Conference 2025: The Heart and Mind of Indexing



Edgbaston Park Hotel, University of Birmingham Friday 19 September – Sunday 21 September

Programme

19.00

Friday 19 September

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11.00	Tea/coffee and Registration/networking (ongoing all morning)				
12.30	Lunch (including ICRIS representatives meeting)				
14.00	Presidential welcome (Caroline Sanderson) followed by 'Indexing the proceedings of Parliament' (Anya Somerville, House of Commons Library)				
15.30	Tea/coffee				
16.00	Parallel breakout sessions:				
	New indexers (Ruth Martin)		Experienced	l indexers (Alan Rutter)	
17.00	Free time/networking				
18.30	Welcome drinks for first-timers				
19.00	Dinner + quiz				
Saturday 20 September					
07.30	Breakfast				
09.00	Day delegate registration				
09.15	AI and indexing: 'AI and SI update' (Tanya Izzard) and 'Adapting with agility' (Xiaoyuan [JoJo] Chen, China Society of Indexers)				
10.15	Short break				
10.30	'X-Men united, indexers divided?' A roundtable on differing approaches to indexing the same text (Jolanta Komornicka, Indexing Society of Canada/Société canadienne d'indexation + panel)				
11.30	Tea/coffee				
12.15	Parallel software discussion sessions: SKY Index, Cindex and Macrex				
	SKY Index (facilitators Sheree Mosley and Susie Marques-Jones)	Cindex (facilitato Peace, Indexing S Canada/Société d'indexation)	Society of	Macrex (facilitator Caroline Diepeveen, SI and Nederlands Indexers Netwerk)	
13.00	Lunch				
13.45	Parallel breakout sessions:				
	Embedded indexing (Katharina Munk [Index-Manager] chaired by Wendy Baskett)			Mindful collage: creative journaling for wellbeing (Lyndsay Marshall)	
14.45	Tea/coffee				
15.30	'Working with authors' – panel discussion (Dennis Duncan, Caroline Sanderson and Jane Calvert)				
16.30	Lightning talks				
17.00	Free time/networking				
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Gala dinner, preceded by a short speech from SI honorary president Caroline Sanderson

Sunday 21 September

07.30	Breakfast			
09.15	'Humour and bias in indexing' (Paula Clarke Bain and Ann Kingdom)			
10.15	Tea/coffee			
10.45	Parallel breakout sessions:			
	'Indexing the <i>Buildings of England'</i> (Nicola King)	'Reader, I indexed it: strategies for indexing literary criticism' (Devon Thomas, American Society for Indexing)		
11.45	Short break			
12.00	Parallel breakout sessions:			
	'Indexing large publications' (Caroline Diepeveen, SI and Nederlands Indexers Netwerk)	'The heart of our work: indexing emotions and emotional indexing' (Ruth Martin)		
13.00	Lunch			
13.45	Parallel breakout sessions:			
	'Breaking the rules' (Madelon Nanninga, SI and Nederlands Indexers Netwerk)	'Client communication' (Sue Penny)		
14.45	Updates from international delegates and looking forward to 2026			
15.10	Close of conference			
15.15	Tea/coffee and networking prior to departure			

Note: Speakers are members of the Society of Indexers (SI) unless otherwise stated