

# first results of inis

The International Nuclear Information System (INIS) set up co-operatively by the Agency and its Member States to improve identification and availability of information relating to nuclear science and its peaceful applications has begun its work. The first result was the first number of the first volume of *INIS Atomindex*, produced in May this year.

For various reasons the first number of INIS Atomindex, which is only one product of the first processing cycle of the system, is comparatively slim, though it contains 147 references listed under subjects, and indexed for authors, report numbers and corporate entries. The cycle was initiated at the Agency on 1 April 1970 and involved only those records received in Vienna by that date. Unfortunately there were postal delays due to European holidays immediately beforehand, preventing the arrival of much of the material submitted for input by Member States. The effect was that the first processing cycle was carried out with input only from the Agency itself and two Member States. That which arrived late will be dealt with in the second cycle and reported in the second issue of INIS Atomindex.

During the remainder of 1970 the index will be issued once each month, and its entries will be cumulated at the end of the year.

The second has already appeared and the third was well advanced at the time of going to press.

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Professor Ivan Zheludev, Deputy Director General for Technical Operations, discusses with staff members the first issue of *INIS Atomindex* in the computer centre where it was printed from magnetic tapes. On the right is John Woolston, Director of the Division of Scientific and Technical Information. Photo: IAEA/Voigtl

