

Editorial

The first decade

With this issue, *Information Service & Use* completes its tenth year of publication.

On behalf of Tony Cawkell, Cor van de Weteringh and myself, I want to thank our readers for their many courtesies and cooperation during the formative years of the journal.

It is also an appropriate time to acknowledge the support of Elsevier and the many invisible staff members who do so much to bring our messages to you. Over the years we have received consistent support from all areas of the organization.

Readers may be interested to know of the contributions of our Editorial Advisory Board. In addition to their roles in procuring good quality manuscripts, they have served as proponents of the special role that *ISU* has attempted to fill in the information science literature.

In 1981 we proposed that the journal be “an information technology oriented publication with a wide scope of subject matters.” Further, we recorded, “both audience and authorship should be international aimed at leaders in information management and applications.” These objectives were to be treated “not only in general but also in specific contexts; applications to business and scientific fields will be sought so that a balanced view is offered to the reader.”

A cursory review of the first ten volumes shows that we have published over 200 papers coming from 18 countries. These include Australia, Austria, Algeria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States! The subject matter defies analysis, however the original concepts have, in my opinion, been upheld.

Special thanks are due to the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services and the Association of Scientific Information Distribution Centers (ASIDIC) which have cooperated over the years in making selected papers from their conferences available to *ISU*.

Finally we would like to single out Dr. Heleen van Gelderen, publisher of *ISU* and Ms. Elisabeth Nagel, our current, incomparable desk editor for their patience and support of the journal.

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