

Informal International Representatives Meeting
June 5th, 2024
ASI Annual Conference (Spread Your Indexing Wings)
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA

Attendees
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We had a pleasant meeting on the beautiful grounds of Bryn Mawr college. Discussion focused on the upcoming CSI conference, the recent ISC/SCI conference, and communication logistics.



CSI conference

The international reps attending the CSI conference are sharing travel information and ideas via Dropbox and Google Groups.

ISC/SCI 2024 conference

The ISC/SCI 2024 conference (The Art of Connection) was virtual, with about 100 attendees. Sessions included software concerns, embedded indexing, working while traveling, and handling multi-authored works. There was a special networking event where new indexers could ask

experienced indexers in virtual chat rooms questions about indexing. There was also a cross-stitch pattern of a magpie that was shared with the attendees.

Communication

There was discussion of how to best communicate changes in officers to the other societies. Some societies contact each other directly when there is a change in officers. Others rely on international representatives to pass on such information. ISC/SCI sends out a communication package when officers change to inform the other societies, as well as other groups, of any changes.

Spam is another issue for officers. Using generic email addresses, such as president@society.org, is a factor in getting spam, but having generic addresses is helpful in terms of history and continuity of the office and its communications.

Other Issues

There was discussion about the upcoming virtual SI conference this fall and the upcoming anniversary and conference of ASAIB this November.

General membership is not aware of ICRIS and what it does. How can we build recognition about what the group does?

Jolanta Komornicka of ISC/SCI has started an indexer Dungeons and Dragons group. It is open to members of any indexing society.