

## Editorial

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### Journal rankings

Readers of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* will be pleased to know that our journal has received recognition of its quality from two important sources. On the one hand, Lisa Johnstone, Managing Editor of Maney Publishing has informed us that our journal has been accepted into the prestigious Thomson Reuters ISI listed journals, which she notes is “. . . a mark of respect and prestige for all of us.”

Barbara Whitener, Government Electronic Resources Specialist, Reference Department, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, provided this information about the history of ISI and the meaning of this acronym.

ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) was founded by Eugene Garfield in 1955. A pioneer in the field of bibliometrics, he was involved in research relating to machine generated indexes in the mid-1950s and early 1960s. In July 1958, Garfield laid the foundations for building an organization that included more than 500 people when it was acquired by The Thomson Corporation in 1992. Eugene Garfield is now the Chairman Emeritus for ISI. The Web of Knowledge is an academic citation indexing and search service, which is combined with web linking and provided by Thomson Reuters. Web of Knowledge coverage encompasses the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. It provides bibliographic content and the tools to access, analyze, and manage research information. Multiple databases can be searched simultaneously. Acceptable content for the Web of Knowledge is determined by an evaluation and selection process based on the following criteria: impact, influence, timeliness, peer review, and geographic representation. The journal *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* is now included in the Web of Knowledge.

For further information on Thomson Reuters, the following sources are useful: (1) Fifty Years of Citation Indexing and Analysis ([http://thomsonreuters.com/products\\_services/science/free/essays/50\\_years\\_citation\\_indexing/](http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/free/essays/50_years_citation_indexing/)); (2) History of Citation Indexing ([http://thomsonreuters.com/products\\_services/science/free/essays/history\\_of\\_citation\\_indexing/](http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/free/essays/history_of_citation_indexing/)); and (3) Dr. Eugene Garfield, Pioneer of Citation Indexing and Analysis, Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (<http://science.thomsonreuters.com/press/2005/8289850/>).

Again, Barbara Whitener provided information concerning a second notice about *Names*, which appears in the European Science Foundation Standing Committee for the Humanities. The acronym ERIH stands for European Reference Index for the Humanities. More information appears on the following link: <http://www2.esf.org/asp/ERIH/Foreword/search.asp>. Once there, it is possible to input the title of our

journal *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, and it will provide information about our ranking, which is currently ITN2. Under the previous system, there were three rankings for academic journals, namely, “A,” “B,” and “C.” These designations have now been changed to “INT1,” “INT2,” and “NAT” in descending order. The meanings of the current categories are as follows:

1. INT1: International journals with high visibility and influence among researchers in the various domains in different countries, regularly cited all over the world.
2. INT2: International publications with significant visibility and influence in the various research domains in different categories.
3. NAT: European publications with a recognized scholarly significance among researchers in the respective research domains in a particular (mostly linguistically circumscribed) readership group in Europe; occasionally cited outside the publishing country, though their main target is the domestic academic community.

This information may be found at the following web site: <http://www.esf.org/research-areas/humanities/erih-european-reference-index-for-the-humanities/erih-foreword.html>.

We think that it is important that our readers and contributors know this information.

## Abstracting and Indexing Services

The following abstracting and indexing services cite *Names: British Humanities Index, Current Abstracts, Elsevier Geo Abstracts, Humanities International Complete, Geo Abstracts (England), IBZ International Bibliography of Periodical Literature, Literary Reference Center, MLA International Bibliography, Scopus, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Sociological Abstracts, TOC Premier, and The Southern Quarterly*.

## American Name Society Membership

American Name Society Membership is available at the American Name Society website: <http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/>. The information for membership appears on the first page of the website. Similar information about membership in the American Name Society appears on the Maney Publishing website: <http://www.maney.co.uk/index.php/journals/nam/>.

We encourage you to join to start off the New Year. Membership benefits include the following: (1) Annual subscription to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* (4 issues per year); (2) the ANS News Bulletin (2 issues per year); and (3) annual meeting and the possibility of presenting a paper at that meeting.