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3rd ISKO Italy-UniMIB Meeting: Report

More than 40 people attended the 3rd ISKO Italy meeting, again organized thanks to cooperation with the University of Milano Bicocca Library, despite a railway strike which impeded some planned speakers (Luca Rosati, Federica Paradisi, Cristiana Bettella) from reaching the venue. In the annual report on ISKO Italy activities and contacts, Claudio Gnoli announced that the 2010 international ISKO conference will be hosted in Rome, an organizing committee chaired by Fulvio Mazzocchi having just been constituted. The morning had an international flavour, as it was reconnected to the trends observed by Mela Bosch at the ISKO Spain conference recently held in Leon, showing an increase in the hermeneutic approach over the heuristic one, and especially to the Leon manifesto (http://www.iskoi.org/ilc/leon.htm). This was promoted by Rick Szostak in his guest keynote address, concerning his proposal of non-disciplinary classification based on phenomena, theories, and methods. Melissa Tiberi and Barbara De Santis developed on their current research concerning semantics problems in equivalence relationships, and Cristiana Bettella (whose introduction was read by Caterina Barazia) on her one about humanistic knowledge, focusing on the double role played in it by the researcher. The afternoon was devoted to KO applications, starting with the experience of two university libraries (Milan Bicocca and Turin), with contribution of a third one in the discussion (Milan 1), in the use of KOSs to organize digital resources and links in the university webspace. Two emerging, promising domains of KO application were introduced by Paolo Franzese: semantic indexing of institutional archives, and by the DesignNet team: information visualization, exemplified in an impressive solution for thesauri. Finally,

Andrea Marchitelli discussed hybridizations of social tagging and blogging with opacs, and Jiri Pika showed *UDC*-based search techniques in a Swiss multilingual OPAC. Presentations, abstracts, and photos will be progressively available from the event webpage (http://www.iskoi.org/doc/milano07.htm). – Claudio Gnoli.

Presentations and abstracts from the *UDC* Seminar (4-5 June 2007)

The files of the presentations and abstract of talks given at the *UDC* Seminar, held in The Hague on 4-5 June 2007 are now available from http://www.udcc.org/seminar2007.htm. The event was entitled "Information Access for the Global community" and its aim was to explore the latest developments and applications of the *Universal Decimal Classification*. The Seminar brought together *UDC* publishers, editors of the scheme, and *UDC* users, and offered an opportunity for information exchange and discussion of future developments. There were around seventy participants from over thirty countries including librarians, subject specialists, editors of national editions of the scheme, university lecturers, researchers and LIS students. The conference programme included eleven invited talks on the topics of user experiences and applications, innovative approaches in *UDC* use and *UDC* education and training (for the programme, talk abstracts, presentations, see: http://www.udcc.org/seminar07/programme.htm). Papers will be published in the forthcoming issue of *Extensions and Corrections to the* UDC, in November 2007. The *UDC* Consortium announced that this successful seminar would be the first in the series of similar events it plans to organize in the future. – Aida Slavic.