ICRIS informal meeting notes: ISC/SCI Conference, St. John’s, 2023 06 08

Present:

ICRIS representatives: Sam Arnet (DNI), Glenda Browne (ANZSI), Paula Clarke-Bain (SI), Margaret de Boer (ISC/SCI), Devon Thomas (ASI)

Observers: Maggie Billard (ISC/SCI), Jenny Browne (ANZSI), Jolanta Komornicka (ISC/SCI), Marta Steele (ASI)

Items of discussion:

1. Introductions and sharing of society news:
   
   ANZSI: in-person conference in October 2023.

   ASI: Conference (Spring 2024) possibly in-person in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. They will be conducting a survey to gauge opinion on readiness for in-person conferences. ASI will hold an online event in the fall.

   SI: in-person conference in September 2023

2. Website proposal:

   a. Review and input: (Madeleine Davis draft website email 2023 06 05)

   Home Page: consensus for the Home page to be a gathering point of all societies with their logos and links.

   About Indexing: agreement to have a concise and informative paragraph describing what an index is and the benefits. Sam offered to work on this and will contact Madeleine about it.

   Include links to ICRIS, The Indexer, and the Dictionary.

   Exclude National Indexing Day as individual indexing societies promote it in their own way.

   b. Review and input: (Jochen Fassbender's ideas and suggestions email of 2023 06 05)

   - only use the languages of the societies represented.

   - the network names of DNI and NIN were noted for correction.

   - consensus not to include standards and style guides.

   Glenda Browne will communicate the conclusions of this discussion to Madeleine.
3. Governance and succession:

Margaret asked about society succession methods and governance. Societies present each shared their different governance structures.

Sharing of the challenges of getting volunteers. Some pay their treasurer and ANZSI also pays their newsletter editor an honourarium.

ASI also shared they have resources on what it's like to be a board member.

4. Liverpool/The Indexer: Paula shared that she had received an email that day about Liverpool requesting the phone numbers of all indexers receiving a subscription. Members present did not see any benefit with it.

In conclusion it was a great gathering together. Thanks for your participation.

If there are any errors or omissions please let me know and I will circulate a corrected version of these notes.

Margaret de Boer (ISC/SCI)