

Memo CP-D/313

To: Distribution

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Subject: Distribution of CD-CINDA and future of CINDA distribution and book production.

CD-CINDA has been developed by the NEA Data Bank as a complement to the CINDA book. This means it will have the same status as the book and will be distributed at the same time. The merits of the book are known. The CD enables excellent retrievals with all kinds of specifications. Whereas the online versions of CINDA are always up-to-date their access can be slow or intermittent, but the CD always gives the same response, which is generally quicker than the online version for most users.

Originally, the CD-CINDA version with the same status as the CINDA-99 book was planned for joint distribution. It was to be accompanied by a questionnaire to find out the demand for just the CD instead of the book, and accordingly this may have lead to a possible reduction in the book production. However, thorough testing and checking of CD-CINDA resulted in its major revision and further development. Additional production problems of CD-CINDA delayed its distribution so much that it became too late to evaluate expected responses to the questionnaire timely enough for a change in the CINDA-2000 book production. Therefore we decided to proceed as follows:

CD-CINDA-1999 is currently being distributed to all recipients of the CINDA book. This will enable the recipients to familiarize themselves with its use and the retrieval possibilities. The **CINDA-2000 book** will be produced in 900 copies as in previous years. **CD-CINDA-2000** will again be sent to all recipients of the CINDA book and at the same time a questionnaire requesting feedback and an indication of their preference for receipt of future issues. Thereafter, only either the book or the CD will be sent to any one recipient. However, we have not yet finally decided whether to offer the option to receive both, the book and the CD.

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