

Report by CSI:

At present, The China Society of Indexers (CSI) has more than 1,600 individual members and more than 100 institutional members, mainly from the National Library, academic libraries and research institutions, press and publishing systems.

In recent years, the CSI has been committed to promoting the standardization of index and database, and achieved positive results. In addition to the previous standards that have been reported before, two more national standards were composed and formulated, namely, the National Standard GB/T 36070-2018, "Local Chronicle Indexing Rules", drafted by the Society, was formally implemented on October 1, 2018, and "Rules for Indexing Contents of Dissertations", drafted by the Society, has been reviewed by the Expert Committee in October 2020 and will be issued soon.

In order to promote the local chronicles index standard, the Society also compiled "Shanghai Fuxian (County) Old Records" series, that involves various types of indexes such as person names, place names, properties, documents, topics, pictures and photos.

Regarding the Journal: since January 2016, China Index, the official journal of CSI, has changed the frequency from quarterly to biannual, each of which releases nearly 20 academic articles on index research and index projects, and is officially published by Fudan University Press. The publication retains the philosophy or core on academic openness and transparency, and continues to be an important and effective platform for Chinese index scholars and practitioners.

New Business:

1. International discussion or promotion of the "Rules for Indexing Contents of Dissertations" that was reported above.

This standard provides basic norms that can be followed for dissertations index. It is mainly applicable to authors who could index their dissertations, and also for qualified indexers

and document processing service organizations to index the published dissertations. The Rule especially highlights the disclosure of the originality or innovative points from the contents of the dissertation, that would be helpful for retrieval, utilization and dissemination of the innovative accomplishments, and also facilitates the evaluation of the quality and significance of the dissertations. Through the exchanges and discussions with colleagues around the world, we hope to find the common ground with other international dissertations index rules and promote the new Rule internationally.

2. Possibility for The Indexer to republish the articles originally by the China Index every year to have Chinese research or practice shared with colleagues internationally. CIS has worked with Mary Coe after the international index conference in Oct., 2018, and the cooperation was rather fruitful.

3. Look forward to the future collaborations or exchanges with the index organizations in other countries.