

Editor's Note



This issue is auspicious for several reasons. First, it is the second issue in two years to feature work from a conference of one of the International Society for Knowledge Organization's chapters. Last year a selection of papers from the Spanish chapter's conference were published in

volume 27, no. 1/2 (2000). This issue includes papers from the French chapter's conference.

Second, this issue includes background on the origins and activities of the French chapter itself written by WIDAD MUSTAFA EL HADI (University of Lille III), the first chairperson of the French chapter who has continued her involvement through conference planning, continuing as a board member and promoting knowledge organization in France. Her description is part of a series begun with the description of knowledge organization in the United Kingdom by IA C. MCILWAINE and VANDA BROUGHTON (University College London) in volume 27, no.4 (2000).

Third, this issue introduces a new section of "Letters" on the pages directly following these notes.

Fourth, the "FID/CR News" column by NANCY WILLIAMSON (University of Toronto) has changed its name to "Classification Research News" with this issue. The evolution of the column to include more than FID news and recent changes to FID itself prompted this change of name and are explained by Dr. Williamson in this issue's column.

Fifth, the previous "News and Reports" column will resume in following issues as "Reports" under the continuing editorship of JENS-ERIK MAI (University of Washington). For greater currency, the contents of "News" will now appear on the ISKO web page at: www.isko.org and on the electronic list isko-l. Thanks are due to the former assistant editors for "News and Reports," ALEXANDER SIGEL (Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften) and ELIN JACOB (Indiana University) for their work in bringing news to *Knowledge Organization* readers.

Finally, be certain to notice the call for papers for a special issue of *Knowledge Organization* on Evaluating Human Language Technology: General Applications to Information Access and Management, guest editor: WIDAD MUSTAFA EL HADI.

If you or your chapter are interested in participating in a future issue please contact me by e-mail at ko@ualberta.ca or by post at: Hope A. Olson, Editor-in-chief; *Knowledge Organization*; School of Library & Information Studies; University of Alberta; Edmonton AB T6G 2J4 CANADA.

Announcement of ISKO News Editor

The International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) is pleased to announce the appointment of VICTORIA FRANCU of the Central University Library, Bucharest as ISKO News Editor. ISKO members will be familiar with Victoria Francu's regular contributions to ISKO conferences, notably her work on multilingual thesauri.

ISKO News will now appear on the ISKO web site managed by JONATHAN FURNER at the University of California - Los Angeles: www.isko.org and on ISKO's electronic list, isko-l. To subscribe to isko-l send a message to: majordomo@ualberta.ca with the message: "subscribe isko-l"

On behalf of ISKO, I would like to express our appreciation to VICTORIA FRANCU for undertaking this task and invite Knowledge Organization readers to contribute news to her directly at francu@mail.bcub.ro or to isko-l.

Hanne Albrechtsen - ISKO Vice-President for Communications