

BOOK NOTICES

***Telecommunications systems and services directory.* Edited by John Krol. 3rd ed. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 1125 pp. \$285. ISBN 0-8103-2345-1.**

This third edition, containing fifty per cent more entries than its predecessor, provides an international guide to more than two thousand telecommunications organisations, systems and services. It covers long distance telephone services, data communication networks, electronic mail systems, satellite networks and other services designed to deliver data, voice, text or image from one point to another. Information was collected by questionnaire, and telephone interview. The *Directory* includes a main section which provides detailed descriptions of organisations, system and services arranged alphabetically. As well as the name and address of the organisation, such information as the geographic areas served, the rate structure, the clientele and a contact name are provided. Additionally, a general description of each organisation and a summary of its key features are provided. A master index of names, acronyms and keywords gives access to all the organisations, products and publications listed; a function/service index classifies organisations, systems and services by chief functions using 29 categories; finally, geographical and personal name indexes are available. A useful glossary of nearly five hundred telecommunications terms is featured.