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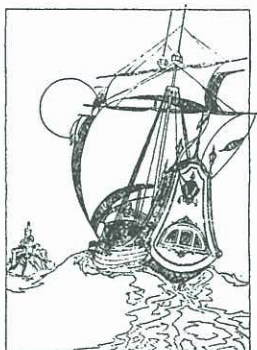
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With recognition and thanks to **Hazel Dakers**, Head, British Library Consultancy Services, there are a variety of resources available to those in the Information Chain who require outside advice. This is what the Consultancy Services are all about.

These services are based in London in what is known as the **Research and Innovation Centre** of the British Library. The Internal resources of the Library itself are available to this branch of the Library and in addition, outside professionals can be called upon to contribute their specific expertise.

Helen Dakers, MA MSc, manages all projects undertaken by the Consultancy Services and was appointed to her current position in 1997. Hazel is assisted by her staff which can draw on its own extensive experience in library services. A typical member is **Alan Gomersall**, MPhil BSc, Director, Science Reference and Information Services. The Consultancy offers potential clients considerable hands-on knowledge for both United Kingdom and foreign clients. The range of projects can run from drafting collection policies to information system strategies. The Library has long been respected for its attention to information technology (IT) development and devotes much of its resources to cutting edge technology for advancing access to information.

Clients who have specific needs can work with the Consultancy Services which are commercially-oriented. Fees for these services are modest and can run from 175 British Pounds per day for a research assistant to 1800 British Pounds per day for a leading staff member of the Library and/or the information profession.

This is a brief listing of typical Consultancy Services Projects:

⊛ Information Policy Development—advising governments on appropriate strategies for information access.

⊛ Preservation—advising on storage and security of collections, monitoring the environment, establishing conservation studies, training and disaster preparedness.

⊛ Bibliographic Research—Design and content of museums and exhibitions.

⊛ Library Publishing—Compilation and publication of catalogues, bibliographies and learned works.

⊛ Library Building Design—Preparing functional specifications and architects' briefs for building design and internal layouts.

⊛ Library and Information Service Management—Organization and staffing policies, selection and training, planning of resources, marketing, communications, and library automation. In electronics, expertise is available to address electronic storage and satellite transmission.

The range of client countries is as vast as the Internet. For China, the Consultancy Services surveyed preservation problems. For Bolivia, an audiovisual archive was designed and established. For the United States, a system for the use of facsimile transmissions in interlibrary lending was recommended. The list goes on and on.

Training is an especially important service from the Library, through workshops and tailor-made courses for individual organizations. Turkey, Sri Lanka and the National Library of Hungary have benefited from Library Training Projects.

The British Library Consultancy Services offer information expertise from within the Library as well as from external assistants. The staff takes pride in its accomplishments and provides business plans to its clients so that all participants can become involved and aware of what the issues are, how they must be addressed, the costs of such assistance, and the time schedule to be followed. For further information, contact: **Hazel Dakers**, 011-44-171-412-7152 (London) or email <hazel.dakers@bl.uk>.

How Many Countries Are There in the World?— Part II— The Country List

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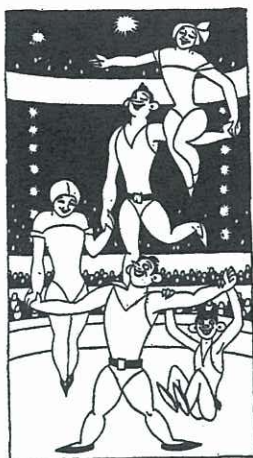
In our November issue, 1998 (pp.88-89), we asked how many countries there were in the world. After all of the searching , the answers to the three variations of the question, "How many countries are there in the world?" were answered in one of three ways: 1. How many countries are there in the world? 190; 2. How many countries and major principalities are there in the world? 209; 3. How many country and total principalities are there in the world? 235 We were not able to include the actual list of countries in that issue so here they are this time. (*principalities are noted with an asterisk)

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; *Aruba; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; *Bermuda; Bhutan; Bolivia; Bosnia-Hercegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China, People's Republic of; China, Republic of (Taiwan); Colombia; Comoros; Congo, Democratic Republic of (was Zaire); Congo, Republic of; Costa Rica; Cote d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Estonia; Ethiopia; *Faroe Islands; Fiji; Finland; France; *French Guiana; *French Polynesia; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; *Gibraltar; Greece; *Greenland; Grenada; *Guadeloupe; *Guam; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; *Hong Kong; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan;

WEBWORTHY — More Science Sites

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Interesting, educational Websites selected both for content and uniqueness are organized by broad subject area. In some cases, the topic of interest is part of a more general Webpage, in which case specific pointers are added to guide you to the link.

Internet sites are reviewed and annotated, then revisited just prior to publication to ensure they are still active. Please let the editor know of any sites that are not accessible. Comments and suggestions welcome to **Pamela M. Rose**, Health Sciences Library, University at Buffalo, 3435 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214-3002 716-829-2408 <pmrose@acsu.buffalo.edu>.

Unless otherwise noted in square brackets following the decsription, Internet addresses were published in *Science, NetWatch* column edited by **Jocelyn Kaiser**.

Anatomy: The **Whole Brain Atlas** includes thousands of images of the normal brain as well as the diseased brain in such medical conditions as Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis. Enjoy zooming through brain slices, watch movies that follow the course of a patients condition, and superimpose scans from MRIs and color images of tumor activity. www.med.harvard.edu/AANLIB/home.html

Astronomy: **Extrasolar Planets Encyclopaedia**, maintained by the **Paris Observatory**, viewable in English or French, includes thorough statistics on all discovered planets orbiting other stars, as well as tutorials on how astronomers find these planets, bibliographies and reports, meetings, and links to other sites. Available at: http://wwwusr.obspm.fr/planets/ or the U.S. mirror site at: http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/planets/

International Supernovae Network. Run by amateur supernova sleuths, the site chronicles the statistics of all discoveries, including galaxy photos and biographies of the top amateur hunters. Other links include a library with extensive bibliographies, software, and galaxy charts so you can begin searching! http://www.supernovae.org/isn.htm

SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) at Home. Sign up to participate in a scientific experiment that will harness the power of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers. Individuals can participate by running a screensaver program that downloads and analyzes radio telescope data. Scheduled to start in April 1999, sign up to be notified when the software is available for downloading. http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/

Awards: The **Nobel Foundation** official Website, where you can browse a database of prize winners as well as a comparative listing of the awards value since 1901, reports from the awards ceremony, and historical information on the prizes. Also linked is **The Electronic Nobel Museum Project**, which [aims] to build a virtual Nobel museum of science and culture on Internet presenting popular, educational, and scientific documents describing work recognized by the Nobel Prizes. http://www.nobel.se/

Cancer: **Cornell University Program on Breast Cancer and Environmental Risk Factors in New York State**.... a resource that provides science-based information on the relationship between breast cancer and environmental risk factors, including pesticides and dietary factors. ... materials are developed for a diverse audience, including consumers, educators, public policy makers, scientists, media representatives. The site includes a database, fact sheets, maps showing breast cancer incidence and mortality as well as other statistics, lists of related conferences and workshops, and links to online journals and other Websites. http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/bcerf/

Drugs: **DIDX Adverse Drug Interaction Database**. DIDX acknowledges the FDA as a source of much of the information on this free searchable database. It includes a general public basic search engine, as well as an advanced search feature for physicians (note the physicians site requires authentication and notes that, for now, it is free). Users can select drug/drug, drug/food, drug information, or duplicate therapy alerts. [from *Medicine on the Net* (which shows a different url), December 1997.] http://csmctmto.interpoint.net/didx/drug_interact.html

Education: **Community Learning Network (CLN)**, a site designed to help K-12 teachers integrate technology into their classrooms ... over 2205 menu pages with more than 4,100 annotated links to educational WWW sites... The themes area (http://www.cln.org/themes/) has subject oriented collections of links to Websites concerning topics such as AIDS, dinosaurs, media advertising, soapmaking, volcanos, youth violence, and whales. [*Sorehand* email discussion list message, 11/19/98, re: human body Websites.] http://www.cln.org/

Exhibits & Museums: **Annenberg/CPB Project Exhibits Collection**. Interactive learning exhibits inspired by video series in the Annenberg/CPB multimedia collection. Exhibits include everything from Personality (what makes us who we are?), Amusement Park Physics (what are the forces behind the fun?), Volcanos, and Math in Daily Life. http://www.learner.org/exhibits/

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Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Korea, Democratic People's Republic of; Korea, Republic of; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Laos; Latvia; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; *Macao; Macedonia; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Marshall Islands; *Martinique; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia; Moldova; Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique;

Myanmar (was Burma); Namibia; *Nauru; Nepal; Netherlands; *Netherlands Antilles; *New Caledonia; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; *Puerto Rico; Qatar; *Reunion; Romania; Russia; Rwanda; San Marino; Sao Tome e Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka;

St.Kitts and Nevis; St.Lucia; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Sudan Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Syria; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Vatican City; Venezuela; Vietnam; *Virgin Islands; Western Samoa; Yemen; Yugoslavia; Zambia; Zimbabwe

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