The advantages and problems of each are discussed, examples are given, and the success of such ventures is evaluated. Likewise, a number of electronic document delivery projects are described in detail, along with an evaluation of the feasibility and potential market for such services. As in earlier sections, the viewpoints of scientists, publishers, and librarians are discussed. The approach is practical, not theoretical, and many examples and descriptions of projects are provided. The orientation of most of these is strongly British.

Lambert also provides a section on citation analysis that summarizes major bibliometric theories and studies. Much of this chapter is given over to a description of Science Citation Index and studies that have utilized data from that publication. She makes suggestions about the relevance of such work to the functioning library and cautions about generalizing any such studies to a particular library situation.

The final chapter describes development of the CODEN and ISSN serials identifiers. Also included is a good summary of printed identification aids for current and retrospective work, with some details of their coverage, though little mention is made of corresponding online information sources.

Each chapter of Scientific and Technical Journals includes an extensive list of references. The index, which was compiled by Peter Perry, works well, though additional entries for complete names, not just their acronyms, would have been helpful. In general, the book is clearly written and accurate, though the synopses journals section becomes repetitious, and the section on computer conferencing is marred by an inaccurate description of synchronous versus asynchronous communication. While this volume will provide little new information to the practicing serials librarian, it would be useful for library school students.—Jean K. Sheviak, Schaffer Library, Union College, Schenectady, New York.

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