

presuppositions on which we currently base our search tools". In other words information specialists must develop their thinking and research beyond classification in its narrow sense. The fourth theme focused on the change in the structures of knowledge, the issues being "how to monitor changes occurring in the structure of knowledge that need to be incorporated into our classifications, thesauri and other forms of knowledge organisation". Reference was made to citation indexing and its use in intermeshing separate fields, relating this to the current use of hyperlinks. In the light of these innovations Vickery posed the question "... are there ways in which we can scan and analyse the hyperlinks of the WWW to identify new subject links?" This question provides a fertile field for research in the field of knowledge organization. In his concluding remarks, Vickery returned to 1957 and the Dorking conference, to the work of John Wilkins, the first joint secretary of the Royal Society, published in 1668 and to Roget, reflecting that there is a long tradition in attempting to organize knowledge. That tradition is expected to continue and it must grow and develop in conjunction with new thoughts, new research and new technologies. "The development of knowledge is endless, so will be our work."

#### FID/CR Meeting, June 17, 1997

FID/CR met in London on June 17, 1997 during the 6th International Study Conference on Classification Research. Chaired by I.C. McIlwaine, those present included A. Gilchrist, M. Gopinath, D. McGarry, G. Riesthuis, E. Svenonius, and N. Williamson (secretary).

The Chairman announced plans for the FID/CR to be held at the 1998 FID Conference and Congress to be held in New Delhi in October 1998. A half-day seminar on classification will be held and the time has been blocked into the conference plan. Three invited papers will be presented and A. Neelameghan is to be contacted to suggest speakers. "Classification Systems in Digital Libraries" was suggested a theme for the seminar.

Also, it was announced that a workshop on UDC will be held during the IFLA conference in Amsterdam in August 1998. The 8th Ranganathan Award is scheduled to be presented during the 1998 FID Conference in New Delhi. The Award Subcommittee is to consist of I.C. McIlwaine (chair), G. Riesthuis, Dorothy McGarry, A. Neelameghan (representative of DRTC) and N. Williamson. A call for nominations will be placed on the FID web page and the deadline for submissions will be May 15, 1998.

A discussion was held on the place, time and location of a proposed 7th International Study Confer-

ence. M. Gopinath announced an invitation to hold the proposed conference in North Carolina, USA in the year 2000. I.C. McIlwaine thanked Gopinath and said she would write to Ben Speller thanking him for the invitation. Further discussion suggested that it was too early to make definite plans. The year 2000 did not seem to be appropriate since the ISKO biennial conference is scheduled to be held in Toronto that year. Other dates suggested were 2001, 2003 and 2005. It was also noted that since most of the previous Study Conferences have been held in country of the FID/CR chairman this would need to be taken into consideration. At this point in time it is not known who the chairman will be at the time of the next study conference but the chairman at the time of the conference should have a say in the matter.

Possible new projects for FID/CR were discussed. There was strong agreement among those present that efforts should be made to build up a base of members - the use of the website for this purpose was suggested as an approach. Another suggestion was a "virtual hyper glossary" to be put up on the website.

On behalf of those present, M. Gopinath expressed thanks to I.C. McIlwaine and her staff and the local arrangements committee for their hard work in organizing the very successful 6th International Study Conference. This expression of thanks was unanimously supported by those present.

Nancy Williamson,  
Secretary.

#### Publication

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A collection of reprints to commemorate the forty year span between the Dorking Conference (First International Study Conference on Classification Research 1957) and the Sixth International Study Conference on Classification Research, held in London 1997.

Following a brief introduction by the editor, this volume contains a section on the "Dorking Legacy" which includes recollections of the Dorking conference written by nine of the participants in that conference. Also included in this section are two papers which establish the historical context of classification research. The first is the 1955 Memorandum from the Classification Research Group (CRG) to the Library Research Committee of the Library Association (UK) explaining "The need for a faceted classification as the basis of all methods of information retrieval". This

memorandum was central to the discussion which went on at Dorking two years later. The second paper is a look at progress in classification research at the mid-point of the forty year span, "Classification in information retrieval: the twenty years following Dorking". The remainder of this commemorative volume is devoted to papers chosen for their importance as contributions to the field during the 40 year period. Included are papers dealing with "new tools", "testing..." of information retrieval systems and "questions and answers" related to research in knowledge organization. It will be a very useful collection for students and teachers of library and information studies, and of interest to any professional seeking information on the background and developments in knowledge organization for information storage and retrieval.