



The Society of Indexers was pleased to accept the offer of a complimentary Stand at the London Book Fair in April 1982. This attracted a good deal of interest, and our picture shows two Council members, Hilda Pearson and Valerie Chandler, on the Stand, with Vice-Chairman David Lee visiting it.

IASC 1982 Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada was held on 6 May 1982, immediately following the annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Information Science. This co-ordination of time and place made it possible for a number of members to attend both conferences.

The theme for the meeting was 'Indexing and the Transition to the Computer'. Papers were presented by Peter Homulos (National Museums of Canada), Alice Janisch (freelancer and formerly with the Canadian Law Information Council), and Sylvia Morrison (*Canadian Periodical Index*).

The papers were given from the viewpoints of information managers or administrators, and reflected the experience of the users. Peter Homulos spoke of the preparation of an inventory of National Museum holdings, Alice Janisch of the indexing of provincial statutes, and Sylvia Morrison of the change from a manual to an automated system for the *Canadian Periodical Index*. These experiences had evidently been by no means

smooth sailing (this applied particularly to Sylvia Morrison's discussion of the problems encountered in automating the *CPI*). The dominant tone appeared to be cautionary, warning to go carefully and be prepared for difficulties in changing to computerized methods—perhaps reflecting the specialized nature of the work described.

At the dinner, Lynn Neufeld, Executive Director of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services in Philadelphia, gave a talk which filled in some of the historical background to automated indexing and data retrieval. The annual business meeting which followed included reports from the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, and regional representatives. The nominating committee chairman, William Stiles, reported on the new slate of officers, and the incoming president, Marjorie Mercer, gave a brief address.

Following the business meeting, some members enjoyed an interesting tour of the Library of Parliament.

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