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**DIRECTORY OF INFORMATION RESOURCES IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
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A directory listing more than 2,200 information resources in the biological sciences has been published by the Library of Congress. The 577-page book, entitled *A Directory of Information Resources in the United States: Biological Sciences*, was compiled by the National Referral Center of the Library's Science and Technology Division, with support from the National Science Foundation.

With this volume, the Center completes the revision of its earliest directory, now out of print, which appeared in 1965 under the subtitle *Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering*. A separate volume published in 1971 updated the physical sciences and engineering coverage.

The new directory describes some 2,200 organizations able to meet specific information needs in various fields relating to the biological sciences. Included are Federal, State, and local government activities, information centers, libraries, professional societies, academic facilities, national associations, laboratories, herbariums, museums, and other organizations—each described according to its areas of interest and its holdings, publications, and information services. A subject index is included.

Material for the publication came from the National Referral Center's register of information resources that has been built up since 1962, the year the Center was established. The approximately fourfold increase in the coverage of the present volume over the one published in 1965 reflects the growth of the register during the intervening years. Other directories in the series have listed information resources in the *Social Sciences* (1965), *Water* (1966), *Federal Government* (1967), and *General Toxicology* (1969).

In addition to publishing directories of information resources, the Center has a free referral service directing those who need information to those who can provide it. In response to telephone or mail requests for assistance, the Center provides names, addresses, telephone numbers, and brief descriptions of appropriate information resources. This referral service can be obtained by telephoning 426-5670 (area code 202) or by writing to the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, National Referral Center, 10 First St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

A computer-based method of production, first used for the 1971 *Physical Sciences, Engineering* volume, was employed in preparing the Biological Sciences directory. The entries were selected by machine from a composite NRC Publications data base maintained by the Center in a format adapted from the widely-used Library of Congress Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC) format. In place of a manuscript, specially encoded magnetic tapes produced by the Library on its own computer were then sent to the U.S. Government Printing Office, where the volume was photocomposed, printed, and bound.

Paperbound copies of the *Directory* may be purchased for \$5 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. (GPO catalog number LC 1.31:D62/7)