

**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**  
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.
- 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**  
Zoom link to remain open for further chat for two hours until 17.30 (with general and optional breakout groups)