

The CIS website (www.cis.org.au) has gained some international recognition in the last couple of months for being an accurate, well-designed and easily read source of information on the Internet.

Top 100 News and Media List Peaking at position no. 18, the CIS website was one of the top 100 sites (News and Media category) visited on the Internet according to top100.com.au in January. The Top 100 list is compiled weekly by Sinewave Interactive, an online marketing and advertising agency. To visit the Top 100 site, go to **www.top100.com.au**.

Britannica.com In February, the CIS website was recognised by Britannica.com (the online branch of Encyclopaedia Britannica) as 'one of the best on the Internet when reviewed for quality, accuracy of content, presentation, and usability'. As a reward, our site has been included in the Britannica Internet Guide. To visit the Britannica site, go to **www.britannica.com** (to find the CIS website on the site, use the Britannica search engine and type in 'Centre for Independent Studies').

CNSnews CNSnews awarded the CIS website their 'Site of Week' award for the week of March 20, 2000. CNSnews is an American online news service, a division of the Media Research Center (MRC). The MRC, according to its site, was founded in 1987 'with the mission of bringing political balance to [America's] news media and responsibility to the entertainment media' and 'has grown into [America's] largest and most respected conservative media watchdog organisation'. The CNSnews site is at **www.cnsnews.com**, the Media Research Center site is at **www.mrc.org**.

e-PreCIS

April saw the launch of e-PreCIS—a monthly e-zine based on this publication and distributed to CIS members via email. It details upcoming events, new research and new publications as they happen, enabling CIS members to be kept as up-to-date as possible with all our activities and achievements. Thank you to all those members who have written back with constructive feedback and kind comments. The e-zine is still under construction, so please bear with us as we try to develop a format which most people can access.

So far, our records of members email addresses are limited, so if you have an email address and would like to receive e-PreCIS (and are currently not already receiving it), please contact Renée Jarasius (email: rjarasius@cis.org.au). You will need html-capable email facilities, and please specify which email service you use (ie. Netscape, MS Outlook, Eudora, etc.).

The CIS website contains a host of information that is useful for members, students, journalists and more.

- View transcripts of our lectures including the John Bonython, Acton and Bert Kelly Lectures
- The CIS Student Resource Centre caters to students needs, including an online CIS library
- Keep up with the latest research news
- Track the CIS Media Net
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