

Books

Financial Times Mining International Year Book 1979. London, The Financial Times Limited, 1979. 712 pp. Price: airmail, U.S. \$60,00; surface mail, U.S. \$42,00.

This is the 92nd year of publication of a series started by Walter Skinner. It is the first year in which the name *Walter Skinner* has been dropped and replaced with *Financial Times*.

This is not the only change recognizable by those familiar with this series. A new section has been added that lists companies interested in specific metals or minerals, and the information in the accounts section has been increased.

This book is the foremost reference work of its kind, and, for the benefit of those people not familiar with it, it gives the following types of information:

1. A list of companies given by country.
2. An alphabetical list of companies with information about executive officers and directors, administration personnel, business, property, subsidiaries, capital, ore reserves, and operating results together with accounts. This section contains the most important information.
3. World mine production by countries of gold, copper, lead, and zinc.
4. Companies grouped by interest in specific metals and minerals.
5. A supplementary index of defunct or dormant companies covered in previous volumes.
6. A list of companies providing professional services.
7. Suppliers' directory and buyers' guide.

This information is revised and updated annually, and

is therefore the latest available at the time of going to press. J.D.A.

International Wrought Copper Council. *Glossary of terms applicable to wrought products in copper and copper alloys*. London, the Council (6 Bathurst Street, Sussex Square, London W2 2SD), 1978. 170 pp. 80 Swiss francs (approximately £25).

The Glossary is a compilation of the specialized terms in English, French, and German that are used in the wrought copper industry. It is arranged in classified form with English, French, and German alphabetical indexes. The bulk of the Glossary covers the appropriate areas of Metallurgy, Semi-Manufactured Forms, and Manufacturing Technology. In addition, other sources of terminology are reproduced including:

- the nomenclature used by the Customs Co-operation Council (formerly the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature)
- ISO standard designations for wrought copper and copper alloys
- the definitions being established by ISO relevant to copper-based semi-manufactures and castings
- extracts from the lists of scrap classification terms produced by the Bureau International de la Recuperation
- extracts from the 'Generic Trees' of the Copper Data Centre, New York.

The work is well illustrated and is arranged so that users can add a translation into a fourth language opposite the columns of English, French, and German terms and definitions. A bibliography of other specialized and multilingual dictionaries and glossaries is included.

Council of Mining and Metallurgical Institutions

At a meeting of the Council of Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Institutions held on 15th January, 1979, it was unanimously agreed that the name of the Council should be changed. The new title, which takes

effect immediately, is the *Council of Mining and Metallurgical Institutions*. The membership, objectives, and constitution of the Council remain unaltered.

Assaying and analytical techniques

This year sees the Diamond Jubilee of the South African Institute of Assayers and Analysts, which held its first meeting on the 3rd of May, 1919. In recognition of that Institute's achievements over that period, the National Institute for Metallurgy is collaborating with it in a one-day symposium, which will form part of the Jubilee celebrations. The symposium, on the assaying and analytical chemistry of the noble metals, will present some of the important contributions of many South

African workers in that field.

The venue will be the Auditorium of the National Institute for Metallurgy in Hans Strijdom Road, Randburg, and the date will be the 15th of August, 1979. For further information, please contact Mrs J. S. du Toit, Liaison & Information Division, National Institute for Metallurgy, Private Bag X3015, Randburg, 2125 South Africa. Tel. Randburg 793-3511.