

## KO 97/4

We would like to apologize for the late delivery of Knowledge Organization no. 4, 1997 to our members. We wanted to ensure that all members got the invitation to the 5th International ISKO Conference in Lille together with journal and in time for registration with low fees (before 10 June). Unfortunately, a general strike for three weeks in Denmark delayed our mailings to you.

## ISKO Discussion Lists - ISKO-L

There is "life" on the members' discussion list now! But we would certainly like to see more of it. When you have topics you want to share and discuss with other members, you simply send a mail to ● ISKO-L@mcfeeley.cc.utexas.edu

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## Jubilee Colloquy

## Rudolf Wille's 60th Birthday



On Friday, Nov. 7, 1997, the Mathematics Faculty of the Technical University of Darmstadt invited to celebrate with a number of excellent speeches the 60th birthday of Prof. Dr. Rudolf Wille, of whose many conferences on formal concept analysis we reported already several times in the ISKO News. He had also founded the Ernst-Schröder-Zentrum which organizes Lectures and Seminars on many aspects of conceptual knowledge. The picture shows Prof. Dr. K.-E. Wolff presenting to Prof. Wille on his left the photo album with the most important events docu-

mented since the Founding of the Ernst-Schröder-Zentrum.

The president of the TU Darmstadt, Prof. Dr. J.-D. Wörner opened the Colloquy and announced that from now on the lecture hall used for the meetings be called Ernst-Schröder-Hörsaal. After further greetings, Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ganter, TU Dresden, spoke on "Lohnen sich Begriffe" - (Are concepts a worthwhile thing?) and Prof. Dr. Knut Radbruch on "Der philosophische Wille zur Allgemeinen Mathematik" (The philosophical will for a general mathematics), somehow playing with R. Wille's name. To the expressed surprise of everybody, Rudolf Wille thanked by speaking and demonstrating with their sounds his rich collection of wind instruments, mostly flutes from all parts of the world. The remarkable thing here: he developed a classification of mathematics and related the different instruments to the different classes: algebra, geometry, analysis and numerics. In between the lectures a student choir honored Prof. Wille with two delightful songs. The first was entitled: "Der Hauptsatz über die Begriffsverbände", a freely-formed text by B. Ganter, composed for Acapella Choir by H. W. Heymann. For anybody interested to see the notes of the piece, write to I. Dahlberg, who happened to receive a copy. The next day continued with the 55th Meeting on General Algebra, a series of meetings which Prof. Wille had already founded in 1970.

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