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### John Simkin Medal 2015

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

The John Simkin Medal, previously known as the ANZSI Medal, has been renamed in honour of John Simkin, one of the founding members of the Society. John promoted the ideals of indexes and indexing throughout his 40-year association with the Society, so it is with pleasure we acknowledge his enormous contribution to indexing in this way.

The ANZSI Medal was first awarded in 1985 and was offered annually until 2013, when it became biennial. Due to the prestigious nature of the Medal, it is only awarded when merited. Details of previous ANZSI Medal winners are available at [http://www.anzsi.org/site/medal\\_win.asp](http://www.anzsi.org/site/medal_win.asp).

To attain the award, indexes must be of the highest calibre. The index should be substantial in size, the subject matter complex, and the language, form and structure should demonstrate the indexer's expertise in serving the primary needs of the text and the reader. There are no restrictions on the subject matter of the book.

The book may be in either paper or electronic format.

To be eligible for the award, the book must be commercially available and have an imprint date of 2012 or later. The index must have been compiled in Australia or New Zealand, although the text to which it refers may have been published elsewhere.

Publishers, booksellers, editors, librarians, indexers and interested persons are all invited to provide nominations. Indexers are encouraged to submit their own work.

The winning indexer will receive the John Simkin Medal and a framed certificate. The publisher will receive a framed certificate.

#### **Applications**

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. Hard copy books will be returned after judging. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.anzsi.org/UserFiles/file/John-Simkin-Medal-nomination-form-2015.pdf>.

#### **Dates**

Applications must be received no later than Friday, 20 March, 2015 at the address on the nomination form. Presentation of the inaugural John Simkin Medal will be made to the winner at Write | Edit | Index: A national conference for editors, indexers, and publishing professionals, Canberra, 6–9 May 2015.

Max McMaster  
Medal Chair, ANZSI Awards Committee