



*tion Index*, but it proved impossible to administer. Further, it didn't help the small undergraduate college that wanted the *SCI* but simply couldn't afford it. (There does seem to be some inequity in our charging Baldwin-Wallace College the same price as we charge Harvard University--to us and Baldwin-Wallace if perhaps not to Harvard!) However, until such large scale information services as *SCI* are tied into international computer utilities, and charges are made strictly on the basis of use, there appears to be no fully acceptable solution of the problem. Unfortunately, our efforts to obtain the advice and participation of professional societies in study of these matters have been unsuccessful.

But to do something now about the problem faced by smaller institutions, ISI has recently inaugurated a grant program through which colleges, university departments, hospitals, and small research institutes can acquire the *Science Citation*

*Index* and other ISI services. Each grant application will be reviewed quickly by a committee of representatives of the academic world, professional societies, and ISI. Eventually we hope to work out a formula which will take into account faculty size or number of staff, number of students, amount of research, etc. Initially, most of the grants will be on a matching dollar basis. For every dollar spent by the institution, ISI will provide a dollar in grant funds.

To insure the success of the program, we hope to keep paperwork to an absolute minimum. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dr. M.V. Malin, who is ISI's Vice President of Corporate Planning and International Relations. Dr. Malin was formerly an NSF grants administrator, and he helped develop this new grant program. The program is described in more detail in an announcement reproduced elsewhere in this issue.