

ICRIS Informal Meeting San Antonio, Texas 17 April 2013 Minutes

Present: Mary Russell, International Coordinator, ANZSI; Caroline Diepeveen, NIN; Judy Dunlop, ISC/SCI; Maureen MacGlashan, SI; Pilar Wyman, ASI

Guests: David Ream, ASI; Janet Pearlman, ASI; Tom Lundy, ASI; Judy Gibbs, ASI.

1. Welcome and Regrets

Mary Russell welcomed all representatives and guests. Regrets were sent by Ruth Pincoe.

Minutes for the Wellington meeting were confirmed as accurate with thanks to Heather Ebbs.

2. Introductions and brief news from all Societies

With most of the recent news discussed at the Wellington Conference additional items

Pilar Wyman (ASI) reported:

- Membership numbers have dropped to about 500.
- Considering having conferences over 2 days in the future.
- Are trying to make conference sessions more interactive for participants.
- Have Wilson Award winner for 2013. Award will be called the Ebsco Publishing award in the future. Winner receives \$1000.
- Looking at mobile version of website. Possibly to include Locator.
- No drop in income from Locator fees, in fact could have gone up a bit.
- Have promotional postcard and looking at updating it.

Judy Dunlop (ISC/SCI) reported:

- They have about 110-120 members.
- Their members expressed the need to connect due to size as one of the main reasons to continue to hold annual conferences.
- Hold joint conferences with editors.
- Conferences bring new members. They receive cheaper conference rates if they join and also receive *The Indexer* as part of their membership.
- Next conference in Halifax in early June.
- Have new website with password area for Newsletters.
- Planning underway to establish a new indexing award.
- Members pay about \$40 to advertise on Indexers directory,

Maureen MacGlashan (SI) reported:

- Wheatley Award on hold for 2013. Combination of reasons including few suitable entries received in recent years, cost of posting and moving books and judging expenses.
- Publishing Technology Group (PTG) website is now public with a small section accessible with password. Have produced bookmarks for this. SI was thanked for making this excellent resource available to the public.
- Launch of new version of Indexers Available to be soon.
- Members pay about £25 per year to be in Indexers Available.
- Anne Kingdom and James Lamb will be stepping down from SI Board.

Caroline Diepeveen (NIN) reported:

- Have new members including three (not Dutch) living in The Netherlands.
- Need to work on a new website.

Mary Russell (ANZSI) reported:

- ANZSI is redeveloping Indexers Available. It doesn't charge for members to advertise.
- The volunteer indexing project to index all the back issues of the *ANZSI /AusSI Newsletter* is progressing with over 30 indexers involved and completed years coming in. Still have to scan a few of the very early years. It will then be a large editing project.

Dave Ream asked the question if Indexer directories were promoted to publishers?

- ISC/SCI have stopped printing and posting Indexers directory and now have PDF version on website.
- Maureen MacGlashan pointed out the difficulty of talking to the 'correct' person in large publishing firms to promote directory.
- Societies promote the organisation rather than Indexers directory specifically.

3. International Agreement

It was agreed that the wording on *The Indexer* website can have 'subject to ratification by the Societies' removed.

4. Annual 'formal' ICRIS meeting

Following on from discussion in Wellington it was agreed that the regular meeting and ICRIS email discussion group is working well and there is no need for an annual 'formal' ICRIS meeting.

5. Indexing terms for websites

- This relates to terms used in metadata for Societies webpages to reflect various terms for indexing in several languages.
- Jochen Fassbender has been meaning to supply a list to members of ICRIS so Societies can add terms to the metadata on their webpages. Some Dutch terms have been included on the NIN bookmark.

6. Other ICRIS meetings in Europe

Maureen MacGlashan reported that due to the amount of work involved to set this up the idea has been dropped.

7. ICRIS Terms of Reference

- Following on from a discussion at the Triennial meeting Caroline Dieperveen seeks additional wording added to 6C along the lines that it is up to the discretion of each Society to pay for the registration for representatives of the Associated Networks. This was agreed to and Caroline is to supply suggested wording for Halifax.
- In 6C delete sentence on accommodation.
- Need to update list of email members in Appendix. Caroline to supply updated list for Halifax.

8. ICRIS webpage

- Rebecca Linford is the new webmaster for *The indexer* website.
- It is hoped that a mock up for the ICRIS webpage on *The Indexer* website will be ready for the Halifax meeting.

9. *The Indexer* report from Maureen

- New bookmarks for *The Indexer*.
- Madeleine Davis (ANZSI) will be responsible for Antipodean reviews.
- Looking for someone to keep an eye out for potential books of interest to review published in South Africa.
- Ebook *Newcomers* is being reviewed for *The Indexer*.

10. 2015 Triennial

Here is a summary of 2015 Conferences dates:

ASI - Seattle, Washington 26 April - 4 May (within those dates, that is, probably Wednesday - Saturday).

ANZSI - Canberra 6-9 May

ASAIB - has its annual conference in May, but usually the second or third week.

ISC/SCI – not heard yet, but usually late May – early June

SI – No dates yet, but usually July or September (2013 is July and 2014 is September).

CSI – not heard

- Maureen MacGlashan reported that SI is waiting to confirm organisers for their conference in 2015, before agreeing to host Triennial.
- Since ANZSI can no longer host the Triennial they have offered to assist with the cost of room hire and refreshments.

Next Meeting at ISC/SCI Conference in Halifax to be confirmed as 4pm on 6 June.