

INTRODUCTION

LIKE its predecessor - the Commonwealth Directory of Periodicals - this publication has been produced to provide scholars, libraries, research institutions and other organizations with information about scientific, technical and professional journals being published in Commonwealth developing countries.

The entries for the Commonwealth Directory of Periodicals were obtained in 1972 by consulting copies of those current journals that were available at 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. To prepare the present publication, all the entries obtained on that occasion were sent to the publishers of the journals for correction and updating, and over 500 were returned. In addition, new sources were consulted, in particular the libraries of the Tropical Products Institute, the Ministry of Overseas Development, and the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex; the "African Book Publishing Record"; and many of the Commonwealth societies, professional bodies, and other organizations that link Commonwealth countries in particular fields.

As a result, the number of entries has grown from 971 to 1375 despite the fact that for the most part "Annual Reports" and

irregularly-published "Transactions" have been excluded. Also excluded are periodicals in Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand. Useful sources of information on these are the Australian National Bibliography, the British Union Catalogue of Periodicals, Canadiana, Section 1 Part 3, the New Zealand National Bibliography, and Dawson's Little Red Book ("Guide to the Press of the World").

The system of classification is based, as before, on that of Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory, and cross references are provided where an entry covers more than one field of study. However, there have been some changes. To facilitate easy reference, some modifications have been made to the previous subject headings. In addition, the section on Literature has been deleted in view of the fact that a comprehensive directory of Commonwealth periodicals of literary interest is due to be published in 1977 under the auspices of the Working Party on Library Holdings of Commonwealth Literature which is based at the Commonwealth Institute in London.

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NOTES

EACH entry comprises :

Title

Sub-title (if any)

Address from which the periodical is obtainable

Sponsoring organization (if not already included in the foregoing)

Number of issues a year*

Annual subscription or price of single issue

Short description or quotation about the periodical's aims

*n.a. indicates that this information was not available from an examination of a copy of the periodical

WHEN using the Country Index (pages 138 to 140) it will be found that periodicals are listed according to the country in which they are published. Thus, publications of the East African Literature Bureau appear under Kenya because the Bureau's office is located in Nairobi, Kenya.