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Report of the Vice President—Publications
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Note: This report is an update of the July 2007 Vice President for Publications report. A
complete report will be available for the July 2008 meeting.

See http://www.systemdynamics.org/publications.htm#ConfProc for a full listing of
available society publications and directions for accessing them.

New Initiatives
Scanning the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter*. The original newsletter publication of the
System Dynamics Group at MIT was the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter*. The MIT
Dewey Library (E53-100) has a bound volume of the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter* in
the stacks at HD28.I42. Although the volume is labeled for all 8 issues (number 1—1963
through number 8—1970) it is missing issues 3 and 5. We will need to locate these two
issues to have a complete run.

Laura Tarantino from MIT wrote (November 2007):
>The 6 issues that we have would cost ~$21.60 to scan and $15 to put them onto a
>CD in PDF form, so $36.60 total. If you want to also get them formatted into
>searchable text (meaning people looking at it online could search for "John
>Sterman" and see all the places he is mentioned in the magazine), it would be an
>extra $6.48, so $43.08 total for the project.

VP for Publications will (1) contact MIT and have this scanning done, and (2) solicit
members and other organizations for the two missing issues. It is possible that the
archives at MIT has an additional run with the missing issues. Laura Tarantino has said
that she will check on this.

Scanning the *System Dynamics Newsletter*.
Starting with volume 9 the publication was renamed the *System Dynamics Newsletter*.
The *SD Newsletter* in paper format runs volumes 9—1971 through 21—Jan/Dec 1983/84.
There are online versions of the newsletter starting with December 2001. This scanning
project will include locating all issues of the newsletter for scanning and online access
through the society webpage—publications. MIT appears to have a complete run through
1984 in the Dewey Library (E53-100) and the MIT archives at HD28.I42. If the company
that MIT recommends for scanning can do the *SD Newsletter* also we will proceed with
the entire project from MIT. Anticipated cost is ~$75US dollars for searchable text.

SD Archival Activities

Karen Cannell, an archivist and PhD student in the Informatics Department, College of Computing and Information at the University at Albany, has taken on the job of sorting through and archiving piles and boxes of materials that the office has been collecting. The office is working with Karen to create a useable archival collection and a procedures manual/document for how future materials should be maintained and made available to members.

An SD Information Finding Aid
A proposed project at this time is to create a finding aid for system dynamics materials either as a Note in the SD Review and/or online on the SD website. SD materials exist in a wide variety of formats. In order to best serve members (and particularly new practitioners and students) a complete listing of information sources is critical.

Continuing Projects
Conference Proceedings
The society office continues to retype the indexes and abstracts for the conference proceedings of 1996 and earlier. 1996 and 1995 are available. 1994 and earlier will appear some time after the 2007 Boston conference in reverse chronological order. This is definitely a long term project that will benefit members of the society and the authors of conference papers.

SD Bibliography
Lauren Sinacore, an MSIS student in the Department of Information Studies at the University at Albany (ls816576@albany.edu) has indicated that she will continue as the bibliographer for the System Dynamics Society. Our previous bibliographer, Jennifer Ferriss, continued in her role well after she graduated from the Information Science program at the University at Albany. We have extended the same invitation to Lauren.

Dynamica Online
With *Dynamic* available online the next task is to ensure that all of the scanned materials are readable. This spring a read-through of all issues will earmark pages that need to be scanned at higher resolution (dpi) in order to be accessible. This is particularly a concern for model diagrams that were originally printed with a fairly small font.

The issues of *Dynamica* (1975-1984) are as follows:
>   Vol 1, Number 1
>   Vol 2, Numbers 1, 2, 3
>   Vol 3, Numbers 1, 2, 3
>   Vol 4, Numbers 1, 2, 3
>   Vol 5, Numbers 1, 2, 3
>   Vol 6, Numbers 1, 2
>   Vol 7, Numbers 1, 2
>   Vol 8, Numbers 1, 2
>   Vol 9, Numbers 1, 2
>   Vol 10, Numbers 1, 2

Other Publications Activities and Contacts
Items of interest are covered by the individuals listed below in their separate reports.
Please see their individual reports in the Society's "Reports and Discussion" section at
In lieu of urls below, please find that email address for each person involved.

1) Report of the Publisher of the *System Dynamics Review*: Graham Russel
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2) Report by the Webmaster: Jack Pugh JandJpugh@aol.com

3) Report of the Editor of the *System Dynamics Review*: Brian Dangerfield
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4) Web Repository for Models and Other Electronic Venues: Bob Eberlein
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5) Newsletters and Additional Society publication venues: Roberta Spencer
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