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Quite obviously, this is a book without which the library of any geology or general natural history department in a museum would be incomplete. Ron Cleevely has done a magnificent job in compiling the entries from disparate sources. His perseverance in this task has at last come to fruition much to the gratification of the many people who have encouraged him, as well as to himself. Buy it! What is more important, buy it and then send in all the additional data which you have not been communicating. The goal of cataloguing the whereabouts of all natural history collections is, I believe, achievable. This book meets one of the aspects more than half of the way.

E. G. Hancock.

World Directory of Palaeontological Collections.
Notice to Institutions in the British Isles and
Scandinavia.

As a means of providing a world-wide specimen data base for palaeontological research, the International Palaeontological Association is compiling a World Directory of Palaeontological Collections. In general, the aim is to collate information on those institutions that hold significant collections of fossils, particularly type material. Regional coordinators are responsible for distributing questionnaires within various parts of the world. For the British Isles and Scandinavia the coordinator is Dr M.G. Bassett (Dept. of Geology, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff CF1 3NP) who is currently distributing questionnaires to all known institutions in the region. It is possible that a few institutions holding significant collections have been overlooked; if any such organisation has not received a questionnaire by the end of April 1983, they are invited to contact Dr Bassett for information.

For other parts of the world, information can be obtained directly from the Convenor of the Committee, Dr B.D. Webby, Dept. of Geology and Geophysics, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia.

S T O P P R E S S ! ! The Palaeontological Association Circular No. 112 (April, 1983) has just arrived with the notice above. This apparent duplication may be avoided by a network of coordinators as already proposed in this review in order to cover the countries which are at present under-recorded. The different perspective of a convenor based in Australia may also help to counteract our western approach. The only problem lies in the confusing similarity in title which may be counterproductive when it comes to marketing the product.