



“Excellence from A to Z”

ASAIB CONFERENCE MAY 7 2010

The Indexer in Publishing

In line with the International Year of Biodiversity ASAIB decided this year to hold our annual conference at Rietvlei Nature Reserve near Pretoria.

The venue was perfect with a conference room ideally suited to the numbers attending; large enough to have all the facilities we needed but small enough to feel intimate.



Dr Jackie Kalley and Mrs Marlene Burger opening the conference



We carried our environmental theme through to the hand decorated paper bags that held the conference paraphernalia and each delegate was given a very pretty green cushion to sit on and take home with them.

Our theme this year was *The Indexer in Publishing* and we explored issues surrounding the indexer and how we fit into the publishing sphere. Talks ranged from a gentle review of indexing history to the more high tech matters of automatic indexing.

An issue that emerged from the conference was the lack of recognition given to indexers in South Africa and a call was made for a formal contract to be drawn up to standardise our profession and to ensure that we achieve the status that we deserve within the publishing sphere.

The feedback from the conference was very good and many people felt that as it had been held on a Friday we were all already in weekend mode.

In case our absent indexing colleagues would like to see where we held our conference the link is as follows: www.tshwane.gov.za/rietvlei.cfm

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There were no submissions this year for the ASAIB award for the best Bibliography.

See page 3 for the results of the ASAIB Best Index Award.



Rietvlei, the venue for our 2010 ASAIB conference

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Feedback and comments on the conference and workshops

Conference feedback

"Alles was baie goed georganiseer en ons het heerlik geet en gedrink. Die lesings was ook baie interessant.

Al wat my effens gepla het, was die feit dat die sitplekke self baie min ruimte vir al mens se 'bagasie' (en kussings) gehad het. 'n Bietjie meer persoonlike ruimte, met dalk iets om jou notaboekie en pen op neer te sit, sou lekkerder wees.

Aan die ander kant het die 'gebrek aan ruimte' mens 'nader' aan mekaar gebring, wat meer persoonlik gevoel het.

Maar die omgewing en buitelig-etes was wonderlik!

Bottomline: dit was die moeite werd om die geld te spandeer en die dag saam met ander lede van ASAIB deur te bring."

ANONIEM

"Ek was jammer die paneel moes op die trappe sit tydens die bespreking, maar die sessie het goeie bespreking uitgelok. Ek reken die konferensie was goed veral omdat meer mense deelgeneem met bydraes as in die verlede. Die saaltjie was ideaal vir die aantal bywoners en die weer was perfek vir ons..."

voeg ook by dat: "...die keuse van plek vir die konferensie onverbeterlik was, die ete en tee en water het baie komplimente gekry, asook die manier waarop dit aangebied was. Almal met wie ek gepraat het, was positief. Die "funky" element van die bruin kuns-sakke en die kussings was ook prettig, prakties, eko-vriendelik, ter ondersteuning van ander en het ook ons humorsin gelig te midde van die altyd lekker gevoel van Vrydag net voor die naweek se bietjie blaaskans en rus."

Anna-Marie Arnold

En die konferensie: ek het reeds vir Antoinette gese dat ek hierdie jaar se aanbiedings ALMAL baie interessant gevind het - - - wat gewoonlik nie gebeur met 'n konferensie nie: daar's mos altyd 'n klompie verveliges tussenin omdat dit nie op jou van toepassing was nie. Dankie aan die hele komitee! En die venue was spesiaal!

ANONIEM

It was indeed a successful and very intimate conference. I think it could have gone for day 2 that's how exciting and stimulating I found the presenters and attendees.

Anonymous

Workshop feedback

Baie dankie weereens vir die baie interessante aanbieding en insiggewende gesprekke van gister. Ek is opnuut begeester en het myself voorgeneem om ernstige tyd in te ruim vir soveel as moontlik praktiese werk sodat die regte grondbeginsels kan insink. Ek moet die oefening kry en ek sal ook werk maak daarvan om by plaaslike uitgewers aan te klop, selfs al is dit op 'n vrywilliger basis by opkomende uitgewers wat nie professionele dienste kan bekostig nie; dit sal ook so 'n bydrae kan lewer tot lokale gemeenskapsontwikkeling.

ANONIEM

"On 06 May 2010, I attended the Basic Indexing Training course. It was informative with detailed information on the basic terms and principles of Indexing. The practical section was challenging though I wish it could have been longer. The arrangement was well organised; I truly enjoyed it and hope to apply it in future."

Roselle Jansen van Vuuren

“Two pre-conference indexing workshops were held on 6 May. The Basic Indexing Workshop was co-presented by Madely du Preez and Antoinette Kotze. Marlene Burger presented the Advanced Indexing Workshop. The workshops were well received and participants had ample opportunity to test and practise their newly acquired skills. They also enjoyed liaising with fellow indexers and exchanged experiences. A special thank you to all who attended.” Madely and Marlene

Annual ASAIB awards for the best bibliography

ASAIB Award for best index 2009/2010

Winner!

Jenny de Wet (Johannesburg)

Mendelow, B, Ramsay, M, Chetty, N & Stevens, W (eds)

Molecular medicine for clinicians

Wits University Press

2009

1st Runner-up

Hannalie Knoetze (Pretoria)

Imagining, writing, (re)reading the black body.

Unisa Press

2009

2nd Runner-up

Marlene Rose (Cape Town)

Avis, Jane, Dawson, Colleen & De Bie, Gaby

Life sciences for the classroom, Grade 12 learner's book

Heinemann Publishers

2010

Cambridge University Library to publish rare faith and science books on internet

Thousands of rare books and manuscripts at Cambridge Library – including handwritten notes by Sir Isaac Newton – are to be made available on line thanks to a £1.5m donation.

By [Richard Alleyne](#), Science Correspondent

The gift from the former businessman Dr Leonard Polonsky will be used to start the Digital Library for the 21st Century create an infrastructure capable of digitising the vast collection housed at the 600-year-old institution. Among the Library's religious collections are some of the world's most ancient Qur'ans and an eighth century copy of the Surat al-Anfal, the Qur'an's eighth chapter.

Judaism is represented by the Taylor-Schechter Genizah Collection containing 193,000 fragments of manuscripts as significant as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Christian documents include a Greek New Testament manuscript, the Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis, and a 1455 copy of the Gutenberg Bible, the earliest European book produced using movable type.

There will also be the Anglo-Saxon texts the Book of Cerne and the Book of Deer

The development of modern science is captured in Newton's annotated Principia Mathematica, copies of his lectures as Lucasian Professor and proofs of Opticks.

It is hope that further funding could lead to the digitisation of manuscripts from Darwin and Stephen Hawking, continuing the story of science into the modern age.

Anne Jarvis, the university Librarian, said that the exciting new plans would open up priceless collections to students worldwide.

She said: "Our library contains evidence of some of the greatest ideas and discoveries over two millennia.

"We want to make it accessible to anyone, anywhere in the world with an internet connection and a thirst for knowledge.

"This will not only make our collections available to the world; it will also initiate a global conversation about them.

"At the click of a mouse, students or scholars of divinity or politics, history, physics, medieval languages or the history of medicine, will be able to plunge into the worlds of Mediterranean Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities of the 11th Century, or into the minds of Isaac Newton and his contemporaries.

"Faith and science will be the two cornerstones of the project, both of fundamental importance in our quest to understand the world and our place in it.

"Thanks to Dr Polonsky, we are at the start of what we believe will be an incredible journey into the digital future.

"Hopefully his generosity will encourage others to follow his lead so we can make one of the world's great libraries available, literally, to anyone around the world."

Dr Polonsky, founder of the Polonsky-Coexist Lectureship in Jewish Studies at the University, hoped the project would open a dialogue between libraries worldwide.

He said: "As reading and research become increasingly electronic, my hope is that this grant will serve as a catalyst for the digitisation and linking of the great libraries of the world so that their riches can be enjoyed by a global public."

Cambridge University Library has been a legal deposit library since 1710 and is entitled to acquire a copy of each book and journal published in the UK and Ireland.

The library currently houses eight million books and periodicals, one million maps and thousands of manuscripts over 100 miles of shelving, expanding at the rate of two miles per year.

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