Book Publishers - Directories

GLOBAL REGISTER OF PUBLISHERS
The International ISBN Agency has a Global Register of Publishers, which collates information provided by many of the 151 national ISBN agencies around the world about the publishers that have received ISBNs or ISBN prefixes. Anyone can use the GRP to look up details of any publisher who has received an ISBN allocation and for whom the data has been made available by the relevant national ISBN agency. More advanced searches and more detailed publisher contact information are available by registering with the GRP using the simple, free, online form. For more information about the GRP, including how to register, go to the Global Register of Publishers.

THE DIRECTORY OF PUBLISHING
The Directory of Publishing: United Kingdom and The Republic of Ireland is an annual trade directory published by Bloomsbury Academic Publishing in association with the Publishers Association.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES
The main bibliographic service, Nielsen BookData supplies basic data on publishers and distributors. Bowker also provides data and PubEasy has an international client list.

SEARCH ENGINES
There are lots of Internet search engines which may be able to locate a publisher website or address, eg Google. Also always worth trying are the most usual formats, ie www.publishersname.com, www.publishersname.co.uk, www.publishersname.org etc. If you know some address details for a UK company (eg name and town), both BT and the Royal Mail have search engines on the web. Golden Pages is the Irish equivalent of Yellow Pages which lists business and residential addresses and telephone numbers. Another worldwide index of online phone directories is Infobel.

UK & IRISH ORGANISATIONS
UK and Irish membership organisations for publishers include: the UK Publishers Association, the Independent Publishers Guild, Publishing Scotland, Publishing Ireland, the Association of Learned & Professional Society Publishers, the Professional Publishers Association and the International Map Industry Association.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
Various organisations have lists of publishers on the Internet, eg for US publishers, the Association of American Publishers and for Europe, the Federation of European Publishers has links via its website to European publishing organisations. The ESOMAR Directory of Research Organisations is searchable by name, country and various categories. There are many other similar organisations listed on the BA website (see Book Industry Links).

International exhibitions are also useful sources. BookExpo, the main US Book Fair has a list of international exhibitors, as has the Frankfurt Book Fair and the London Book Fair.

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