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Derek Langridge

The international classification community is saddened by the sudden death of Derek **Langridge** on June 13, 2000. Derek was a long time member of the Classification Research Group. In *The Bliss Classification Bulletin* for 2000, his colleague Douglas **Foskett** wrote that he was "a traditionalist, by inclination, but took a keen interest in modern theories of philosophy, especially of education". He was a strong supporter of the work of S.R**. Ranganathan** and participated actively in the CRG's work on the second edition of the *Bliss Bibliographic Classification.* He wrote numerous articles and several books. Particularly notable additions to the literature of classification theory and practice are his *Classification and indexing in the humanities* (1976) and *Subject analysis: principles and procedures* (1989). Derek Langridge will be greatly missed.

Universal Decimal Classification

With the exception of the Tables themselves, one of the most important publications for UDC users is the *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC (E&C)* published by the UDC Consortium. It is an annual publication, published in November each year, covering the changes in the UDC that have taken place over the past year and is an essential tool for UDC revisers and practitioners. Two of the most recent volumes – Nos. 21 (1999) and 22 (2000) – are analyzed here.

As is the custom with *E&C,* issue number 21 contains a number of brief articles that present the points of view of UDC users. A new feature in the section on "Comments & Communications" is "Notes and Queries", which appears for the first time. In its initial appearance, members of the UDC Editorial Board have made the comments. However, the Editor, Professor Ia **McIlwaine,** encourages the active participation of all readers and UDC users in general and invites them to send their comments and suggestions as potential contributions to future "Notes and Queries". Users also contribute articles as exemplified here by "La Classification Dècimale Universelle (C.D.U) et le monde francophone", prepared by Jacques **Burlet**, a francophone member of the UDC Consortium and "Romanian Thesaurus ", by Yvonne **Dumitrescu** and Constanta **Dumitrasconiu**. The latter describes the development of a thesaurus based on UDC and states the reasons for this approach and the methodology used in its development. It is a work in progress and is being created discipline by discipline. At the time of writing, individual thesauri had been created covering the areas of Librarianship, Philosophy, Religion and Theology, Biology, Botany and Zoology, and Linguistics and Literature. In another article on "Searching with words: Re-use of subject indexing" Gerhard **Riesthuis** examines the possibility of converting precoordinated UDC notations into post-coordinated notations for purposes of searching individual components and the addition of text words to the components for use in searching. An article by Stephen **Parker**, former Executive Director of FID, on "FID, UDC and the Future" explains the history and development of the relationship between FID and UDC.

Proposals for revised UDC tables are a regular feature of *E&C*. This makes it possible for UDC users to comment and suggest additions and changes prior to the final publication of revised authorized schedules. In this issue, proposals for new schedules include Class 2 Religion and Theology (superceded by authorized schedules in *E&C* 22) and parts of Class 61 from the ongoing project to revise the Medicine class. Revised UDC tables (i.e. authorized changes) include tables and parts of tables from various parts of the classification. In volume 21, the most significant changes are those to the geographical Table 1e including a complete revision and expansion of (71) Canada. Also found here is the new table of "Common auxiliaries of properties", which replaces the previous "Common auxiliaries of point-of–view". This important and extremely useful revision affects the entire UDC system.

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