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### FID/CR Pre-Conference Seminar, Jaipur, India, October 1998.

A detailed account of the Pre-Conference Seminar on Classification prepared by M.P. Satija was published in the "FID/CR News" 48 in *Knowledge Organization*, volume 25, no. 4 (p. 211-213). Regrettably, the heading, normally given on a separate line in bold type, was buried in the text, obscuring the account and giving the impression that the Seminar was part of the report on the IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing. My sincere apologies to Dr. Satija for this unfortunate error and confusion.

### Universal Decimal Classification

Volume 20, 1998 of *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC* was published in November 1998 and is available from the UDC Consortium in The Hague. This annual publication is an essential adjunct to the classification schedules themselves. It is designed to bring UDC users up-to-date on revisions and additions to the classification scheme and to solicit comments and suggestions on proposals for change.

In this issue the "Comments & Communications" section includes a number of brief papers and reports on the status and development of UDC. In "A Time of Change and Challenge" Alan Stevens, Chairman of the Consortium, informs UDC users of recent administrative changes affecting the work of UDC revision. A number of personnel changes have taken place over the past year, including the appointment of a Research Assistant to work with the Editor. On an optimistic note, Stevens points to the continuous improvements being made to UDC under its capable Editor and notes that the Consortium continues to "build ... informal relationships with the management of the Dewey Decimal Classification". A website, now in operation at <http://www.aber.uk/~infolib/udc.html>, is designed to improve the awareness of UDC and to promulgate UDC products. In the "Report of the Editor in Chief", Professor Ia McIlwaine describes the work of revision in greater detail. The appointment of Vanda Broughton, Research Assistant

attached to University College London, is welcome news indeed. Vanda is experienced and highly qualified to work with the research and development of UDC, having worked with Jack Mills on the Bliss Bibliographic Classification (BC2). Her involvement has contributed much to the "steady programme of consistent revision" that has evolved. In 1998, the work of the Editor and her assistant has "concentrated on the auxiliary tables and various approaches have been taken to make their application more logical and standardized". This work has implications for the whole classification and is reflected in the 1998 amendments to the scheme. Two tables in particular have been chosen for scrutiny as the first step. These are Table 1i Common auxiliaries of point of view, and table 1k-05 Common auxiliaries for persons. The Common auxiliaries of point of view table has been cancelled and its contents will be replaced in several different ways. There will be increased use of coloned numbers where appropriate; some topics in the table will be relocated with Common auxiliaries of form: and a new auxiliary table of "properties" will be created. Revision of the Common auxiliaries for persons will resolve conflicts, provide for terms previously absent from the table and deal with obsolete terms. The Editor is also tackling the problem of the location of materials on "women". The topic "women" has been removed from the end of class 3 following "Gypsies". Feminism as a philosophical school has been placed in class 14 and a new class for Gender studies has been created at the beginning of class 3. In keeping with this, material on "women" previously in 396, will be brought forward to the beginning of Class 3. In another context, the "enumeration of the various ranks of the armed services has been standardized and a new special auxiliary table has been created at 355.08, which applies throughout 355/359. Later in 1999, the new Common auxiliaries of properties table will be introduced. Other revisions to appear soon include revisions to classes 53 and 54. Also the Common auxiliaries of materials, Table 1k-03, will be revised, as will the special auxiliaries at the beginning of class 62. Work on the new class 61 continues.

Every effort is being made to make the activities in the realm of UDC as well known as possible. In this