

The key-note presentation by Dagmar Schmauk on "Schweigende Texte, sprechende Bilder" (silent texts, talking pictures) gave a very profound overview of the combination of text and pictorial representations and their sometimes intended ambiguities. Mainly, use of this latter aspect is made by pictorial puzzles and in cryptography or steganography.

The conference was structured in different sections. Organizers of the section 'Multimedia knowledge representation, presentation and reception as well as reception and applications' had been Susanne Pribbenow, Klaus Sachs-Hombach and Wolfgang Schnotz. Papers in this section were presented by O. Scholz, R. Schumacher, R. Schantz, B. Berendt and H. F. Friedrich / J. Heins / E. Picard.

The section 'Multi-Media and Knowledge Structure' had been organised by J. Palme and W. Umstätter. It covered presentations by the organisers and additionally by T. Plebisch, B. I. Dahn and I. Schwarz.

H.-P. Ohly and A. Sigel organised the section 'Challenges of Knowledge Organisation by the Internet' with presentations by the organisers and B. Batinic as well as A. Oehler. In addition they founded a new working group concentrating on 'Knowledge Organisation and the Internet'.

As at earlier meetings, the library sciences had their own section with presentations ranging from electronic publications, given by C. Lehner, R. Flatscher, M. Scholz and W. Oeltjen, over classification and visualisation, given by G. Bauer and G. Schildmann, to general classification methods, given by G. Schoenfeld, A. Otto and R. Lorenz.

General aspects of knowledge organisation had been collected to a special section, organised by H. Czap. Papers ranged from conceptual navigation (K. Veltmann / H. Benking) over different aspects of 'Knowledge Organisation' (W. Bies, M. Bundschuh, H. Benking / K. Veltmann) to the final presentation on document engineering, given by E. Schoop.

Peter Jaenecke, the last president of German section, conducted the final discussion and closed this very successful meeting.

The papers of this conference will be published in a forthcoming proceedings-volume to appear in ERGON-Verlag spring 1998.

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#### New working group on 'Knowledge Organization and Internet' constituted at the German ISKO Conference

At the German ISKO conference on 'Wissensorganisation mit multimedialen Techniken', Berlin, Oct 7-10th 1997, a meeting took place to find out if there was joint interest in the formation of an ISKO Work-

ing Group 'Wissensorganisation und Internet' ('AG wiss-org'). The meeting was arranged on the initiative of P. Ohly (oh@bonn.iz-soz.de) and A. Sigel (sigel@gmd.de), and took place on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. After a short presentation of the rationale, namely why a forum was needed for the exchange on knowledge organization issues related to Internet information sources, all attending persons agreed that it was worth the effort to establish such a group within ISKO - at least temporarily. The following German membership assembly on the same day approved this WG proposal. For the time being, this is a WG of the German section, focused on regional meetings, although we would welcome guests from other countries. It is intended to arrange meetings together with other groups in the field of information science between the ISKO conferences. General aims of this WG will be the overview, discussion and harmonization of knowledge organization tools applicable in or dependent on the Internet, as well as the exchange of practical usage experiences. The next meeting is foreseen in spring 1998 at the Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften, Bonn, where challenges to Internet clearinghouses will be discussed.

A discussion list, named wiss-org, has been established meanwhile. The list is not restricted to ISKO members. To subscribe to this discussion list, please send an e-mail to listproc@bonn.iz-soz.de with message body (no subject): subscribe wiss-org SurName FirstName. In case of problems, please send an e-mail to the list administrator oh@bonn.iz-soz.de with subject: Subscribe wiss-org).

First suggestions for topics for the discussion list and the meeting activities were:

- The publication of a Knowledge Organization FAQ (Frequently Asked (and Answered) Questions), resp. Hints and Tricks
- An overview of classification schemes and thesauri available and used on the Internet
- Metainformation standards like RDF and DC as well as information agents contributing to or using such metadata
- Standards of Internet-o-metrics
- The organization of a special meeting on ontologies and
- Organization of a session on the next German and/or international ISKO meeting.

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