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## NEW AUTHOR ADDRESS DIRECTORY

In this issue of Current Contents we have begun a new experiment in which the author address directory is prepared by computer.



During the next few months your comments are needed to confirm, hopefully, that the new format is an improvement. To locate the address you simply look up the name of the first author. In the old system it was necessary to first look up the journal and then the page number of the article. The new alphabetic arrangement and columnar format will be easier to read. Every reasonable effort has been made to provide complete addresses.

We began providing authors' addresses in Current Contents over three years ago. Most readers confirm that the Author Address Directory is vital, enabling them to write their colleagues for reprints or other information.

Regrettably we have not yet obtained cooperation from all editors. We simply ask them to send us authors' addresses together with contents pages. We sometimes must sacrifice an otherwise advance listing of a contents page in order to include the author addresses. Considerable time and effort is required to extract addresses from the journals when they arrive.

Many are not complete and must be identified in directories or atlases. This delay is eliminated if journal editors send us complete addresses together with the advance contents pages. Many of our readers are members of journal advisory boards. Please urge editors to send us contents pages in advance together with complete authors' addresses. Your help will be appreciated.