

AusSI Medal judging completed—winners still secret

The judging for the award of the 1995 AusSI medal for the most outstanding index to a book or periodical compiled in Australia or New Zealand has been completed.

This year, a record number of twenty-eight indexes were submitted for the medal. Entries fell into a number of usual categories, such as textbooks, reference books, scholarly editions and periodicals, and some less common ones, such as computer manuals. Despite the submission of many competent indexes, no one index was considered to fulfill all the requirements of a medal-winner, and therefore the judges have reluctantly, but unanimously, decided not to award a medal for 1995. Two fine indexes have been highly commended.

Full details of the judging, and the names of the highly commended indexers, and others whose indexes were considered on the short list, will be given at the Medal Dinner. This year the dinner will be held as part of the 'Indexing in the Electronic Age' Conference, in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, on Saturday 20 April 1996.

American Society of Indexers

Ted Hines Award

In 1994, the American Society of Indexers established the Ted Hines Award, in memory of the outstanding indexer Ted Hines 'to recognize that individual who has shown continuous dedicated and exceptional services to the membership of ASI and to the indexing profession in the United States'.

It was awarded for the first time to BevAnne Ross, in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the Society and to the indexing profession. BevAnne died on 3 June 1995; the Hines Award plaque was presented to her at her home a month before her death. Obituary tributes to her appear in *The Indexer* 19 (4), page 296, and in *Key Words* 3 (3), July/Aug 95, page 28.

ASI/Wilson Award

From a large number of books on various special subjects, with high-quality indexes, submitted for the award this year, the committee of six selected the index to John Patrick Diggins's *The promise of pragmatism: modernism and the crisis of knowledge and authority* (University of Chicago Press, 1994; 493 pages): an unusual, thought-provoking study of pragmatism at a moment in American intellectual history. The indexer was Martin White, a member of ASI, the Chicago Book Clinic, and the Society for Scholarly Publishing, who holds an MA in philosophy. He is the first indexer to feature in two international index award lists, having previously been highly commended for the Wheatley award for 1988 for indexing the 4th edition of the *Children's Britannica* (see *The Indexer* 17 (1), 47).

Martin White and his winning index are fully featured in *Key Words* 3 (3) Jul/Aug 95, pp 1, 42–5.

Society of Indexers/Library Association: Wheatley Medal

The Wheatley Medal panel members were unanimous in their choice of the 1994 winner.

Over thirty indexes were eliminated, including several legal and medical indexes which—though they exemplified the very best in sound and reliable indexing—lack those extra qualities of the three that were shortlisted.

The Medal was awarded to Colin Matthew for his index to *The Gladstone diaries* (14 volumes), published by Clarendon Press, which he also edited. Professor Matthew has been working on *The Gladstone diaries* since 1970 and compiled Vol XIV (the Index Volume) in 1994. He has also written a two-volume life of Gladstone, *Gladstone 1809–1874* (1986) and *Gladstone 1875–1898* (1995). Since 1992 he has been editor of the *New dictionary of national biography*, which is being published by Oxford University Press.

A full account by Professor Matthew of his work in indexing *The Gladstone diaries* appears in *The Indexer* 19 (4), 257–64. The other two works shortlisted by the panel were:

The dictionary of human geography, 3rd edition, edited by R. J. Johnston, Derek Gregory and David Smith—published by Blackwell and indexed by Anne Barham, a freelance indexer;

The Cambridge ancient history, 2nd edition, volumes V, and VI edited by D. M. Lewis and others; and *volume IX*, edited by J. A. Crook and others; published by the Cambridge University Press. This was indexed by Barbara Hird, also a freelance indexer.

1996 Wheatley Medal shortlist

Ruth Richardson and Robert Thorne *The Builder illustrations index. 1843–1883*. Hutton and Rostron. 1994.

D Bloor and others *The encyclopedia of advanced materials*. Elsevier Science Ltd. 1994. Indexer: Caroline Barlow.

Oxford illustrated encyclopedia Volume 9: index and ready reference. OUP. 1993. Indexer: Ann Hall.

The winner will be announced on 11th June 1996. The Library Association Reference Awards are sponsored by Whitakers Bibliographic Services.

INDEXING OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS: RESEARCH PROJECT

The British Library Research and Development Department has awarded a grant of £23,800 to Liverpool John Moores University for a one year investigation, jointly with the Society of Indexers, of the indexing of children's books. Work will commence as soon as a Research Assistant has been appointed. The project head will be Ken Bakewell, Emeritus Professor of Information and Library Management at the University and currently chairman of the Society of Indexers Council and its Research Committee.
