FID/CR News

Calendar of Meetings 1981/1982

1981

Sept.14-15: Wien, Meeting of FID/CCC (Central Classification Committee). Contact: Mr.P.O.Strachan, FID Classif.Officer, P.O.Box 30115, NL-2500 GC The Hague

Sept.16: Wien, 1981 UDC Assembly. Contact: same address

Sept.17-18: Wien, Meeting of FID/C-AUX (Auxiliaries). Contact: Mr.G.Lorphèvre, Ed.Mundaneum, 696 Chaussée de Louvain, B-1030 Bruxelles

Oct.15: London, England. Meeting of the Classification Research Group

Oct.26-30: Zagreb, 43rd Session of FID/C 3+92/99 (Social Sciences and History). Contact: Mr.P.van der Velden, Ministerie van CRM, P.O.Box 5406, NL-2280 HK Rijswijk

Dec.7-11: Geneva, International Patent Classification (IPC) Committee of Experts. Contact: WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes, CH-1211 Geneva 20

Dec.10: London, England. Meeting of the Classification Research Group

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March 1-3: Arlington, Va., 24th Conference of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services (NFAIS). Theme: Conflict in the Information Environment: Opportunities and Risks. Contact: NFAIS, 112 South 16th Str. Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 USA

April 26-30: Augsburg, FRG. 44th Session of FID/C 3+92/99 (Social Sciences and History) Contact: address as above

June 28-July 2: Augsburg, FRG. 4th International Study Conference on Classification- Research. Theme: Universal Classification: Subject Analysis and Ordering Systems. Contact: FID/CR Secretariat, Woogstr.36a, D-6000 Frankfurt 50.

1. Liaison with New IFLA Section

The newly elected chairman of the IFLA Section on Classification and Subject Cataloguing (the report on its meetings at Leipzig see elsewhere in this issue) is the FID/CR member and Norwegian representative, Mr. Tor Henriksen. Congratulations Tor and very best wishes and blessings in your efforts to implement a fine programme which will bring about more understanding and knowledge for our field through the efforts of our colleagues in the libraries!

2. Who is Who in Classification?

The Secretariat is still waiting for the answers from many countries and many individuals to our invitation to fill out the questionnaire circulated to the national representatives. See also FID/CR News 2. Please, notify the secretariat at Woogstr. 36a, D-6000 Frankfurt 50 if you should not as yet have received the questionnaire.

3. FID/CR Report on Classification Research in Canada

A most interesting report on the developments of classification and indexing in his country during the last ten years has been prepared by Prof. Dr. T.Craven, SLIS, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., Canada. It will soon be published at INDEKS Verlag (single copy 5.— dollars, 5 copies for 3.— and 10 for 2.— dollars each). Please, send your orders soon. May this report encourage all our colleagues to look into the CR developments in their countries and to report on them for the sake of a better awareness among all of us of their contributions to our field!

4. A Reminder: The Ranganathan Award

The Secretariat has not as yet received any nominations for the Ranganathan Award for 1982. Please, be reminded of the invitation for nominations as spelled out in Int. Classif. 81-1, p.35 and of the fact, that Jan.1, 1982 is the closing date. The awardee will receive the sum of hfl 500.— (some 200.— dollars). The award will be presented to your favoured colleague at the forthcoming 4th International Study Conference in Augsburg, June 28 — July 2, 1982.

5. Sarada Ranganathan Lectures

The Annual Lecture Series under this name will be given by our member Dr. Robert Fugmann, Hoechst AG on Dec.30 to Jan.2, 1982 under the title "The analytico-synthetic foundation of large indexing retrieval systems" at Valtair, India. The lecture series is to be published by the Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science and can be had at DRTC, 31 Church Street, Bangalore 560 001, India. Dr. Fugmann will also lecture at several other places in India in connection with this trip, notably in Delhi and Varanasi.

6. Further Activities in India

The 13th "Refresher Seminar" was to be held during 14—17 Oct.1981 at DRTC, Bangalore, the theme being: "New Developments in Library and Information Science in India: Bibliometrics, Subject Indexing Language, and Classification". It was announced that the presentations would primarily cover the results of research and developments carried out in India during the past ten years. The seminar was meant to be of interest to teachers of library and information science, practicing librarians and information scientists. The number of participants was restricted to 50. "Refresher Seminars" were started in 1969 within the frame of the DRTC Continuing Education Program.

7. USA: Activities of ASIS/SIG/CR

The planned preconference on "Compatibility of Retrieval Languages" foreseen at first to take place at Durango, CO, May 12—13, 1981 and then postponed to be held before the ASIS Washington Meeting could

not receive the necessary funding from the National Science Foundation and had to be cancelled for 1981. At the ASIS-Durango Midterm Conference, May 14–16, 1981 under the heading "Access to Information" the following papers of interest in our field were presented: D.Batty, Ch.Hitchins: Information system design based on user concept systems and user vocabulary. – N. Vleduts-Stokolov: On automatic support to indexing at BIOSIS. – D.Beetem: Semantics and subject headings. – L.J.Shedletsky: Sentence structure and accessing information. – R.Aluri, E.O Neill: Subject access to catalog records in large bibliographic data bases. – D.Batty: A classification-based information retrieval system for federal energy data. – E.Cremmings, M.Trachtman: Use of information science techniques by a philosopher at large.

At the Washington, DC ASIS Conference (Oct. 25–30, 1981) the following three sessions had been foreseen:

1. Classification Research Forum: Moderator C.D.Batty. The papers: B.Croft: Is classification necessary for retrieval? – T.Noreault, J.F. Dovidio: Knowledge as an explanation for classification. (Discusses the validity of a spatial representation of knowledge). – C.Schwartz: Automatic classification of retrieval sets in online database searching. (Discusses the effectiveness of automatic document clustering algorithms in retrieval). – C.D. Batty: Live begins at 40: The general acceptance of faceted classification principles as a basis for thesaurus construction. Commentator: Phyllis Richmond.

2. Information Organization in the Arts and Humanities. Session co-sponsored by SIG/CR and SIG/AH (Arts and Humanities). Moderator: Wolfgang Freitag, Speakers: E.Garcia: Interdisciplinary humanistic research and the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. – P.Molholt: The art and architecture thesaurus. – E.Mackesy: MLA (Modern Language Assoc.) Thesaurus. A work in progress.

3. Indexing for Information Resource Management. Session co-sponsored by SIG/CR and SIG/MGT (Management of Information Activities). Moderator: Irene Travis. Speakers: G.Salton: Automatic indexing of business correspondence. (Discusses various problems connected with the indexing and classification of business letters, including automatic recognition, choice of vocabulary, and clustering). – A.M.McDonough: Syntax analysis of data element names: a tool for controlling public use reporting systems. (Discusses experience in working with public and private organizations in developing and managing classifications). – I.Travis: Describing and indexing Federal Statistical Data Systems. (Discusses the role of classification theory and practice in developing sophisticated methods for data description).

8. UK: CRG Meeting 234

On June 25, 1981 the 234th meeting of the British Classification Research Group took place as usual at the Library Association, London with 7 members present. It was mentioned that the book of Jack Mills: "A Modern Outline of Library Classification" will soon be published in Japanese. Discussions were mainly concerned with placements of fields within the outline schedule for Class K – Social Sciences of the Bliss Classification which had been circulated with the minutes of the last meeting. Special consideration was given to Social psychology, Psychology and Sociology.

9..Fed.Rep. of Germany: Meeting of DGD/KTF

The 38th meeting of the Committee on Classification and Thesaurus Research of the German Documentation Society took place at the premises of Gruner+Jahr, Hamburg, Sept.18, 1981. Two papers were presented and discussed (both in German): G.Lustig: "Full text" as a documentation language – selected aspects. – H.G. Körner: Notational systems for documentary languages and classification systems. – Also, the Medium Term Programme activities of FID/CR were made known to the members present.

Current Research Projects

Production of a structured general thesaurus from the British Library RIN file.
Research worker: K. Bhattacharyya
Institution: British Library - Bibliographic Services Div., Bibl. Systems and Standards Office.
Duration: Since June 1977; continuing
A structured interdisciplinary thesaurus is aimed at based on terms held on a disk file collected from PRECIS indexing since 1974.
Source: RADIALS Bull.(1980)No.2

Classification system for community information.
Director: M.Sanderson
Institution: NACAB (Natl.Assoc.for Citizens Advice Bureaux
Duration: 1981-1982
Source: RADIALS Bull. (1980)No.2

Complete revision of Table 1c Auxiliaries of Language in the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) and parallel revision of its tables 802/809 Language
Research worker: Hans H.Wellisch
Sponsor: Intern.Federation for Documentation
Duration: 1980-1982
Aims of the project: (1) Elimination of groupings of languages inconsistent with modern linguistics; (2) listing of languages presently not represented; (3) elimination of excessive subdivisions; and (4) elimination of duplication through use of general auxiliaries.
Source: R&D Projects (FID/ISORID) (1981)No.3

Preliminary study for a thesaurus guide (Vorstudie zu einem Thesaurusführer)
Research workers: Dr.A.Gerstenkorn, Dr.M.Th. Rolland
Sponsor: Ges.f.Inform.u.Dokum., SfK und SfS
Duration: 1981
Elaboration of a methodology for a reference work in which thesauri are described according to their essential characteristics. Publication to appear in: Gesellschaft für Information und Dokumentation (GID): Aktuelle Beiträge und Berichte.

Classification systems, use and possibilities of further development for information and documentation centers in the Federal Republic of Germany
(Klassifikationssysteme, Nutzen und Möglichkeiten der Weiterentwicklung für Informations- und Dokumentationsstellcn in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland)
Research institution: Fa. PROGRIS GmbH
Sponsor: Ges.f.Inform.u.Dokum. (GID)
Duration: 1981-1982