Directories

Directory of Associations in Canada/Répertoire des associations du Canada. 3d ed., prepared under the direction of / préparé sous la direction de Brian Land. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1978. xiv, 675 p., cloth, \$45.00 ISBN 0-8020-4531-6, ISSN 0316-0734

Until the 1974 edition of the *Directory of Associations in Canada* was compiled, it was difficult to trace the existence of most non-governmental, non-profit associations, or to find where one could contact in Canada such an association if it actually existed. In this third edition, some 11,000 associations are listed; each successive volume has contained a greater number of entries.

This valuable information is well organized. The bilingual introduction clearly describes the purpose and scope of the work. The directory itself is divided into three parts: part one is a complete alphabetical listing of all subject headings which is well provided with cross-references; the second part classifies associations by their service or principal activity (where appropriate, an association is listed in more than one subject classification); the final portion is an alphabetical list of associations which includes the complete address, telephone number, and generally the name of the chief executive officer. Cross-references to French and English names of bilingual associations make access possible in both official languages.

The well-spaced page lay-out makes the text easy to scan. The style of each section is appropriate to the information provided in it; the demarcation of each part is clear. Pagination is continuous throughout the three directory portions of the book.

The editing is thorough. Details are probably as accurate and current as can be expected under Canadian conditions – distance, mail service, etc. Constant changes in personnel, occasional changes of addresses and telephone numbers, together with the time lag between collection of data and publication of the volume, suggest that serious consideration should be given to publishing this directory annually. Would inclusion of telex numbers in the listing be useful?

Professor Land and his associates are to be congratulated for compiling this very useful Canadian reference tool. Reference librarians, individuals, corporations, and governments needing to know if an association exists and where, and how to contact it, will be grateful for this directory. Any user who knows of an eligible association not listed in the third edition is asked to inform the editor of its name and address.

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