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Frances Perry is a library and information professional who has spent most of her career in the field of technical material on minerals and mining. Frances started at the former Institution of Mining and Metallurgy (IMM) as a librarian and then added technical abstracting to her remit; she also includes foreign-language abstracting for The Welding Institute among her many skills. Originally a historian, her graduate trainee year was spent at the Chatham House Library. On joining the IMM she enhanced her geology and chemistry “A” levels by adding an Open University degree in geology including modules on oceanography, mathematical modelling and astrophysics. Since the merger to form IOM3 in

2002, Frances has continued to be responsible for the IMMAGE database and IMM Abstracts and is now closely involved in integrating the mining- and mineral-related content of all the IOM3 predecessor publications with OneMine, another benefit for IOM3 members. Frances has over 30 years’ experience of the worldwide technical literature of mining, mineral processing, extractive metallurgy, mineral deposits and exploration. Much of her time is currently spent on digitising the former IMM journals and conference proceedings and attending to member’s information requirements.