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Welcome to a new year, a new volume of *Knowledge Organization*, and a new Editorial Team. Many thanks are due to Richard Smiraglia for his long and highly effective period as Editor-in-Chief, during which time *Knowledge Organization* has become established as an essential pillar of the knowledge organization community and its work. We hope that the new team can carry forward this success, and look forward to playing our part in the future of this important and exciting field. Richard will also be missed for his masterly analyses of the literature of knowledge organization, the most recent of which appeared in the last issue. Hopefully there is no reason not to continue this tradition from a non-editorial standpoint.

There are some changes to the editorial management of the journal. While I take over as Editor-in-Chief I shall be joined by three Deputy Editors: Maja Zumer, Professor of Information Science at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Lu An, Professor at Wuhan University (China), and Thiago Barros, Professor of Information Science, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), also President Elect of ISKO. Many of you will know Maja as a long established member of ISKO and a major contributor to the international field of cataloguing and metadata; Lu An and Thiago are newer to ISKO, but importantly represent the growing contribution of the Far East and South America to our discipline. We hope this reflects the global aspect of knowledge organization, particularly in terms of the rich commentary and research that is now emerging from those areas.

We shall continue the important association with the ISKO Encyclopaedia of Knowledge Organization (IEKO). IEKO provides free access to articles on a wide variety of topics relevant to knowledge organization, written by leading scholars and practitioners in the field, peer reviewed, and produced to a high standard. Contributors who wish to may submit these papers for publication in *Knowledge Organization*, and this source is a rich vein of copy for the journal. Thanks are due to Birger Hjorland (University of Copenhagen), Editor-in-Chief, and his Co-Editor Claudio Gnoli (University of Pavia), for their tireless work in promoting and publishing IEKO, which provides an authoritative corpus of material representing the theoretical and philosophical foundations of the discipline, together with many examples of systems, tools and implementations. It is a fantastic resource for students at all levels, and for those in cognate fields or who are otherwise new to the domain of KO. The breadth and depth of the bibliographical apparatus supporting the articles also make it a substantial reference work for scholars in the field.

Meanwhile *Knowledge Organization* provides a complementary dimension as it continues to offer a platform for the best in current research and development. Submissions to the journal remain at a high level and are truly representative of the international reach of *KO*. The scope of the journal is also broad, reflecting the increasing part played by computational methods of knowledge organization, information technology, computer science, and, increasingly, artificial intelligence and machine learning. That part of *KO*'s remit that is knowledge representation is thus well served, particularly on the technical front, but we shall not forget that it is also the lead periodical for concept theory, classification, and indexing, and we shall not lose sight of the theoretical and philosophical foundations on which *KO* was based when it first emerged as *International Classification*. Social and cultural aspects of knowledge organization are also of importance in the wider information world of the twenty-first century, and they too will have a part to play in the methodological spectrum. Finally, we should remember the working environment for knowledge organization, the role of the information professional, and the ever significant

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end users with their diverse perspectives. It has been pleasing to see some recent papers which consider practice in non-LIS sectors, especially archival science and museum studies. The knowledge organization questions here are particularly rich and complex, and challenging to address, and further research can only enhance the discipline as a whole.