



Dear Indexing Student:

Congratulations on your decision to learn indexing! At this time, you may be feeling excited, bewildered, or both about your course.

You may be learning indexing as part of another program. Or perhaps you are going to make a career as an indexer. Whatever brought you here, we would not be surprised if you've never met an indexer in your life. And that's why we're writing to you.

We're the Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation (ISC/SCI), Canada's professional society of indexers. We would like to tell you about the many indexing resources available to you to round out your studies and help you in your career.

Resources

The ISC/SCI's mission is to encourage the production and use of indexes, promote the recognition of indexers, improve indexing techniques, and foster communication among individual indexers across Canada. Our vision is "Accessible information; informed people."

We fulfill our vision and mission by providing the following:

Indexers.ca

On our website, you'll find

- a list of the reference books that indexers use to solve their indexing conundrums
- links to the three major indexing software programs
- advice we give to authors about hiring an indexer
- links to join discussion groups, forums, and special interest groups covering a wide range of topics related to indexing, from interesting indexing situations, to specialty subject matter, to professional etiquette
- back issues of the ISC/SCI's newsletter, the *Bulletin*
- links to our affiliated societies in US, England, Netherlands, Germany, Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, and China
- links to more indexing resources.

Regional meetings

From time to time, our regional groups have meetings and get-togethers to talk about indexing and the freelance business lifestyle. These meetings are typically open to everyone and are announced on the website calendar. There may be an upcoming event in your area!

National Conference

Each year, we hold our national conference in a different Canadian city. Conference presenters come from around the world to speak on a range of topics from indexing matters to running your freelance business.

Student Membership

Students who are serious about earning an income as an indexer will benefit by becoming a member of the Society. If you are enrolled full-time in a college, technical institute, or university, a special student rate is available to you.

As a member, you will:

- Be eligible to join our ISC/SCI discussion group and online chat forums and benefit from the collective experience of our fellow members.
- Stay current with the ISC/SCI *Bulletin* published three times a year.
- Improve your skills with members-only resources.
- Be eligible to promote your services with a listing in the Register of Indexers Available on our website.
- Locate your fellow members in the membership directory.
- Get the world perspective in *The Indexer*, the international journal of indexing, mailed to you four times a year.
- Receive membership discounts on the national conference, the *Information Today* book series, and the conferences, webinars, and publications of our affiliated societies.

Contact

“You’re an indexer? I didn’t know that’s a ‘thing’!”

If you’ve heard that one before, then you know that the indexing community is not a large one. But we are closely connected, and vested in each other’s success—especially yours.

Whether indexing for you is a one-time course, or your career direction, we welcome you to connect with us. You’ll find our social media links—Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter—on our website. You can also send us a note through the website’s Contact page. We would like to hear from you.

Wishing you a great learning experience and much career success!

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