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Mater, E.: **Human intelligence as a precondition for the machine processing of knowledge.**

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As long as basic tasks of scientific information such as content analysis have not been theoretically analyzed by man, computers cannot be expected to supply really usable practical results. Inferential processes, too, presuppose that of the three basic categories, 'source, processing and target data', two data-types are known so that the third one may be arrived at by inference. This is demonstrated in the light of such fundamental questions as document- vs. problem-oriented content analysis, selection or abstraction, recall vs. precision rates, the relationships existing between main contents, essential contents, new elements and user needs, as well as those between document vs. fact retrieval systems. The tasks of the immediate future are measured against present-day computer capabilities. (Author)

Manicz, J.: **Relationship in thesauri: Some critical remarks.**

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After reviewing some fundamental distinctions in relationships (paradigmatic/syntagmatic, interconceptual/structural) the author proposes a functional approach for investigating the relationships in thesauri. The comparison between three closely related types of semantic fields (lexical, conceptual, thesaural) shows the specific function of relationships in all of these intellectual tools. In information retrieval the two main functions are location of relevant concepts and search of exhaustivity. A clear distinction of these aims can contribute to solving the difficult problem of the choice of 'related terms'. It is suggested that their usefulness relies upon empirical rather than upon semantic proximity. Some practical propositions are made for the choice and display of relationships in thesauri. (Author)

Biswas, S.C., Smith, F.: **Term and cross reference structure in computerized deep structure indexing system.** Int. Classif. 15 (1988) No. 3, p. 139–144, 30 refs.

In 1964, Ranganathan manifested a novel approach to alphabetic subject indexing based on his idea of Facet Analysis in conjunction with the General Theory of Classification. Since then, research carried out at the Documentation Research and Training Centre, Bangalore, has led to three distinct but interrelated contributions – a General Theory of Subject Indexing Language (SIL); an indexing language called Postulate-based Permuted Subject Indexing (POPSI), abstracted from the General Theory of SIL; and a faceted hierarchic scheme of terms with vocabulary control features, called Classaurus, also designed on the basis of the General Theory of SIL. Attempts were also carried out to use modern technology such as computers, to enforce a rigorous definition on the system. The most recent version of computerised POPSI is known as Deep Structure Indexing System (DSIS). Following the publication of the FID/CR Report entitled "Computerized Deep Structure Indexing System", a research project entitled 'Applicability and efficiency of deep structure based Subject Indexing Languages (SILs): PRECIS vs. DSIS' was undertaken at DLIS, Loughborough University, in 1986. Part of this project has been to write a software for DSIS, using a microcomputer. A representative sample of 600 documents (equally halved between macro- and micro-documents), chosen from three different social science subject fields, have been used as the test data.

In continuation of an earlier critical discussion on the computerized Deep Structure Indexing System (DSIS), this paper presents some more of the same, concentrating on its term structure and cross reference entry structure. (Authors)

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SCOPE

The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance; for many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

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