

Call for Papers

Repositories of Knowledge in Digital Spaces: Accessibility, Sustainability, Semantic Interoperability (Wissensorganisation '2008)

ISKO Conference, Constance (Germany),
February 20th through 22nd, 2008

February 20th through 22nd, 2008, the ISKO conference will take place at Constance (Germany).

The conference is organized by the German chapter of ISKO, the Library Service Centre Baden-Württemberg, and the Department of Information Science at the University of Konstanz.

Talks will be given in German or English.

The general topic is:

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The following sessions (and special topics) are planned:

A. Ontologies, controlled vocabulary, topic maps, semantic web

Ontologies, classifications, topic maps, and the semantic web seem to enhance the usefulness and the usability of online knowledge. The different communities of developers often don't know anything about each other although there might be chances of fruitful cooperation. Ontologies and classifications (UDC, DDC) are instruments of knowledge organization and universal views on knowledge structures. Topic maps offer new and user friendly strategies of retrieval. The semantic web seems to be split between promise and reality. Successful applications are therefore of interest.

B. Social tagging

Folksonomies and wikies can be perceived as a way of democratization of knowledge. Nevertheless the producers of this knowledge control the structure of knowledge which is a debatable point. Another one is, whether the sustainability of knowledge can be guaranteed under the

circumstances of an anarchic process of knowledge creation. Political questions like these are of interest.

C. Platforms of knowledge

There are several platforms and environments, where online knowledge is used enriching and organizing it for new purposes. Therefore contributions for some of those platforms such as e-learning, e-scholarship, e-publishing are welcome.

D. Applications and projects

Developers of new applications and services are invited to share their knowledge with the participants of the conference. European projects like MINERVA, the European Digital Library etc. try to offer digitized knowledge and are good examples of the development into the direction of global stores of knowledge.

All those interested in the above mentioned topics or those running relevant projects are invited to participate in and contribute to the conference. English contributions as well as talks or session proposals in other fields of knowledge organization and related matters are also welcome. Please send a proposal with title, author, address details and an abstract of up to one page length till

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