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Dynamism and Stability in Knowledge Organization: 6th International ISKO Conference

The Sixth International Conference of the International Society for Knowledge Organization will be held at the Faculty of Information Studies (FIS), University of Toronto, in Toronto Canada, July 10 - 13, 2000. The theme of the Conference will be *Dynamism and Stability in Knowledge Organization* and papers have been selected for presentation that will address key issues in the following categories: Cognitive and Linguistic Foundations; Theories of Knowledge and Knowledge Organization; Information Policies and Management of Knowledge Structures; Information Systems - Concepts, Design and Implementation; Culture, Language and Communication in Knowledge Organization; Knowledge Organization of Universal and Special Systems; Global Users and Uses of Knowledge and Knowledge Organization; and New Information Technologies for Knowledge Organization.

The plans for the Conference are well under way. A Conference Organizing Committee made up of FIS ISKO members and graduate students is in charge of organizing the Conference. A Programme Committee, with international membership from 14 countries, was responsible for evaluating the proposals in a blind review. Proposals were received from 105 persons and approximately 60 papers were selected for presentation by participants from 13 countries - Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, India, Israel, the Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Spain, United States, and the United Kingdom.

The keynote address will be given by Professor **Hanne Albrechtsen**, Centre for Human Machine Interaction, Risø National Laboratory in Denmark. She will speak on *The Dynamism and Stability of Classification in Information Ecologies - Problems and Possibilities*. Sessions will be organized according to the categories listed above. Because there will be no concurrent sessions, delegates will have the opportunity to attend all sessions. A banquet and two receptions are planned. Approximately 80 to 100 participants are expected. A copy of the Proceedings is included in the price of the Conference.

The *Conference Announcement* including the Conference registration form and suggestions for accommodation has previously been posted on several listservs and has been mailed out to the presenters of papers. The deadline for early registration is May 30, 2000 and most of the hotels require registration by May 15, 2000. For additional copies of the announcement or further information please e-mail: isko@fis.utoronto.ca; or fax: ISKO at +416 971-1399

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Italian participation in ISKO's activities

Even if many Italian scholars are involved in knowledge organization projects, so that many remarkable results in the field are produced at different levels, the interest in sharing the aims of the International Society for Knowledge Organization is feeble. Consequently the number of Italian ISKO members is very small. Nevertheless some of them are co-operating in relevant researches.

Project "Integration of Multiple Classifications"

The project "Integration of Multiple Classifications" included in the MLIS-Project "European Network of Terminology Information and Documentation Centres" (TDCNet) intends to develop the problem of homogenizing and integrating TDC using different documentation languages in order to classify, seek and retrieve information. The research is co-ordinated by **Leonardo Meo-Evoli** and **Giliola Negrini** (Isrds-Cnr, Rome and Ass.I.Term, Rome).

In general each TDC collects a set of data banks and structures information using a particular classification system. The formal model CoReC (Comparison and Relations Classification) is used to represent classifications systems, to describe semantic relations between the concepts of distinct classification systems and to manage the association between TDC and classification systems. The distinctive feature of CoReC consists in helping the TDC's administrator and user in the cognitive process that leads to the concept of a