

Editorial

Transition in ISKO

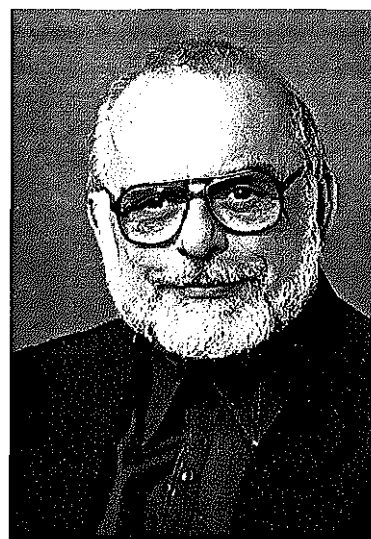
At the Fourth International ISKO Conference (July 1996) in Washington, D.C., I was deeply honored when Dr. Ingetraut Dahlberg invited me to serve a two year term as editor-in-chief of *Knowledge Organization*. It was with both enthusiasm and reluctance that I accepted her offer – enthusiasm for the challenge of the position and reluctance at the prospects of following such a dedicated, spirited and talented editor as Dr. Dahlberg.

The job has indeed been challenging and rewarding. I have enjoyed working with all of the associate editors – Ingetraut Dahlberg, Robert Fugmann, Hanne Albrechtsen, Michelle Foss, Michèle Hudon, Gerhard Riesthuis, and Nancy Williamson. I want to thank the Consulting Editors for their diligence and invaluable assistance in the review process, and of course all of the authors who have contributed to the journal during my tenure.

On behalf of all members of ISKO I want to welcome two important new figures. Dr. **Clare Beghtol** from the University of Toronto has been elected the new president of ISKO and accordingly will be writing the ISKO News section that appears regularly in this journal. Professor Beghtol has long been active in ISKO, serving the journal as a consulting editor, and it has been my privilege to publish two of her articles in the last two years.



Following this issue, Professor **Francis Miksa** will be taking over as the new editor-in-chief of the journal. Dr. Miksa is a Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at The University of Texas at Austin. He has been an active member of ISKO, serving as a consulting editor, and many of you will recall his memorable keynote address titled "The DDC, The Universe of Knowledge, and the Post-Modern Library", which he delivered at the Fourth International ISKO Conference at the Library of Congress in 1996. That presentation, in expanded form, has now been published as a book and is available from OCLC/Forest Press, Albany, NY. All submissions to the journal should now be sent to him at the following address: Prof. Fran Miksa, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1276, USA. Email: miksa@gsliis.utexas.edu



I wish Prof. Miksa the best of luck in his new position and hope that he will enjoy the same support from the ISKO community which I have received. To all of you whom I have met, either in person or in correspondence, I give you my heartfelt thanks for your support, and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

In This Issue: The first article, edited by Rebecca Green, consists of the transcripts of the keynote panel discussion presented at ISKO's Fifth International Conference held in Lille, France, in August, 1998. The panel members included **Ia McIlwaine, A. Neelameghan, Michèle Hudon, Christian Fluhr, Joan Mitchell, and Carol Bean**; and was moderated by **Rebecca Green**. The three areas on which the discussion focused were: (1) the role of hierarchical relationships in knowledge organization; (2) relationships in multilingual, multicultural, and multidisciplinary contexts; and (3) relationships in online retrieval. In the second article **Birger Hjørland** presents an extensive treatise describing empiricist, rationalistic, historicist, and pragmatic methods that have been applied to the classification of psychology as a knowledge field. Due to the extraordinary length of both of these contributions, only two feature articles – instead of the usual four – are included in this issue of the journal.

Charles Gilreath