

IPEd Notes – January to February 2015

IPEd National Survey of Editors 2014 report

The IPEd National Survey of Editors 2014 report is available on the members-only section of the IPEd website. This is the first time the same survey has been run simultaneously through the societies of editors, providing society-specific data, which has then be used to compile the national report. The report and appendices therefore provide national and state information.

The survey had 391 respondents from 1495 members of societies of editors (26%). The report includes a profile of the typical Australian editor, what their qualifications and training are, the industries and professions employing them and their editing income. A specific section just for freelancers provides average hourly rates, methods of quoting and more. The report also includes information on the professional development needs of editors, as well as the services editors would like from IPEd.

Attached to the report are tables of responses to questions (Appendix A), by Society and nationally, and a series of graphs reflecting the responses to selected questions (Appendix B). Appendix A also includes links to the responses to open-ended questions, listed by Society.

Members can access the report from the IPEd website at www.iped-editors.org.

IPEd Council news

At the February council meeting Queensland Councillor Kerry Davies AE was appointed Chair of IPEd. Kerry agreed to take on the role if another Councillor would agree to take up her position as Honorary Treasurer.

Loene Doube AE offered to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer and Kerry Coyle AE was appointed Deputy Chair.

IPEd transition process

The team working on the transition of IPEd into a national direct membership organisation, Working Party 4 (WP4), is in the process of incorporating the feedback from Society committees in the Green Papers. The next iteration of the Green Papers will be distributed to members of the societies of editors during April.

Members are encouraged to read these papers (abstracts will also be provided) and provide feedback to their Society Committees. These are important documents as they will inform the structure of the proposed new model for IPEd, with the societies of editors becoming branches. It is your chance to have your say and have an input in the five areas covered by the Green Papers, namely:

- Legal and governance
- Finance and operations
- Membership
- Communication
- Professional development.

Members are asked to provide input to their Society Committee by 31 May.

The input to the Green Papers will inform a final White Paper, which will accompany voting papers, expected to be released to members in August.

IPEd joins the Associations Forum

IPEd has joined the Associations Forum, a member-based network of associations, clubs, societies and other not-for-profit organisations.

Associations Forum offers a range of educational events and services and assists members through mergers, structural changes, constitutional review, governance training and strategic planning. It will offer IPEd networking opportunities, a member advice helpline, a journal and e-news, training webinars, conferences, seminars and workshops.

IPEd has joined as a Bronze member.

IPEd Prize

The winner of the IPEd Prize 2014 is Brenda Gurr for her essay 'Breaking the rules: editing with prescription and description'. The paper was written as part of a Graduate Certificate in Editing and Publishing at the University of Southern Queensland.

The essay, in the style of a blog post, puts forward the view that editors should use both prescriptive and descriptive approaches to language in their work. It discusses aspects of the history of English grammar and the problems with enforcing grammatical rules, as well as considering the relevance of teaching grammar to today's school students.

The judges' comments included that the essay was highly engaging, accessible, interesting and entertaining, and felt that the informal, rather breezy prose was attractive.

Brenda Gurr's prize-winning essay is available on the IPEd website.

The Editors' Association of Canada – Editing Goes Global conference

The Editors' Association of Canada (EAC) is hosting the Editing Goes Global conference in Toronto in June and IPEd agreed to sponsor a speaker to represent IPEd at the conference.

Council received seven expressions of interest for this opportunity and Rosemary Noble AE was unanimously endorsed as the IPEd-sponsored speaker. Rosemary will represent IPEd, addressing the conference on the current IPEd transition process, and prepare a post-conference report.

The EAC is offering discounts to Australian editors for the conference.

Details are available on the EAC website at www.editors.ca

SfEP/SI 1st joint conference – Collaborate and innovate

The UK Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP) has announced that members of IPEd societies of editors are invited to register for their conference at a discount rate.

The conference will be at the University of York from 5 to 7 September 2015.

Details are available on the IPEd website at www.iped-editors.org

2015 Australian Conference for Editors, Indexers, and Publishing Professionals – write | edit | index

Canberra, 6–9 May 2015

Registration for the national conference for editors, indexers and publishing professionals is open until 31 March.

The conference will be hosted jointly by the Canberra Society of Editors and the ACT Region Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers (ANZSI) on behalf of the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) and ANZSI. It incorporates the 7th IPEd National Editors Conference and the ANZSI biennial conference.

A day of professional workshops launches the conference with topics covering blogging, design, indexing and EndNote.

The keynote speakers are two well-known Australians, namely Jackie French and David Astle. Jackie French is the author of 140 books across a range of genres. Her work includes fiction for adults and children, gardening, history and picture books.

David Astle will be known to some as the dictionary guy from the television show *Letters and Numbers*. He is a self-confessed word nerd, writing cryptics for the *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Registration (closes 31 March 2015)

Member	\$550
Non-member	\$650
Student member	\$400

Day registration (closes 31 March 2015)

Thursday	\$200
Friday	\$200
Saturday	\$150

For program details and conference registration go to www.writeeditindex.net.au.

IPEd will update conference news on Twitter @IPEditors and Facebook at www.facebook.com/IPEditors. Join the conference conversation by using #writeeditindex.

IPEd website links for AEs and DEs

Recently, IPEd reminded members that accredited editors have the opportunity to have their names listed on the 'Accredited editors' page of the IPEd website and have it linked to either their Society's Freelance Register entry, website, LinkedIn profile or other online profile.

IPEd would like to remind members that this service is also available to distinguished editors.

There is no charge for this service. If you are an accredited editor or distinguished editor and would like your name linked to one of the above, please send the link together with your name and state to the IPEd Communications Officer at communication.iped@gmail.com

(Please allow 48 hours for a link to be added.)