

Editor's Message

In the summer of 2000, I had the honor to become editor-in-chief of *Knowledge Organization*. Since then the help of many others has resulted in four years of articles, reviews, reports, and bibliography advancing our understanding of knowledge organization. *Knowledge Organization* has covered its traditional area of classification as well as thesauri, concept theory, and many related topics. Approaches have ranged from philosophy to linguistics, from theory to application, from empirical to the visual arts. It has been a rich and rewarding experience.

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