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President of ISKO

5th ISKO Conference, Lille, France, August 1998

The 5th ISKO Conference attracted over 100 knowledge organization researchers from all over the world.

President of the Conference, Widad Mustafa el Hadi of Charles de Gaulle University in Lille, received 117 paper proposals, of which 67 were presented over the five-day period. The conference theme was "Structures and Relations in Knowledge Organization", and the Proceedings are available from the publisher, Ergon Verlag.

ISKO General Assembly, 1998

The 6th ISKO General Assembly was held on Thursday, August 27, in Lille. The President of ISKO, Hanne Albrechtsen, reported that ISKO membership has grown considerably and now stands at 499. Francis Miksa (University of Texas at Austin, US) will become the new editor of *Knowledge Organization*, and Gerhard Riesthuis (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) will assume responsibility for the knowledge organization bibliography.

A new ISKO President and Executive Board were elected. The results were as follows:

President:

Clare Beghtol, University of Toronto, Canada

Executive Board:

Hanne Albrechtsen, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark;

Rebecca Green, University of Maryland, USA;

Widad Mustafa el Hadi, Charles de Gaulle University, France;

Steven Pollitt, University of Huddersfield, UK;

Gerhard Riesthuis, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; and

Nancy Williamson, University of Toronto, Canada.

The Executive Board will meet at the end of April, 1999, in order to set new directions for ISKO, to develop a strong mission and governance structure, and to begin the task of strengthening the organization for the new millennium.

The assembly expressed its warmest thanks to Ingetraut Dahlberg for her pioneering work during the first ten years of ISKO and to Widad Mustafa el Hadi for organizing the very successful 5th General ISKO Conference.

4th Spanish ISKO Conference, Granada, April 1999

The theme of the 4th Conference of ISKO-Spain is "The Representation and Organisation of Knowledge in Its Different Perspectives: Its Influence on Information Retrieval".

The Conference will be held in Granada, 22-24 April, 1999, and has been organized by Prof. Maria J. Lopez-Huertas of the Facultad de Biblioteconomia y Documentacion, who is President of ISKO-Spain.

Prof. Nicholas Belkin will give the keynote address on "Complementary Models for the Representation and Organisation of Knowledge". Full details about the 4th Spanish ISKO Conference, including its objectives, committees, and activities, is available at <http://www.urg.es/~isko/ebop1.html>.

6th ISKO General Conference, Toronto, 2000

The 6th ISKO General Conference will be held at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, in the spring of the year 2000.

Nancy Williamson, Professor Emeritus at the University, is the program chair. The theme of the conference, "Dynamism and Stability in Knowledge Organization", was decided at the Executive Board meeting in Lille in August, 1998. The call for papers will be published shortly, in *Knowledge Organization* and in other print and electronic venues. Proposals for both theoretical and applied papers will be solicited in order to attract as many proposals as possible and to appeal to researchers from all the fields that work on knowledge organization.

In 2002, the 7th General Conference will be held in Spain, and the 8th will be held in Brazil in 2004.