new usage situations. While focusing on knowledge organization in electronic media and other non-traditional contexts, the intent is integration with classical aspects. Topics might include, for example: How might knowledge organization aid life-long learning? What kind of information design and architecture (both knowledge organization and aesthetic) is needed to guide entertaining encounters with knowledge in leisure time? With more than 30 accepted contributions preliminarily grouped in sections on publication forms, visualization, understanding, concepts and knowledge, knowledge society, knowledge management, teaching and learning, and 'design' of knowledge, this conference promises to be a very attractive meeting.

The conference language is German, but some presentations will be held in English. Information about the conference and conference registration is available online at http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/2001info.htm

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Seminar on Content Organization in the New Millennium

The Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, Bangalore, organized a seminar on Content Organisation in the New Millennium. Fifty-five participants attended the seminar that was held June 2-4 2000 at the Institute of Information Studies in Bangalore, India. There were eight invited presentations on various aspects of content organization. Mr. N. V. SATHYANARAYANA, CEO of Informatics (India) Pvt. Ltd. in Banglore, delivered the keynote address. Prof. S. Parthasarathy, Formerly, INSDOC, New Delhi, presided.

The papers presented were:

T. B. RAJASHEKAR. Content Organisation for Internet –based Information Services.
L. J. HARAVU. Knowledge Management and Content Organisation
A. NEELAMEGHAN. Content Organisation as an Aid to Knowledge Discovery
I. K. RAVICHANDRA RAO. Quantitative Techniques for Content Analysis
S. R. URS, K. S. RAGHAVAN. Enhancing Retrieval Effectiveness: XML for customised DTDS.
B. A. SHARADA. Content Organisation in Kannada Databases
S. B.VISWAKUMAR. Content Organisation in Multimedia databases
M. A. GOPINATH. Training for Content Organisation

The Proceedings of the Seminar will be published in the near future. Copies may be ordered from: The Director, Institute of Information Studies, 702, 'Upstairs', 42nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Banglaore-560010. Phone: 3305109; E-mail:srels@vsnl.com

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8th International Conference on Conceptual Structures: Logical, Linguistic, and Computational Issues

The International Conference on Conceptual Structures (ICCS) is the principal research forum for the theory and practice of conceptual structures. ICCS 2000 was held in Darmstadt, Germany, and focussed on logical, linguistic, and computational aspects of conceptual structures.

The conference included 16 invited talks addressing eight topics: conceptual ontologies, logic and language, philosophical and linguistic issues, conceptual modeling, nested conceptual graphs, applications of conceptual graphs, computing conceptual structures, and logic-based networks. Invited talks on the same topic were presented in pairs and were followed by extensive dicussion. These invited talks were complemented by 43 technical papers and ten position papers. In addition, one session of the conference was devoted to the presentation of IT companies and a dozen implementations of conceptual structure tools and prototypes were presented in software demonstrations.

The extensive program of the eighth International Conference on Conceptual Structures shows the intention of the community to extend its scope to topics that are related to conceptual structures. Having begun as a conference on conceptual graphs, ICCS has expanded to include topics such as formal concept analysis, descripition logics and ontologies. This trend will continue at the ninth International Conference, which will be held from July 30 to August 3, 2001, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, immediately preceeding the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI '01) in Seattle, Washington. Information about ICCS 2001 "Conceptual Structures: Broadening the Base'' can be found at http://www.ksl.Stanford.EDU/iccs2001/.

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