

Perceptions of authors, reviewers, and readers are also important in evaluating a journal. In the future, the journals hope to conduct surveys to determine these perceptions.

### The future

The project has been awarded a second grant for another five years. This grant will support the four existing partners, as well as two other journals which are yet to be selected. This grant is focused on better meeting the needs of the journals, supporting areas such as online publishing, updating of equipment and software, support for an intern, continued support for author/review workshops, and workshops on communicating science to journalists and policy makers.

The achievements of this project would not have been possible without funding from NIH and administrative support from CSE. Activities of the project have also been supported by SPi, TDR, INASP, and ScholarOne.

This project has formed friendships and networks that will extend past the lifetime of the project. With continued support from all stakeholders, this project can and will make a significant impact on African journal publishing.

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## From the Archive – 30 years ago

### News Notes from *Earth & Life Science Editing* (7), 1978

#### International Serials Catalogue

ICSU-AB, the International Council of Scientific Unions Abstracting Board, has announced publication plans for the largest serials data resource ever compiled. Basic bibliographic facts on over thirty thousand scientific and technical periodicals will be listed, forming a valuable bibliographic reference work as well as serving the prime aim, which was to study coverage characteristics of the nineteen member services of ICSU-AB, and to improve bibliographic accuracy at the input stage of these services.

#### Primary Communications Research Centre Publications

The Primary Communications Research Centre set up at Leicester University in 1976 has recently completed a number of projects of interest to editors in the earth and life sciences. Among them are the following:

The Visual Impact of Scholarly Journal Articles: May Katzen, Nov 1977

A study of the evaluation of research papers by primary journals in the UK: M Gordon, April 1978

Trends in scholarly communication in the United States and Western Europe: May Katzen, March 1978

Scholarly Publishers Guide: New Methods and Techniques (1st edition): Sept 1977

#### Writing Scientific Papers in English

A paperback edition of the very successful guide by M O'Connor and Peter Woodford, *Writing Scientific Papers in English*, is to be published in September 1978 by Pitman Medical & Scientific Publishing Co Ltd, 42 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2QD, England. The expected price for the new version is £1.25.

#### Footnote

Owing to non-receipt of some copy the editors regret that the **News Notes** and **Editor's Bookshelf** sections of this issue have had to be drastically abbreviated.