

Wednesday 18 September

12.30 Logging on and informal chat

13.00 **Welcome**

Sue Goodman (SI Chair) and Sam Leith (SI Honorary President)

13.30 **Icebreaker speed chats**

Informal breakout groups by random allocation (3 × 10 minutes)

14.00 Break

14.15 **AI (artificial intelligence) tools and implications**

The use of AI in the publishing industry and issues with generative AI in indexing work

George Walkley (independent publishing and AI consultant) and Tanya Izzard (SI)

15.45 Break

16.00 **Discussion parallel breakout rooms**

Discussion sessions for participants to share experience and tips, with a leader to keep the conversations moving. All sessions are suitable for indexers with varying levels of experience, unless otherwise stated.

- Ask the new professionals (*Leader: Ruth Martin, SI*)
For indexing students to ask questions and new indexers to share answers
- Client relations (*Leader: Ann Hudson, SI*)
Indexers' thoughts on various aspects of working with authors and publishers
- Embedded indexing (*Leader: Wendy Baskett, SI*)
Sharing tips and experience from working with embedded indexing projects
- Peer review (*Leader: Alan Rutter, SI*)
Discussion from peer-review exercise all indexing the same work (text: Wendell Berry, *Why I am not going to buy a computer*)
- Free chat (*Leader: Rachel Gee, SI*)
Opportunity to talk with your colleagues about anything indexing related

17.00 Break

17.15 **Software states of play**

Overview of the current positions of the main dedicated indexing software programs

Pierke Bosschieter (DNI/NIN/SI) and Stephen Ullstrom (ISC/SCI)

18.15 **Closing remarks**

18.30 **Close of day 1**

Zoom link to remain open for further chat for two hours until 20.30 (with general and optional breakout groups)

Thursday 19 September

- 09.45 Logging on and informal chat, plus any announcements
- 10.15 **The Frankfurt Kabuff as creative publishing critique**
A playful critical edition and novella on the Frankfurt Book Fair and its unusual index
*Beth Driscoll (Associate Professor in Publishing, University of Melbourne),
Claire Squires (Professor of Publishing Studies, University of Stirling) and
Paula Clarke Bain (SI)*
- 11.15 Break
- 11.30 **Wikipedians: improving online information about indexing**
How indexers can play a role in editing Wikipedia pages related to indexing
Mary Coe (Editor of The Indexer journal) and other indexer–Wikipedians
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.00 **Discussion parallel breakout rooms**
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- Client relations (*Leader: Ann Hudson, SI*)
Indexers' thoughts on various aspects of working with authors and publishers
 - Embedded indexing and linking (*Leader: Barry Campbell, SI*)
For sharing experience from work on embedded indexing and linking projects (more suitable for those with existing embedding knowledge)
 - Multi-author works (*Leader: Ann Kingdom, SI*)
Considering the challenges and issues of indexing texts with multiple authors
 - Peer review (*Leader: Alan Rutter, SI*)
Discussion from peer-review exercise all indexing the same work (text: Wendell Berry, *Why I am not going to buy a computer*)
 - Free chat (*Leader: Ruth Ellis, SI*)
Opportunity to talk with your colleagues about anything indexing related
- 14.00 Break
- 14.15 **SI and international societies now and next**
Melanie Gee (SI) and Ruth Martin (SI) on new SI CPD development
+ updates from international indexer societies + general member discussion
- 15.15 **Closing remarks and SI 2025 conference announcement**
Sue Goodman (SI Chair) and Paula Clarke Bain (SI Vice-Chair)
- 15.30 **Conference close**
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