

## Editorial

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The world of information and knowledge is changing rapidly, and in a similar way ISKO is in a transitional state. In this short Editorial, I would like to tell you about some of the changes ISKO is undergoing. The nature of organizational progress is that some changes occur quickly and others take longer to

come to fruition. Some can be simply changes in emphasis, and others can be changes in direction. At the moment the Executive Board and I are concentrating on relatively uncomplicated ways to consolidate ISKO's position as one of the most important international bodies concerned with knowledge organization, in all its variety. In this way we can build on the strengths and vitality of ISKO and all its members.

**Knowledge Organization:** It is with great regret that I announce that Prof. Fran Miksa of the Univ. of Texas at Austin has had to resign from the position of Editor-in-Chief of **Knowledge Organization** for personal reasons. I am equally happy, however, to be able to tell you that Prof. Hope Olson of the University of Alberta at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada has agreed to assume the position of Editor-in-Chief, starting in the summer of 2000. This delay will enable Prof. Olson to fulfil some of her academic and research obligations before taking on this further appointment. In the meantime, I will be filling the position of Acting Editor.

Prof. Olson has excellent credentials for assuming the Editorship of *Knowledge Organization*. She holds degrees from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, the University of Toronto, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An experienced professional librarian and educator, Prof. Olson is currently President of the Canadian Association for Information Science (CAIS). She has been active in

CAIS as a Board Member, as a Member of the Conference Program Committee and as a Conference Chair. As a long-term active member of ISKO, she has attended a number of the ISKO International Conferences and presented papers at each. She was a Member of the Program Committee for ISKO 5 at Lille, and is a Member of the Program Committee for ISKO 6 at Toronto in July 2000. She was Secretary of the General Membership meeting at Lille. I am sure that many of you have met and enjoyed talking with her at these conferences.



Prof. Olson will also be familiar to you from her many publications. Some of these are available in the Proceedings of ISKO International Conferences at Copenhagen, Washington, and Lille. One recent publication is "Mapping Beyond Dewey's Boundaries: Constructing Classificatory Space for Marginalized Knowledge Domains" (*Library Trends* 1998, 47(2): 233-254). Two papers are available on the Web: "Between Control and Chaos: An Ethical Perspective on Authority Control" (<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/man/authconf/holson.htm>) and "Qualitative 'Versus' Quantitative Research: The Wrong Question" (<http://www.ualberta.ca/dept/slis/cais/olson.htm>). More information than I can give here is available on Prof. Olson's own web site (<http://www.ualberta.ca/~holson/>). I am also pleased to announce that her article "Exclusivity, Teleology and Hierarchy: Our Aristotlean Legacy" will appear in a future issue of KO.

Please join me in welcoming Prof. Olson to KO. She and I will shortly be issuing a special Call for Papers for KO, but in the meantime we would like to remind you of the continuing Scope and Aims of the journal as published in this issue of KO.

**Executive Board:** At the meeting of the Executive Board in Amsterdam in April, 1999, some of the duties of the Board were formalized and responsibility for them has been delegated. The Secretariat of ISKO has been moved to Amsterdam with the kind support of University of Amsterdam. Gerhard Riesthuis (Gerhard.Riesthuis@hum.uva.nl) assumes the duties of Treasurer of ISKO and questions regarding membership can also be directed to him. The two Vice-Presidents are Nancy Williamson (william@fis.utoronto.ca) and Hanne Albrechtsen (hanne.albrechtsen@risoe.dk). Hanne Albrechtsen will be responsible for ISKO communications, and will oversee ISKO-L and the ISKO web site. Winfried Schmitz-Esser (Schmitz\_Esser@CSI.com), who is Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council, will also undertake to coordinate the ISKO Chapters and their activities. In addition, the Board found that it will be necessary to raise ISKO membership fees slightly for the coming year. Fees will be 55\$ US for individual members and 110\$ US for institutional members. These fees are considerably lower than the fees for similar organiza-

tions, and the Board believes it is important to avoid large increases in fees. At the same time, ISKO must establish financial stability in order to fulfil its mission.

**Festschrift in honour of Ingetraut Dahlberg and the 10<sup>th</sup> year of ISKO activity:** In October or November of this year ISKO will publish a Festschrift volume in honour of its founder, Ingetraut Dahlberg. The Festschrift, which has been edited by Winfried Schmitz-Esser, contains 27 expanded and updated articles from various ISKO publications and includes a bibliography of ISKO publications from ISKO's founding in 1989 to the present. The insert on how to obtain the Festschrift gives information on how to obtain a copy at the excellent pre-publication price.

**Next issue:** The next issue of KO will include a double Literature section edited by Gerhard Riesthuis and the Index to vol. 25.

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