

# ICRIS Informal Meeting

## Halifax, Nova Scotia

### 6 June 2013

### Minutes

**Present:** Heather Ebbs (chair), ISC/SCI; Drusilla Calvert, SI; Caroline Diepeveen, NIN; Judy Dunlop, ISC/SCI; Max McMaster, ANZSI; Pilar Wyman, ASI.

#### **1. Welcome and Regrets**

Heather Ebbs welcomed all representatives. Regrets were sent by Mary Russell and Maureen MacGlashan.

#### **2. Minutes from San Antonio meeting**

Minutes from the San Antonio meeting were confirmed as accurate after taking note of the minor spelling corrections. The suggestion from Maureen to change item 6:

From ‘due to the amount of work involved to set this up the idea has been dropped’

To: ‘that pressure of work had prevented her making any progress on this, and the idea was on hold at the moment not least because of concern that however great the enthusiasm in principle, it might be difficult to turn this into actual take-up’.

This correction was accepted.

#### **3. Introductions and brief news from all Societies**

Pilar Wyman (ASI) reported:

- New President Ina Gravitz

Heather Ebbs (ISC/SCI) reported:

- Progress on their indexing award had slowed. It was envisaged that the first award will be made next year.
- Joint editors/indexers conference in Halifax had attracted 45 indexers, out of a total membership of 120.
- Running a joint conference with the editors had been logistically easier than going it alone.
- 2014 conference to be held in Toronto.

Caroline Diepeveen (NIN) reported:

- Pilar Wyman will talk to NIN about ebooks in Holland on 4 October. Location to be confirmed.
- ‘Tools of Change’ has been dropped from the program at the Frankfurt Book Fair; it is has been replaced by a session called ‘CONTEC’.

Drusilla Calvert (SI) reported:

- There are deep divisions amongst members over the new Indexers Available. Major concerns are over the restrictiveness of the 20 subject/skills that can be selected from, and the desirability of a levels indicator – basic, undergraduate and graduate. At present, it is unclear how SI is going to proceed with the new IA system.
- Currently Maureen is the SI international rep on ICRIS. She is effectively responsible for *The Indexer* and should not have to look after SI as well. The meeting asked Drusilla to pass on to the SI Board that we require a second SI subscriber to the ICRIS-list. For ICRIS the preferred option would be that that person could be the SI international rep., leaving Maureen to concentrate on her duties for *The Indexer*.
- The Wheatley Medal is not being offered this year due to the expense. Apparently, SI use a judging panel of 6 comprising two SI, two librarians and two academics. Comparison on judge numbers for sister societies' awards was given: ASI – 7 judges; ANZSI – 4 judges, and SCI/ISC are planning on using 3 judges. The meeting discussed the marketing of award-winning indexes, and felt that all our societies had an image problem as far as publishers were concerned.
- Publishing Technology Group (PTG) website has gone live.

Max McMaster (ANZSI) reported:

- Current Council based in Victoria will stand down at the next AGM, after 7 years at the helm.
- We will begin charging for entry into Indexers Available – AUD35.00.
- An ICRIS page link has been added to the ANZSI website  
<http://www.anzsi.org/site/international.asp>
- ANZSI Newsletter index is progressing well with volunteer indexers now from the US and UK. The meeting requested we write up the process we have gone through with our group Newsletter indexing project, as it will be of benefit to other Societies.
- Lai Lam will be following links formed with CSI at the Wellington ANZSI Conference, and will be attending the CSI Conference in Shanghai in October.

#### **4. Indexing terms for websites**

- This topic has been resolved, and can be removed from the agenda of future meetings.

#### **5. ICRIS Terms of Reference**

- All Societies are happy to accept the suggested changes under 6C.
- Under Schedule A the following changes were noted:  
International Coordinator: Mary Russell, ANZSI; SI: Drusilla Calvert (temporary replacement for Jill Halliday); *The Indexer*: Nic Nicholas (as replacement for Sanet LeRoux)

#### **6. ICRIS website**

- Up and running. Details at  
[http://www.theindexer.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=115](http://www.theindexer.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=115)

## 7. The Indexer news

Maureen MacGlashan (SI) sent a written report:

- June issue of *The Indexer* should already be available on Ingenta, but for some reason isn't. Mailing to subscribers would occur shortly.
- The next *Collection* of *Indexer* articles, possibly on 'names' or 'not just back-of-the book', is in production, however deciding on the format is causing difficulty. Demand for a print version is very high, with a surprisingly high number of readers of *Newcomers* not comfortable with an eBook.
- *The Indexer* website, under Rebecca's guidance, will undergo some tidying, but will essentially be the same.
- 2014 subscription to *The Indexer* to be kept at the 2013 rate.

## 8. 2015 Triennial

- Organisation of the 2015 Conference (the ICRIS Triennial) is causing a problem. Although it should be the North-East Group or Scottish Group's turn, no one wants to take on the responsibility of organising it, having organised conferences in the past. A number of individuals however have offered to assist. The meeting pointed out that it only needs a couple of committed members to check out the venues, and the rest of the arrangements can be handled through the Sheffield Office. Max McMaster pointed out that ANZSI used this approach for their Hobart conference a few years' ago, and Heather Ebbs said ISC/SCI had done the same for this years' Halifax conference, due to low member numbers in each conference city. Most of the conference arrangements were handled from Melbourne (ANZSI) and Toronto (ISC/SCI). The meeting asked Drusilla to go back to the SI Board with the desire that the 2015 conference be held in either Edinburgh or Glasgow, pointing out that the organisation of the conference does not have to fall on the shoulders of one individual. They only need a small group on the ground to begin the process, and then the rest of the arrangements can be handled centrally, possibly with the assistance of other interested individuals.

## 9. Other business

- There will only be an informal gathering at Wyboston Lakes, during the SI Conference in July.