

# Editorial

## Do You Know Your Colleagues in Knowledge Organization?

In 1983 the INDEKS Verlag published its first edition of a *Who's Who in Classification and Indexing* containing the data of some 700 colleagues from 43 countries and 2 international organizations. In ten years' time there has never been an update due to lack of spare time of your editor. But now in 1993, the Executive Board of ISKO has decided to publish a new edition under the new name **WHO'S WHO IN KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION**. Therefore, in the beginning of this year, the close to 400 ISKO members were sent the questionnaires for this project and were asked in addition to help find colleagues who should also be listed in this new directory. We must state, though, that the feedback from this first mailing has been rather slow and thin so far. Therefore we are using this possibility to spread this news about our project to a wider audience and publish the questionnaire on the reverse of this page for easy copying and providing the necessary data as soon as possible. Sept.30 will be the deadline for inclusion.

The question might arise: who is to be considered a colleague in Knowledge Organization? the answer is: Anybody who deals in theory or practice with any of the subtopics of this journal, as indicated on the cover page and who has contributed in some way to this field already. In other words: anybody who is not only interested in reading this journal but who might also contribute something to it or has already done so.

In order to stimulate our colleagues to find everybody who should be entered, the INDEKS Verlag has even offered to send a free copy of the future *Who's Who in Knowledge Organization* to everyone supplying names and addresses of at least 5 persons from his/her country who are not as yet ISKO members.

Although this offer has already helped a bit, we are sure that the majority of our colleagues still would not find themselves listed in the printed product, causing the result not to be representative at all.

Perhaps some of our colleagues feel too humble and shy and prefer to remain "incognito"? But what about collaboration? What about helping each other to solve problems here and there if we do not know who in the world is interested in the same field as I am?

I would therefore like to call on all our dear colleagues who have not as yet done so to take the time and furnish us their data. It will really be to the benefit of our profession!

The colleagues who contributed articles to this issue of KO may partly be known to you already. Dr. Eduard SUKIASYAN who just recently organized very ably the Regional ISKO Conference in Moscow (see also the report on this event in ISKO News 13) and who contributed already twice in earlier issues of our journal, this time is a co-author

of Tamara S. GOLTIVINSKAYA, Director of the Department for the Library-Bibliographical Classification (LBC) system in the Russian State Library. They are showing what is being done to revise the ideologically overloaded version of the existing LBC.

A second colleague, already known to you from two earlier issues, is Mr. Charles GILREATH, the President of the Florand Corporation in Gainesville, Florida, here endeavors to clarify thoroughly 48 concepts and their terms pertaining to the field of terminology itself.

And there are two "newcomer" colleagues presenting exciting new thoughts in our field: Prof. Robert M. LOSEE from SLIS at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill wants seven important questions (plus 6 subquestions) answered in the field of library classification. Who will know the answers?

And last but not least there is Dr. Ewald KIEL, the new young member of ISKO's Executive Board, who shows in what way KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION can become a subject in general education, and especially also a further education in the field of education and didactics itself!

The colleagues who wrote book reviews for this issue will also be known to many readers of this journal. To begin with Dr. Jacques MANIEZ, ISKO's coordinator in France, with a review of M.P. Satija's brilliant dissertation, now available as a book, followed by a review by the latter, ISKO's Indian coordinator M.P. SATIJA, of the fine book by Derek LANGRIDGE. ISKO's Italian coordinator, Dr. Giliola NEGRINI reviews two recent Italian books of a new series in our field and Prof. Jean M. PERREAULT, co-editor of this journal since its very beginning, comments in his usual profound way on the proceedings of the latest one of Bella H. WEINBERG's challenging conferences of the American Indexers Society. Finally, Dr. Harald HAENDLER, an expert in data documentation and an early contributor to this journal as far back as the seventies, reviews Rolf HENZLER's recent "compendium".

In between there are several reports, for instance by Prof. Nancy WILLIAMSON, ISKO's Canadian coordinator, and by the ISKO members Dr. Ia McILWAINE and Dr. Clare BEGHTOL, of whom the latter has recently joined the Faculty of Library and Information Science of Toronto University - congratulations, Clare!

So, this should hold somehow for the Who's Who of this issue and by getting to know somewhat more about every contributor I assume you will also get a stronger relationship to what he/she has to say. Our community is still relatively small in this world; but this is a good thing as by this fact we should be able to know who is sailing with us in our boat! May it also intensify our good feelings for each other and our communication possibilities!

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