

# News and Reports

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## ISKO mailing list

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The objective of ISKO-L is to distribute information about and related to the International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO). Further, the intention is to support discussions on knowledge organization. The list is open to both members and non-members of ISKO.

## German ISKO conference

The German ISKO chapter's 7th conference takes place in Berlin at the Humboldt University, March 21-24 2001. The theme of the conference is "Knowledge Organization and Edutainment." The call for papers can be found at:

<http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/2001info.htm>

## Sixth ISKO conference

The Sixth International ISKO Conference took place July 10-13, 2000 at University of Toronto, Canada. About sixty papers were presented at the conference; please see the summaries of the conference elsewhere in this issue.

## Call for news items

This section of the Knowledge Organization welcomes call for papers and reports on local and international conferences on knowledge organization and

other news items of interest to the knowledge organization community. Please send your submission to Jens-Erik Mai, e-mail: `jemai@u.washington.edu`.

**Knowledge representation and organization: methodologies, models and applications. Vth Congress ISKO-Spain, 25-27 April 2000**

The object of the Vth Congress ISKO-Spain is the analysis of the methodologies, models and applications of representation systems of knowledge. It is intended, fundamentally, to make this congress the principal discussion center in the study of a matter whose complexity demands an interdisciplinary treatment and in which various problems will be tackled such as the globalization of information or perceptual capacity and assimilation of the end user.

Consequently, it has become an objective of top priority to gather together specialists who, through different approaches and perspectives, contribute to solving the multiple problems that affect the organization and representation of knowledge in an era in which the development of technologies as well as the advancement of sciences and techniques has opened up new paths and possibilities and at the same time, they make the access process to new knowledge more complex every day.

With this in mind, the analysis and discussion of the following are proposed as the principal topics to be study:

- Theoretical approaches for knowledge representation and organization
- Methodologies for knowledge representation and organization
- Conceptual models for knowledge representation and organization
- Semantic structures in the knowledge representation and organization
- Mathematical models for knowledge representation and organization
- Artificial intelligence as a model of knowledge representation and organization