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A new publication is launched this fall (2016): An online, open access encyclopedia of knowledge organization hosted by ISKO and produced by ISKO's Scientific Advisory Council. It will contain entries about concepts, disciplines, organizations, systems, standards, and theories etc. including important domain specific systems. The encyclopedia will be peer reviewed, all articles signed by author(s), dated and versioned (new versions may be distinguished as, for example, version 1.1 for minor changes of version 1 and version 2 for major changes). We will try to get articles by the best experts in the subject of each article and to maintain a high scholarly standard.

The first accepted version of each article will also be published in a new section of Knowledge Organization: *Reviews of Concepts in Knowledge Organization*. All entries follow the same standard for bibliographical references as used in Knowledge Organization (http://www.isko.org/instructions.htm ). Entries will be structured with numbered subheadings followed by an alphabetically arranged list of references. When writing new entries, authors are recommended to coordinate with already published entries, for example, by linking, supplementing and avoiding too much overlap with existing entries.

The encyclopedia will not be a one-time publication, but continuously published and updated. We will try to get at least one article in each issue of *Knowledge Organization* (8 articles a year). The speed of growth will depend on both the number of interested authors, the capacity of Knowledge Organization and the capacity of the editors and referees.

The first article ("Knowledge organization, KO) appears in this issue of Knowledge Organization. We have so far commitments from different authors for articles about:

– Automatic classification
– Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)
– Feminist epistemologies
– ISKO
– Knowledge Organization System (KOS)
– Ontology (as KOS)
– Semantic relations
– Thesaurus
– Works

However, many more authors are currently invited and the plan is that the encyclopedia shall span the field of Knowledge Organization from classical concepts and systems to up-to-date advanced technologies, concepts and issues. Anybody is free to submit proposals for entries or updated versions of existing entries. The politics in selecting authors is primarily based on research profiles: To try to get the most qualified authors for each article (i.e. authors that have previously published on the subject).