

# INTRODUCTION

This directory of scientific, technical and professional periodicals currently published in the developing countries of the Commonwealth has been compiled from the holdings of major libraries and other sources in the United Kingdom, including the National Lending Library of Science and Technology, the India Office Library, the National Reference Library of Science and Invention, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the University of London Institute of Education.

The system of classification which has been employed is based on that of ULRICH'S INTERNATIONAL PERIODICALS DIRECTORY, and cross-references are provided where an entry covers more than one field of interest or study. For the most part "Annual Reports" and irregularly published "Transactions" have been excluded, but discretion has been exercised in the case of countries whose general output is small.

All the information given has been taken from an actual copy of each periodical, and from the latest issue that was available. A number of relevant titles are not included either because no copy of the periodical could be traced (it was found that actual holdings do not always coincide with what is listed in the catalogue) or because there was genuine doubt as to whether it was still being published.

As far as it has been possible to check, every periodical listed was current during 1972. Subscription rates are given in sterling or in US dollars, where these are indicated in the periodicals themselves, otherwise in local currency. However, even where a recent issue has been located, there can be no guarantee that the rate has not changed in the meantime. Finally, each entry carries where relevant a short description which, when it is taken from the periodical itself, is contained in quotation marks.

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