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The New CISDOC

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Sources

FOUR MAIN TYPES OF DOCUMENT SOURCES:

- Publishers
- The ILO & other UN organizations
- CIS Centres
- Located through the Internet



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Analysis

THREE MAIN TYPES OF ANALYSIS:

- By CIS staff
- by outside contractors
- by CIS Centres

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Formats of CIS Abstracts

FOUR HISTORICAL STAGES:

- Cards sent to subscribers
- MINISIS database + printed Bulletin
- ORACLE database + online searching + Virtual Bulletin
- **NEW: ORACLE database + sophisticated online searching + browsing**



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Abstract formats (cont.)

**NEW: ORACLE database + sophisticated
online searching + browsing**

- Better search interface
- Running counts of hits
- Browsing capability



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Abstract formats (cont.)

Examples of browsing categories:

- Mental stress and burnout
- Antifertility and prenatal effects
- Respiratory protection
- Nanotechnology
- Glycols



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Document archiving formats

THREE HISTORICAL STAGES:

- Microfiche held by ILO + subscribers
- Scanned copies held by ILO
- Scanned copies held by ILO + distributed to subscribing CIS centres through the CISDOC-TEXT CD-ROM series



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Comparative Analysis

- NIOSHTIC (Only NIOSH-related documents)
- OSHLINE (Mostly English-language, concentrating on North America)
- HSELINE (No abstracts; paying)
- INRS (French only)
- RTECS (Toxicity information only; paying)
- OSHUPDATE (includes CISDOC; paying)



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Technology

- Heavy reliance on the Internet, both for distribution of the information and as a source of the documents
- ORACLE-based database
- Scanned documents (PDF)
- Linkages to other products (e.g Encyclopaedia)



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Team/Resources

- CIS staff (down to 7)
- CIS Centres
- Outside abstractors
- Outside scanning

- Relatively good financial status
- Uncertain future



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The Future - possibilities

- Branch out into innovative Internet areas (Wikipedia, social networking [Facebook? Twitter?])
- More emphasis on directory-like information (OSH Institutions, OSH educational opportunities, OSH news)
- Emphasis on priority subjects
- Links to the Encyclopaedia
- Merge with other databases



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What *you* can do

- Contribute your own abstracts through the new Input system
- Send us copies of all your new OSH-related publications
- Notify us of new stand-alone thematic pages and of new Internet publications on your web site

BUT ESPECIALLY!

- Do tell us if your contact details (incl. your e-mail address), the name of the CIS responsible person or the name of your organization changes!



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