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Meunier, J.-G., Bertrand-Gastaldy, S., Lebel, H.: **A call for enhanced representation of content as a means of improving online full-text retrieval.**

Int. Classif. 14 (1987) No. 1, p. 2-10, 81 refs.

Given the phenomena of growth and diversification which affect both text databases and their users, it is essential to reflect on the nature of textual information and its representation within the very particular framework of interactive retrieval systems. The latter aim to correlate two types of conceptual structures, that of the user and that of the text, by way of a third structure - the interface. A typology of levels of representation is proposed (typographical, lexical, statistical, linguistic, semiotic, and pragmatic). These representations, obtained by means of a multiplicity of strategies (intra-sentence, intratextual, intertextual) applied to different units of information and interrelated, render the interaction between diverse users and the database more flexible and more adaptable.

Johansen, Th.: **Elements of the non-linguistic approach to subject-relationships.**

Int. Classif. 14 (1987) No. 1, p. 11-18, 15 refs.

The non-linguistic approach is based on the direct observation of *subjects*, which are always found in connection with other subjects. According to whether a change is observed or not (or inferred, if we deal with immaterial subjects), we talk about a dynamic or a static connection, respectively. These connections are shown to be decomposable into the subjects they contain, by which procedure the linguistic verbal elements are expressed by main subject, object, related subjects, etc.

As regards static connections (and consequently dynamic connections as well) a general model is introduced which gives rise to two linguistic formulas, by the application of which the subject roles in the connections are disclosed. This leads to an investigation of the relationship between a subject and the corresponding linguistic expression - which is a most important matter, since the definition of a subject usually has several linguistic expressions - concluding with a suggestion of how to classify subjects according to their internal structures. (Author)

Dhyani, P.: **Universe of subjects and DDC Engineering.**

Int. Classif. 14 (1987) No. 1, p. 19-22, 4 refs.

The article examines the viability of various methods used by DDC for accommodating the universe of subjects. It also provides some suggestions for efficacious use of these methods. (Author)

Bielicka, L.A., Paciejewski, J., Scibor, E.: **Classification and indexing languages in Poland (1974-1986). Pt. I.**

Int. Classif. 14 (1987) No. 1, p. 23-28

The report describes the state of research and development in seven chapters, the first three of which treat the following topics: 1. General problems of indexing languages (ILs): Metainformation, metalanguage, elements of linguistics, elements of the theory of ILs, typology of ILs, tasks and construction of ILs, compatibility of different types of ILs and their linking, ILs used in Poland. 2. Structure of indexing languages: Content plane and expression plane, synonymy in ILs, pre-coordination and post-coordination, syntagmatic relationships, typology of relationships, transformation rules. 3. Indexing and information retrieval: Methods of indexing, selection of keywords in the text, relative indexing, linguistic indexing, search request formulation, weights. (Part II will be published in Int. Classif. 87-2).

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