It is interesting to record that Mr. T. Rowland Powel was the compiler of the Library Association's *Subject Index to Periodicals* (now the *British Humanities Index*) from 1929 until his retirement in 1959.

L. M. Harrod, Chairman, Wheatley Medal Joint Selection Panel.

**Wheatley Medal, 1978**

Entries are invited for the Wheatley Medal, 1978, from members of the Library Association and the Society of Indexers, publishers and others.

The Library Association Wheatley Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding index first published in the United Kingdom during the preceding three years.

All recommendations should be submitted on a form available from the Library Association, to the Development Secretary, the Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, not later than 1st February 1979.

**Conditions of the Award**

(a) The award to be called the Wheatley Medal and to take the form of a goldplated medal with suitable inscription.

(b) Indexes first published in the United Kingdom during the preceding three years, ie 1976, 1977 and 1978, to be eligible; printed indexes to any type of publication may be submitted for consideration provided that the whole work including the index, or the index alone, has originated in the United Kingdom.

(c) The index must include all headings that common sense would expect and scholarship need to find in an index.

(d) The index must be the best possible for the work of which it forms part, and attention will be paid to features novel to standard indexing which serve a useful purpose.

(e) Recommendations for indexes to be entered for the award are invited from members of the Library Association and of the Society of Indexers, publishers and others. A number of selected libraries will be invited to submit indexes in their special subject fields. All recommendations will be submitted on a form available from the Library Association. This will include notes for guidance and a list of criteria which should be satisfied.

(f) The recommendation on the award to be made by a panel consisting of three representatives of the Library Association Cataloguing and Indexing Group, and three representatives of the Society of Indexers, with power to co-opt. The final decision will be subject to confirmation by the Chairman of the Library Association Publications Committee.

Anyone wishing to have copies of the Special Criteria for judging an index for the award should write to the Professional Officer at the Library Association.

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In October 1977 a symposium was organized by Unesco, in co-operation with ISO, to present ISONET to the international community. The symposium was designed to expand international understanding of the need for information on standards information centres, and to encourage individuals and organizations to establish links with ISONET by contributing to and profiting by its services. The symposium was attended by delegates from 37 countries and by the representatives of international organizations.

Collectively the members of the International Standards Organisation (ISO) from 84 countries have published already more than 250,000 national standards. Other agencies have produced a similar number of standard-type documents (codes, regulations, rules). Hence something like 500,000 standards and technical regulations are now in existence. At the international level, ISO has published some 3,500 International Standards, and standard-type documents are issued also by other international organizations in their specific technical fields.

In 1975, ISO decided to create an ISO Information Network, ISONET, in order to coordinate and systematize the exchange of information on standards and standard-type documents, both internationally and nationally, by linking the information centres of the ISO members and the information centre of the ISO Central Secretariat into a coherent information system.

(In the April 1979 issue of *The Indexer* we hope to publish two papers delivered at the symposium.)