

ISKO News

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Online Information Conference 2008 2-4 December Grand Hall, Olympia, London, UK

Clay Shirky, author of 'Here Comes Everybody', and respected authority on the social and economic effects of Internet technologies will open this year's conference with a keynote address that will examine 'Every piece of information is a latent community'.

In his keynote Clay will explore how one of the absolutes of information is that people don't just like to have it, they like to share it, discuss it and argue about it. In the digital world, we now have media that can both transmit information and coordinate people at the same time; one potent side-effect is that published information can call a topic-specific community into being, by linking together the people who gather around it.

Adrian Dale, Online Information Conference Chairman says, "We are delighted to have secured Clay Shirky as our keynote speaker this year. One of the most widely quoted internet commentators, Clay shakes the business world every time he speaks and writes – challenging accepted thinking on the social and economic impact of the internet and new media."

The sell out Online Information 2007 conference attracted over 900 delegates from 45 countries.

In 2008 the conference programme gets to the heart of industry issues with three strong tracks:

- Web 2.0 Breakthroughs, Consolidation and Pay-back
- The Challenges of Information and Organisation and Retrieval in a Semantic World
- Information Professionals – Surviving and Thriving in the New Age

For more information, or to view the conference programme in full, please visit:

www.online-information.co.uk/conference

ISKO UK Call for Papers

Content Architecture:

Exploiting and Managing Diverse Resources
London, 22-23 June 2009

Biennial Conference of the British Chapter
of the International Society for Knowledge
Organization (ISKO UK)

ISKO UK 2009 conference "Content Architecture: Exploiting and Managing Diverse Resources" will provide a rare opportunity for researchers, practitioners and innovators from all sectors to share ideas on the opportunities and challenges implicit in the digitization and networking of diverse information resources. The Conference will address issues in the organization and integration of text, images, data and voice -multimedia and multilingual. Over the past year ISKO UK (<http://www.iskouk.org/>) has attracted large and lively audiences of content and information architects, website developers, knowledge engineers, information managers and many others to its afternoon meeting series (<http://www.iskouk.org/events.htm>). The conference aims to extend this wide audience to ensure that all aspects of knowledge organization are represented.

Themes of the 2009 Conference include:

- semantic interoperability across networked resources
- metadata models and architecture
- retrieval of still and/or moving images
- audio retrieval
- user enhancement (via tagging, feedback, etc.) of content
- multilingual access to mixed resources
- integrated combinations of media and/or content types

Papers on the conference themes are invited from the academic and practitioner communities and may pre-

sent research, case studies or even success stories! Contributions may be full length (5-10,000 words) or brief (2-4,000 words). Proposals for posters may be submitted too. Full presentations will be allowed 40 minutes, including at least 5 minutes for questions, while brief presentations should occupy a total of 20 minutes. As well as being available online to coincide with the Conference, the Proceedings will be published afterwards in a leading peer-reviewed journal.

Submission: To read more about the conference and to submit your abstract, go to the conference website <http://www.iskouk.org/conf2009/index.htm>.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts: 1 December 2008

Notification of acceptance: 1 February 2009

Submission of full papers: 1 May 2009

Contact: conference2009@iskouk.org

About the Organizer: ISKO UK is a not-for-profit scientific/professional association with the objective of promoting research and communication in the domain of knowledge organization, within the broad field of information science and related disciplines. The conference organizing team is closely supported by leading thinkers and practitioners in the knowledge organization arena.

Report of the 11th German ISKO conference in Contance February 2008

The 11th conference of the German chapter of ISKO took place from 20 to 22 February 2008 in Constance. The conference was entitled Knowledge Organization 2008 – “Repositories of knowledge in digital spaces: Accessibility, sustainability, semantic interoperability” Wissensorganisation’2008 (Wissensspeicher in digitalen Räumen: Nachhaltigkeit, Verfügbarkeit, semantische Interoperabilität).

There were 33 papers presented and over 70 participants in attendance. The Discussion Panel session ‘Standardizing Heterogeneity’, moderated by Peter Ohly, took place on 21st February. The speakers were Winfried Schmitz-Esser (University of Innsbruck), Daniel Kless (University of Utrecht), Vivien

Petras (German Social Science Infrastructure Services, Information Centre Bonn) and Ulrich Reimer (Technical College, St. Gallen). On the last day of the conference there was an English speaking session with Thomas H. Baker (Göttingen), Aida Slavic (London), Claudio Gnoli (Pavia), and Markus Kattenbeck (Regensburg).

A selection of photographs from the Constance conference are available at <http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/WissOrg11Fotos/>. Abstracts of the talks will be made available at <http://www2.bsz-bw.de/cms/isko2008>. The Proceedings of the 11th German ISKO Conference are now in preparation and are planned to be published in 2008.

We are also pleased to announce that the newly elected members of the executive committee of the German ISKO are Joern Siegler Schmidt, Peter Ohly and Christian Swertz.

The next, 12th German ISKO conference with the theme “Knowledge—Science—Organization” will be held in Bonn at the end of 2009.

H. Peter Ohly