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Dear Tastrog,

Here is the abstract for my update session at the conference.

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Abstract:

KARST INDEX UPDATE

The cave, map and reference lists in the book *Australian Karst Index 1985* were produced from databases running on a VAX minicomputer. These databases are being converted so that they can be run on PCs located with local clubs in accordance with a specification produced by ASF.

This will have the benefits of making the data more available to clubs, distributing the updating load, keeping the data more up-to-date, and facilitating the production of State volumes of the *Australian Karst Index* at intervals to suit the State's resources and needs at the time.

The databases are being built in a manner to comply with proposed International Union of Speleology (UIS) standards, whose aim is to facilitate the valid transfer and consolidation of karst data between independent databases around the world.

Distribution of the converted system to clubs is now imminent. This session will bring you up to date, demonstrate the system, and give you an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions.

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Yours sincerely



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"What we have now is all there will ever be" — CONSERVE AUSTRALIA'S CAVES