

in the international organizations which asked him for reports and advice (Unesco, FID, IFLA). Unfortunately, his prospective views on the necessary development of Information Science as a new field of education and research did not receive the support they deserved in his own country, although he did receive an award from the French National Center for Scientific Research.

Eric de Grolier enjoyed teaching. He taught courses in several Colleges or Universities in France, Morocco, Canada, the USA, and many of his former students still remember the brilliant and humorous style of his lectures.

When Ingetraut Dahlberg decided to create 'Knowledge Organization' as a new international society, she naturally asked him to become a member and consulting editor, which he accepted in an enthusiastic letter. One year later, he participated in the first ISKO conference in Darmstadt (1990) both as a speaker and as a summarizer – a task at which he excelled. On his 80th birthday, in June 1991, Ingetraut Dahlberg kindly devoted a special issue of *International Classification* to him, in order – she then wrote – "to honor him ... for all his 'fighting' for the recognition and future of knowledge organization throughout the past 60 years".

Eric de Grolier, many of whose writings were never published, has bequeathed his archives to the French National Higher School of Librarianship (ENSSIB). Let us hope that young researchers will study them extensively and prolong the influence of his vigorous and fruitful insights.

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Prof. Dr. med. Otto **Nacke** was the first to join ISKO after its foundation on July 22, 1989, ten years ago. Recently, on May 18, 1999, he decided to celebrate his 84th birthday by inviting his colleagues, friends and relatives to his home in Bad Salzflun near Bielefeld for an additional reason: 50 years ago he founded, together with six other medical doctors, a *Committee for Medical Documentation and Statistics* within the *German Documentation Society*. A few years later this Committee became a society of its own that has about 2000 members now. Prof. Gustav **Wagner** (82), the only one still living of these six others, was the first speaker and gave an account of the founding and the development of this society. After

Nacke, **Wagner** had become the Editor of the journal *Methods of Information in Medicine* (also founded by Nacke), and still is active for it. Other speakers mentioned Nacke's activities as director of the Bielefeld *Institute for Social Medicine* and his interest in organizing relevant conferences, such as one on UDC development ("Experts meet Experts", 1975), since he had chaired the UDC Committee 61 Medicine, and another one on "Documentation and Mathematics". Prof. Nacke was also a member of the German *Society for Classification* and contributed in a lively way to its development until ISKO was founded.

After his retirement Prof. Nacke devoted himself to studies in science-theoretical topics in medicine and became a member of the Board of Editors of the relevant journal which **Derek de Solla Price** had founded. Thereafter, on the basis of insights he got from establishing a major bibliography on "Error-research in medicine" some 30 years ago, his inventive spirit detected a new field of interest. In his own, essentially academic lecture on the occasion of this birthday invitation, he defined, explained and described this new field, which he had named "*Veritology and Error Research*". He showed to the quite astonished audience what he had developed in the past seven years concerning the contents and structure of the "Science of Truth – Veritology". And he was absolutely up-to-date in demonstrating the use of his lap-top to bring his findings onto a large screen. He surprised in this way not only his old and young friends but also his relatives, his children and grandchildren. ISKO can really be proud of its very first member. Let us hope and wish that his great desire, to organize an international conference on this topic and to establish "*Veritology and Error Research*" as an autonomous field of science in the universities, may come true – possibly still in his lifetime!

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IN MEMORIAM: Julius Shrejder

On August 24, 1998, Juli Shrejder, one of the first two Russian ISKO members passed away. In the 1960s I became „acquainted“ with him by documenting his relevant articles for the German periodical *Nachrichten für Dokumentation* from the Russian NTI, and in 1974 I was pleased to sit next to him at a conference in the large office of Prof. Michailov from VINITI. When, later on, scanning the *Referativnyi Zhurnal* for the bibliography in *International Classification* and reading the excellent abstracts he had writ-

ten, I was always surprised how adequately he related the contents of, e.g., the articles in the AI-field. In 1991, the German ISKO Chapter invited him to present his ideas at their 2nd conference. At that time he also wrote for our journal the book review on the UAI volumes *World Problems and Human Potential*. In my opinion, his major contribution to our field was his insight into the meronomical structure of knowledge which I described in my paper at the Albany classification conference, Nov.1988.

Juli Shrejder was born on Oct. 28, 1927, in Dnepropetrovsk. He became a mathematician and graduated from Moscow State University with a PhD in numerical analysis. By 1962 he had already published two monographs about the Monte-Carlo method. From 1961-1989, he worked at VINITI, conducted research in the field of informatics, mathematical linguistics and theory of semantic information. Around 1970 he converted to the Catholic Church and subsequently lost his position as head of VINITI's Semiotic Department. Nevertheless, he began to publish theological articles, which was illegal in those years in Russia. In 1981 he got a degree as Doctor of Science in Philosophy, the highest academic degree in Russia. From 1989 until his death he worked in the Laboratory of Consciousness Problems in the *Institute for Information Transmission Problems* of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and was also the chair of the section Science and Technology of the Russian Academy of Natural Science.

In addition, he became a full Professor of the Catholic *St. Thomas Theological College* in Moscow, where he taught Logic and Epistemology, Ethics and Social Doctrine of the Church, and also of the Orthodox *St. Andrew Bible Theological College* in Moscow. He also lectured in the Vatican and Rome (1991 and 1992), in Poland (1993), and in Belgium (1995). In 1989, Juli Shrejder founded the Catholic Spiritual Dialogue Club in Moscow and remained its chair until his death. Also he was a member of several boards and two editorial boards. Although always extremely busy, he came to our Russian ISKO Chapter Conference in 1993 and we also met with him during the second Russian ISKO Conference in 1995.

Together with his wife, Tatjana Wentzel, docent at Moscow State University, whom Juli married in 1958, and his two children Sergej (1960) and Maria (1968), we feel we have lost a really wonderful friend and a brilliant colleague, but we are also grateful for all that he was able to give to us and to this our world!

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