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Multilingual UDC Summary – ten languages at the moment

The UDC Summary of around 2,000 classes has been online since October 2009 and can now be browsed in ten languages at http://www.udcc.org/udcsummary/php/index.php (English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Russian, Swedish, Croatian, Slovenian, Finnish). The UDC summary is fully aligned with the UDC MRF 2009 which is going to be released in the following months.This set is made available for free use under the Creative Commons Attribution Share Alike 3.0 license(CC-BY-SA).

The work is very much 'in progress'. We are adding language data and updates as we speak and changes will be visible on a daily basis. Captions in all languages appear first and then scope notes, application notes and example of combinations are added as updates progress.

The effort put into the UDC Summary is entirely voluntary including the programming support, the work of our language editors and translators for which we are most grateful.

Read more at the UDC blog <http://universaldecimalclassification.blogspot.com> or at the UDC Summary webpage. Contributions and feedback are invited.

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7th ISKO France Conference report

The theme of the conference was "Collective Intelligence and Knowledge Organization." The conference was organized jointly by the École Nationale Supérieure des Sciences de l'Information et des Bibliothèques (ENSSIB) and the Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 (Site Manufacture de Tabac). The conference held between June 24-26 2009 in Lyon attracted almost 150 participants and over 50 presentations.

There were two plenary sessions with invited speakers and eight parallel sessions plus three workshops. Much attention was dedicated to collaboratory practices (writing, working, sahring content in distributed environments) and to digital communities. Two invited speakers expanded on this topic: Serge Proulx on collective intelligence (homo donateur) and Luc Quoniam on "From Web 2.0 to Competitive Intelligence 2.0" ('digital natives' *vs*. 'digital immigrants') and the usability of this 'emancipatory' knowledge.

On the other side user statistics and concept-based procedures were discussed. The fact that there is still a large gap between ad-hoc and sustainable information processing became also clear by the fact that contents in Arabic are difficult to be semantically formalized.

Others topics discussed dealt with social processes in digital communities, meta specialized approaches (like Meta Wikis) and basic education in information science.

Fidelia Ibekwe SanJuan and Peter Ohly moderated a round table at the end of the three days where the different session leaders gave an account of what the presentations in their session focused on.

In the meeting of the French chapter during the conference Fidelia Ibekwe SanJuan was elected as new president and Sahbi Sidhom as treasurer. The next French ISKO conference will take place 2011 in Lille.

Peter Ohly

11th International ISKO Conference report

The 11th International ISKO conference took place end of February 2010 in Rome. It was a very interesting and well organized conference with many topics on the basics of knowledge organization. The organizers will give a more detailed report in the KO journal. Within the conference we had a re-constitution of the Scientific Advisory Council : the new chairman is now Birger Hjørland. The current members are listed on the page http://www.isko.org/people.html.

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On 25th February 2010 the General Assembly met within the conference frame. The reports of the president and the secretary were accepted. The new ISKO board (also called 'Presidency' or 'Executive Committee') is now as follows: Peter Ohly (president, till 2014), Maria Lopez-Huertas (Vice-president, till 2014), Claudio Gnoli (2. Vice-president, till 2014), Vivien Petras (Secretary general, till 2014), Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan (till 2012), KOTI Raghavan (till 2012), Marcia Zeng (till 2012), Birger Hjørland (member of the ISKO board ex officio).

The KO journal has already increased to about 80 pages per issue and will soon come out with 6 issues per year. From 2011 onwards the basic KO journal version will be the online one. Members can already in 2010 subscribe to the online version, see: http://www.ergon-verlag.de/isko_ko/ . Members who wish to receive the printed version from 2011 onwards will have to add an extra 10 EUR to their membership fees. Chapters are requested to communicate these changed conditions before October 2010 to their members.

The next international ISKO conference will be in August 2012 in Bangalore, India. Details will be announced soon. For better and up to date communication ISKO members are reminded to join the discussion list ISKO-L, see:
http://www.isko.org/contact.html .

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