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Terminology is concerned with the naming of concepts, and hence both with the meanings of words and with the need to signify concepts unambiguously. Three terminological paradigms are examined: normative, analytic, and synthetic. The close relation of normative terminology to conceptology is explained and the intimate association of analytic terminology with lexicology is also examined. By contrast, the idea of synthetic terminology as the best bridging model is supported. The establishment of a new computerized terminology bank for the social sciences, as proposed by UNESCO's INTERCONCEPT project, is reported as an important development favoring the feasibility and usefulness of synthetic glossaries in selected subject fields of the social sciences. (Author)

Perreault, J. M.: Library of Congress Subject Headings: a new manual.
In: Intern. Classificat. 6 (1979) No. 3, p. 158–169, 12 refs.

Many of the failings of Library of Congress Subject Headings are examined in the context of L. M. Chan's new manual on that influential system. While the system itself is strongly criticized, the manual is highly recommended as a guide to practice; the major criticism directed at the latter is that it only sporadically attempts to be critical of the system. (Author)

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Three misprints occured in one title in the last issue! Please correct I.C. 6 (1979) No. 2, p. 85 to read: Reverse Retrieval: Toward Analogy Inferences by Mechanized Classification. (Instead of "Reserve . . .") We regret this very much, as well as some other misprints in that issue.

Sengupta, I. N.: Some observations on the forthcoming 19th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) scheme.
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The paper critically reviews some to the recommendations of the Committee on "DDC Additions, Notes and Decisions" for its 19th edition. It is observed that the policy of following the principle of continuity and integrity of numbers has not been consistently followed in cases of class numbers 900, area notations -41 and -42 and total revision of schedules for the life sciences (560–590). While commenting critically on the recommendations made by the DDC Editorial Policy Committee in respect of the above mentioned entries, the paper also discusses the great difficulties libraries using the DDC will have to face for reclassification of a cognizable area of their collections due to these major changes which are going to be implemented in the 19th edition of the DDC Scheme. (Author)

Karlgren, H.: Viewdata – something to be crazy about? In: Intern. Classificat. 6 (1979) No. 3, p. 172–176

Information retrieval via an (almost) ordinary home television set as public utility opens up fascinating perspectives. But is it really such a long step forward? The technology is essentially conservative. What makes Viewdata so attractive? Does it, in fact, possess any distinctively innovative traits at all? Is the achievement instead the absence of complications, a T-Ford solution where an established technology is given large-scale low-cost application, now? The author concludes that for better or for worse, Viewdata can make an important impact on technical and social development and well deserves keen attention from information scientists as well as from economists and politicians. (Author)

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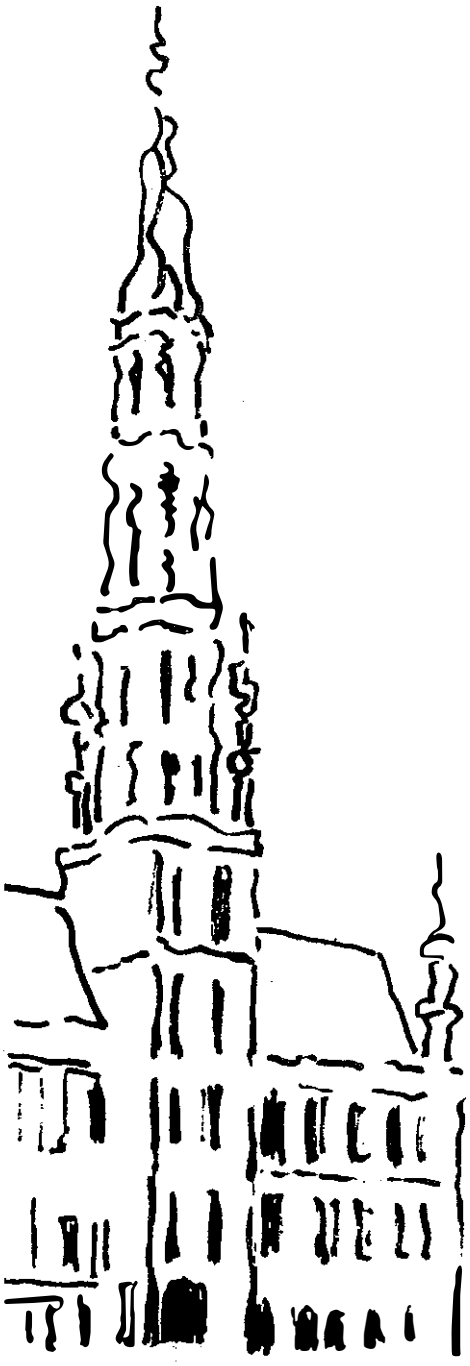

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