

BOOK NOTICES

Harry East. *A guide to sources of funds for research and development in library and information science.* (British Library Information Guide 7). London: British Library Research and Development Department, 1987. 43pp. £9.50. ISBN 0-7123-3121-2.

As might be expected given the publisher, this *Guide* is confined to sources of R&D funds in the United Kingdom. Within that remit it is a very useful starting point for the would-be researcher seeking financial support, although its conclusions are not too encouraging. Demand exceeds supply and funds for library and information science R&D are limited "and seem likely to remain so". East outlines the kinds of R&D activities for which grants are available and the kinds of organizations which make grants. Although the range of potential funding sources is wide, in fact the majority of grants come from a small number of regular donors. In 1985, almost half of all grants awarded came from the British Library. A useful chapter discusses the kinds of expenses that grants are likely to cover (and those which they are not). East also offers advice on how to approach a potential funding body and what to include in any formal application. Finally, this brief *Guide* lists a number of published directories and supplies the addresses of the most important funding agencies—governmental and private.

Christine Smith. *Directory of consultants and researchers in library and information science.* (British Library Information Guide 8). London: British Library Research and Development Department, 1987. 180pp. £19. ISBN 0-7123-3140-9.

This work is based upon questionnaires sent to "all those who could be identified by the author, the Library Association, the Institute of Information Scientists, and the British Library Research and Development Department as having experience or an interest in research and consultancy work". The *Directory* is arranged alphabetically by name of consultant, and provides information under each entry on qualifications, address, telephone/telex number, length of consultancy experience and areas of expertise. Personal name, corporate name and subject indexes are also included.