IPEd Notes – September to December 2014

2015 Australian Conference for Editors, Indexers, and Publishing Professionals – write | edit | index

Canberra, 6–9 May 2015

The preliminary program for the national conference for editors, indexers and publishing professionals has been announced and registration is open.

The conference launches with a day of professional workshops, including two full-day workshops and eight half-day workshops.

Decoding XML:a practical guide for editors is a full-day workshop which will be presented by Linda Nix. It will provide an introduction to digital markup languages with a focus on XML. Participants will learn which XML schemas are relevant to their areas of expertise, how to apply their editing skill in digital workflows and basic coding skills.

Grammar in a Nutshell by Elizabeth Manning Murphy is also a full-day workshop and will alert delegates to common grammatical problems in text editing and will explain the grammar behind the conventions that make text acceptable. It will include activities related to the IPEd accreditation exam.

The eight half-day workshops cover topics such as blogging, InDesign indexing, design and EndNote.

The conference keynote speakers are two well-known Australians, namely Jackie French and David Astle. Jackie French is the author of 140 books across a range of genres. Her work includes fiction for adults and children, gardening, history and picture books.

David Astle will be known to some as the dictionary guy from the television show *Letters and Numbers*. He is a self-confessed word nerd, writing cryptics for the *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*.

The conference will be hosted jointly by the Canberra Society of Editors and ACT Region Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers (ANZSI) on behalf of the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) and ANZSI. It incorporates the 7th National Editors Conference and the ANZSI biennial conference.

Early bird registration (closes 20 February 2015)

Member $485
Non-member $550
Student member $335

Full registration (closes 31 March 2015)

Member $550
Non-member $650
Student member $400

Day registration (closes 31 March 2015)

Thursday $200
Friday $200
Saturday $150

For program details and conference registration go to www.writeeditindex.net.au.

IPEd will update conference news on Twitter @IPEditors and Facebook at www.facebook.com/IPEditors. Join the conference conversation by using #writeeditindex.

IPEd Council news

IPEd has continued to operate with a rotating Chair, given the current workload of councillors.

In November 2014 Ed Highley from the Canberra Society of Editors (CSE) resigned as IPEd Councillor. Ed has undertaken an enormous amount of work for IPEd over the past ten years, including as its inaugural Secretary until 2012, and the IPEd Council thanks him for his contribution.

The CSE hopes to soon nominate a Councillor to replace Ed and there is, as yet, no Councillor for Tasmania.

Policy changes

The IPEd Council approved changes to the *Guidelines for editing research theses* to address the increasing issue of students leaving it to the last minute to engage an editor for their theses. The wording for the pages aimed at students *(Engaging an editor for your theses)* and supervisors *(When your student wishes to engage an editor)* were adjusted to encourage students to engage an editor as early as possible.

The *Training support policy* was renamed the *Professional development support policy* to broaden its scope to include professional development and mentoring. It now allows Council to agree annually the total training support amount and the maximum for each society. It also gives Council discretion to allow higher support for smaller societies.

Annual report

The Annual Report 2013–2014 has been finalised and is available on the IPEd website.

Accreditation scheme news

Renewal of 2009 accreditation

Of the accredited editors who achieved accreditation in 2009, 27 have applied to have their accreditation renewed.

For the 2008 accredited editors who did not renew in 2013, the Accreditation Board will still consider your application. Queries regarding this can be emailed to abchair@iped-editors.org.

Onscreen exam development

The Accreditation Board has met with three companies that may be able to distribute an electronic version of the exam safely, securely and reliably. The options include one that offers extensive control over such things as who can access documents, the time they can be accessed for and what can be done with them. It also includes an audit facility that identifies who opened a document, when they opened it and what they did with it.

Another service offers secure distribution of documents while the third offers a complete online training and assessment option.

The option of hiring computer labs to run the exam in an invigilated setting is also being considered.

The Accreditation Board will investigate these options further with free trials and hopes to be able to demonstrate and possibly test an onscreen exam at the conference to gather feedback.

The Editors' Association of Canada

The Editors' Association of Canada will host the *Editing Goes Global* conference in Toronto in June.

IPEd has agreed to sponsor a speaker to represent IPEd at the conference and cover the costs of travel, accommodation and the speaker's conference registration.

The speaker will be expected to be on several panels, deliver on more than one topic and address the current IPEd transition process during one of their sessions. They will also be expected to represent IPEd during networking opportunities and will be required to prepare a conference report.

IPEd transition project

The IPEd transition will aim to create a national editors group that will provide advocacy, professional development, networking and support for its members across Australia. The proposed new model for IPEd reflects similar organisations internationally, in particular The Editors' Association of Canada and the Society for Editors and Proofreaders in the UK.

The Working Party 4 (WP4), which is tasked with the transition project, has five project teams that have made significant progress in planning the IPEd transition.

The teams and the status of their progress are as follows:

- Legal and governance
  - Green papers on the draft constitution and branch by-laws of the direct membership model (DMM) have been developed and distributed to presidents of the societies for committee review.
- Finance and operations
  - A rationale for national accounting and banking has been developed and distributed to societies for committee feedback. The societies have been asked to provide data of meetings and financial information for local activities to provide a basis for the development of an initial budget for IPEd DMM and its expenditure policy.
- Membership
  - A green paper on a draft membership structure, including an issues paper, has been distributed to societies for committee feedback.
- Communication
  - A green paper covering the IPEd website, newsletter and social media has been distributed to the IPEd Council and society committees for input.
- Professional development
  - A green paper has been distributed to IPEd Council and society committees for input.

WP4 is expecting revision of the papers, in response to society committee feedback, to be considered during March and sent to society presidents for distribution to members in April.

Further information on the transition, together with a detailed breakdown and timeline of the process, will be forthcoming.

John Simkin Medal 2015 indexing award

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers Inc. (ANZSI) invites nominations for the John Simkin Medal. This is an award recognising an outstanding index to a book compiled in Australia or New Zealand.

A completed nomination form, together with a hard copy of the book or a link to the electronic file of both book and index, is required.

Applications for this close on Friday 20 March.

Further information and a nomination form are available on the ANZSI Website.

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