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At ISI we constantly strive for improvement and expansion of each of the many products and services we offer. We have just published the second issue of the *International Directory of Research and Development Scientists (IDR&DS)* and we are pleased to report that it is characterized by both improvements and by expanded coverage.

The improvements will not be readily apparent to you, unless you compare the 1968 issue with the *IDR&DS* for 1967 in detail. I can assure you, however, that extensive editing by people and by computer has been necessary to compile this unique directory, in which we have defined a scientist as one who publishes.

IDR&DS is based on the Author Address Directory which is published in each of the weekly editions of *Current Contents®/Life Sciences* and *Current Contents/Physical Sciences*. These weekly directories present authors' names and addresses as they are shown in the primary journals in which they are published. During the year, many authors publish in several journals, each with its own editorial practices. In preparing the *IDR&DS* entries for such authors, we use the authors' first and middle initial and try to select the most frequently used mode of presentation for his organizational address. These efforts must be

made, of course, within the very real constraints of our publishing deadlines.

The expanded coverage of *IDR&DS* for 1968 is readily apparent, since in it you will find the names and addresses of 152,648 authors, an increase of 20% over the 1967 issue. These are the primary authors of 225,000 articles which appeared in 1,515 journals in the United States and 140 other countries. The number of articles is a 12.5% increase over 1967. There are 22,718 organizations listed; an increase of 6%. To cope with the problem of physical size of the book and the practicality of its use created by the increase in content, a special lightweight paper of high opacity has been used.

It must be stressed that the 1968 *IDR&DS* is not a replacement for the 1967 issue, for the reasons cited. An author may publish in one year and not the next. *IDR&DS* is a directory of publishing scientists.

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