

11th International ISKO Conference, Rome (Italy), February 23rd-26th, 2010

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The official call for papers is *open*.

Theme:

Paradigms and conceptual systems in knowledge organization

The arrangement of any information content using tools like bibliographic classification schemes, subject heading systems, thesauri, taxonomies and ontologies, is collectively studied today under the broader label of knowledge organization (KO). The International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) organizes its biennial international conference to gather scholars and practitioners across the world who are interested in sharing their perspectives and experience in this field.

The next international conference will be held in Rome on February 23rd to 26th, 2010, and will have as its theme "Paradigms and Conceptual Systems in Knowledge Organization". Recent research presented in KO journals and conferences has emphasized how knowledge organization systems (KOSs) are affected by the social, cultural, and philosophical contexts in which authors and communities produce and use them. As a consequence, a critical way of looking at all forms of KO has spread. Scholars have warned that paradigms hidden in KOS—meant as sets of basic assumptions on which knowledge fields are grounded at a given time and place—should be identified and discussed more explicitly.

Systems have to be developed and described with an increased awareness of their foundations, as well as their still unsolved questions. Critical awareness does not, in fact, eliminate the persisting need for KO. The time may be right to move forward from a critical stage towards a more constructive one, aimed at finding out which paradigms and conceptual systems can best suit the various purposes of contemporary KO.

Although many systems have been designed for the purposes of specific domains and communities, the new situation of interconnected global knowledge means that often we cannot anticipate which users will access our knowledge resources. This poses the question of how to deal with both global and local surroundings and needs, i.e. with a diversity of traditions and special viewpoints (e.g. cultural, disciplinary, or theoretical) within the framework of a global platform.

Papers are welcome on KO topics including:

- **Ontological foundations of KO**, i.e. ontological categories, levels of reality, principles for analyzing classes into their kinds and parts;
- **Epistemological foundations of KO**, i.e. psychological, cognitive, linguistic bases, normative or hermeneutical presuppositions incorporated in KOS on what is meant by knowledge;
- **Pragmatical foundations and requirements of KO**, i.e. viewpoint warrant, cultural warrant, domain analysis, interoperability between different perspectives, both global and local;
- **Solutions for management** of the interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity, and complexity of contemporary knowledge (as remarked in the Léon Manifesto);
- **Description and analysis of specific KOS** and their conceptual structures.

Instructions for Authors

Please provide by May 4th, 2009, a condensed version of your paper, consisting of 1000 to 1500 words in accurate English, saved as an RTF or TXT or DOC file. Remove authors' names from the text, using "Author" and year in the bibliography and footnotes, instead of authors' name, paper title, etc. In

order to submit it, go to the submission Web page: <http://www.iskoi.org/ocs/index.php/int/rome2010/about/submissions> and create an account, specifying that you are an Author. Then go back to the conference homepage (by clicking on “Paradigms and conceptual systems in KO”) and select “Proposal submission” under the picture or in the menu on the right. Fill the form and upload your paper according to the instructions.

(In case you experience any problem, contact the programme chair at gnoli@aib.it)

Papers will be reviewed by the scientific committee as for their originality and relevance to the conference theme and to knowledge organization in general. You will be able to follow the revision process online, and will be notified on acceptance by end of June.

Authors of accepted papers will be requested to submit a final version of a maximum of 7 pages (~3500 words), which will be published in the printed proceedings, in the “Advances in KO” series, by Ergon Verlag.

Failure to conform to the registration and submission deadlines and to template formats will lead to paper rejection from the proceedings and the program.

Organization

The 11th biennial International ISKO Conference is organized by the Italian Chapter of ISKO and hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy at the Sapienza University of Rome.

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Programme chair:

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Programme committee:

<http://www.iskoi.org/ocs/index.php/int/rome2010/about/organizingTeam>

Previous ISKO conferences took place in Darmstadt (1990), Madras (1992), Copenhagen (1994), Washington (1996), Lille (1998), Toronto (2000), Granada (2002), London (2004), Vienna (2006), and Montréal (2008).

Important Dates

Deadline for condensed paper submission:

May 4th, 2009

Notification about paper acceptance:

June, 2009

Deadline for full camera ready paper:

September 30th, 2009

Conference:

February 23rd-26th (to be confirmed soon), 2010

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