

Lois Carrington and Miriam Curnow, *Twenty years of Pacific linguistics: an index of contributions to Pacific linguistic studies 1961-1981*. *Pacific linguistics*, D-40, 1981. vi+161.

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This volume contains six indices:

- (1) an author/title index, arranged alphabetically by author, of all articles and books which have appeared in PL since its inception. A useful feature of this index is the fact that, in cases of joint authorship, authors other than the first are cross-referenced.
- (2) an alphabetical language index.
- (3) a topic index, comprising fairly broad topics -- e.g., "comparative studies", "language and culture", "semantics", etc.
- (4) a two-page regional index, the point of which I am afraid I do not really see.
- (5) an index of all maps, whether published separately or as part of a book or article; this index is arranged regionally.
- (6) a detailed catalogue of all PL publications, arranged by series.

The volume is an essential reference work for scholars of the languages of Australia, the Pacific, and South-East Asia. It appears to be free from major errors, and the compilers promise, in addition, frequent supplements which will both correct and update the indices. It also reflects credit on the general editor, Stephen Wurm, and his Department: only by examining an index of this nature can one assess the huge volume of work that has been published by *Pacific Linguistics*, and the wide range of topics that fall under its umbrella.