

endless discussions of "source indexing"⁽⁹⁾, by which is meant the authors shall do the indexing by supplying classification numbers or keywords along with abstracts of their articles. Before the expression "source indexing" was first used, scientists had been doing just that for centuries, and with a technique that has proven consistently reliable and usually more effective than

any since devised. The method used all along was *citation indexing*. The *SCI* represents "source indexing" *par excellence*. The masterly use of the unambiguous, universally understood language of the citation by the scientist himself is what makes *SCI* so effective both for retrieval and sociometric purposes.

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