference packs.

Nicola reported back on the conference she attended in Oxford where Hazel Bell gave a paper on T. E. Lawrence and what a great opportunity it was for indexing to be discussed in front of an international audience beyond the indexing and editing community.

SI has set up an online member survey on book packagers. The results are currently being analysed and there will be some discussion at the conference. Long term, SI hopes to put together some resources for members about working for packagers and to share this information internationally.

## *The Indexer*

Mary Coe reported on the new contract with Liverpool University Press (LUP) including its move to a new distribution model next year:

- The quarterly issues of the journal are only going to be published online in an electronic version using the regular schedule. A pdf of the whole issue will be available to download as well as individual articles (as happens currently).
- At the end of each year, a printed volume of the four issues will be available as a complete pdf and also as a single print version that will be mailed to subscribers.
- A trial run of a pdf version is expected to be accessible for the next issue in December.

Hopefully this will keep *The Indexer's* costs stable and also allow issues to be available to subscribers as soon as possible. The delay in subscribers receiving print copies is a problem at the moment with many, particularly in Australia, not receiving the latest issues at all.

Canadian subscribers are receiving their issues 'fairly late'. Are members of other Societies/networks having the same problem? Please let Mary know. It was noted that LUP has an arrangement with Oxford University Press re distribution of *The Indexer* and this will facilitate distributing the end-of-year printed volume in North America.

Mary will send out an announcement about the changes with the link to the September online issue which is due shortly. The September issue will feature articles from the Berlin Conference and next year one issue will feature the recent Canadian conference.

The new model will still offer Societies space to advertise.

#### International website

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Madeleine reported that she has not been able to progress much work on this and it was suggested that she contact Samuel Arnet from DNI, who had expressed interest in assisting with this work at an earlier meeting.

#### Heading or banner for website

A number of possibilities were discussed:

International Indexing Societies, World of indexing, World of Book Indexing, The Magnificent World of Indexing, Wide/Wild World of Indexing (!!), Indexing around the World, Indexing World - books, websites, databases, Indexing International - books, journals, websites and databases (bearing in mind not to derail searches for *The Indexer: The International Journal of Indexing!!*)

It was felt that it was important to have the term 'book' in the title, so as to differentiate the terms index/indexing from that used in other areas such as financial markets and database programming, in particular. Also, terms like website or database used in the heading are going to be weighed more heavily in Google searches and might be confusing.

Members agreed on Indexing International - books and journals as one possibility but agreed to keep considering alternatives and forward them to Madeleine.

Explanatory material beneath the heading or up front on the home page could be added to explain database and website indexing as well.

## Domain names

Again, emphasis was put on including the term ‘book’ in any domain name chosen.

- indexers.org will take you to the SI website (in the UK) although it was confirmed that this is still available
- bookindexers.org
- findanindexer.org - used by ASI
- indexingsocieties.org - again does not include the term ‘book’, which is necessary because of the other meanings for index explained above.

There was general agreement to use bookindexing.org

## Continuation of online ICRIS meetings

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Members discussed this issue in light of the return to in-person conference meetings, which, in the past, included informal ICRIS meetings for any ICRIS representatives who were attending. Alternatively, will ICRIS hold hybrid meetings in conjunction with in-person conferences rather than two separate online ICRIS meetings per year?

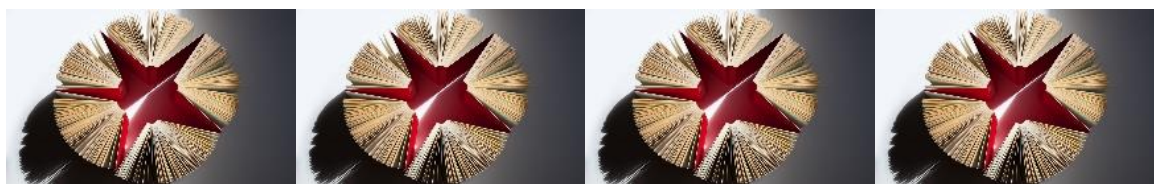
Members felt the two individual online meetings were very useful for reasons of continuity and relationship building, but mainly because these were the only occasions when almost all official representatives could meet as an international group. However, it was also agreed that informal ICRIS gatherings at conference should continue where possible, with notes taken, as happened at the Canadian conference this year.

Do we need to change the language in the International Agreement to include online meetings for the Triennial meeting at which formal decisions are taken? Is three years too long for formal decisions to be taken? If we are going to commit to two online meetings per year, then we need to think about the ramifications for the Triennial meetings. On the other hand, are the online meetings only information and ideas exchanging sessions: what’s new, what’s happening in the Societies/Networks? Should these meetings only be seen as an addition to the Triennial meetings. These online meetings can also be seen as assisting with implementing Triennial decisions, as is being done with the development of the international indexing website.

There was agreement that it would be preferable to keep the Triennial meetings as face-to face, or at least hybrid. A decision re the 2025 Triennial meeting is under discussion between ASI and ISC/SCI.

A decision on which Society/Network can host the two online meetings in 2024 (March/April and September/October) can be decided in due course. The date will need to take into account the changes in daylight saving across the countries participating.

*As supplied by Madeleine Davis, President and ICRIS representative*



## What's in *The Indexer*?

The September issue of *The Indexer* is available.

Did you know that the electronic version of *The Indexer* is available to subscribers in the last week of the month before the month of publication? Get ahead with your reading by subscribing.

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**NOTICE: *The Indexer* will be moving to a new distribution model in 2024.**

Quarterly issues of the journal will now be published in an electronic version on the regular schedule. In addition to access to individual articles on the LUP website, the complete electronic issue will be available as a PDF. A printed volume containing all four issues for the year will be distributed in December.

The combined volume will be mailed to subscribers in suitable packaging. It will also be available as a PDF document from the Liverpool University Press website. The new distribution model will enable us to lessen the environmental impact by reducing print runs and paper usage, mitigate the effects of increases in production and distribution costs, and enable subscribers around the world to have convenient and timely access to each issue.

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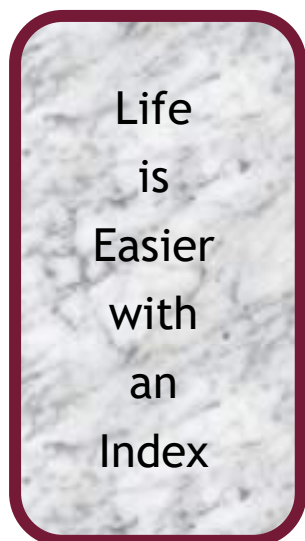
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