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Growing number of Web pages mentioning "Knowledge Organization"

Some time ago, Jaques MANIEZ (ISKO Chapter France) provided Ingetraut DAHLBERG with an impressive list of web pages mentioning "Knowledge Organization." The origins of this term can be traced back to Henry Evelyn Bliss, whose writings (*The Organization of Knowledge and the System of Sciences*, 1929; *Organization of Knowledge in Libraries and the Subject Approach to Books*, 1933, 2nd ed. 1939) also inspired the founders of ISKO. It is fortunate that "Knowledge Organization" has gained such wide usage since then, thanks, in part, to the joint work of ISKO members. Instead of maintaining a conventional list of web resources, Alexander SIGEL suggests setting up a XML Topic Map with core concepts and resources relevant to Knowledge Organization. Members interested in contributing to this valuable effort are invited to contact Alexander Sigel at sigel@bonn.iz-soz.de.

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Sponsors sought for ISKO Memberships in several countries

Beginning in 2001, the annual membership fee will rise to 60 USD (60 Euro) for individual members and to 120 USD (120 Euro) for institutions. For countries with a weak economy where members cannot afford membership, reduced annual membership fees are available upon request from ISKO's secretariat (isko@hum.uva.nl). The special reduced fee for individual members is 20% of the full fee, or 12 USD. As this is still a comparatively large sum in some countries, sponsors will be sought so that membership need not decline for purely economic reasons.

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ISKO-Spain announces Congress on Knowledge Representation and Organization: Methodologies, Models, and Applications

The Fifth Congress of ISKO-Spain will be held April 25-27, 2001, in Madrid, Spain. The conference will focus on the methodologies, models, and applications of systems of knowledge representation. It is hoped that the congress will provide a primary forum for the discussion of representational issues whose complexity demands interdisciplinary treatment.

In an era in which the development of technologies and the advance of science has opened up new pathways and possibilities, accessing new knowledge becomes increasingly more complex. Accordingly, the objective of the conference organizers is to gather together specialists representing diverse approaches and perspectives who can contribute to the eventual solution of the many problems that affect the organization and representation of knowledge. With this in mind, the following will serve as the principal topics of the conference:

- Theoretical approaches to knowledge representation and organization.
- Methodologies for knowledge representation and organization.
- Conceptual models of knowledge representation and organization.
- Semantic structures in knowledge representation and organization.
- Mathematical models of knowledge representation and organization.
- Artificial intelligence as a model of knowledge representation and organization.
- Knowledge classification systems: models and development.
- Techniques and methods for the evaluation of systems of knowledge representation and organization.
- Statistical and bibliometric approaches to knowledge representation and organization.
- The perspective of the end user in systems of knowledge representation and organization.

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- Knowledge organization and management on the Internet.
- The effects of globalization in knowledge representation and organization.
- Current trends in knowledge representation and organization research.

The Congress will consist of conferences, communications, and open tables. The languages of the Congress will be Spanish and English, with communications and motions to be offered in either of these languages.

Additional information about the Congress, including registration fees and accommodations, is available at: http://www.ugr.es/~isko

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Information Filtering and Automatic Summarization in Networks

The French ISKO Chapter will conduct its Third Conference in Paris, 5-6 July 2001, at the University of Paris X. The theme of the conference is: *Information Filtering and Automatic Summarization in Networks*. The conference will focus on scientific, technological, and industrial aspects of information filtering and automatic summarization in networks. The main objectives are to give an overview of current research activities and development efforts in the field of information science and technology, to analyze the impact of these technologies on cognitive processes and practices for information access and to identify how they may affect the organization of information systems. The interdisciplinary nature of the conference will highlight the various aspects of these systems in the context of knowledge management. The conference is open to both academic and industrial sectors.

Papers and panels addressing this theme are invited from any of the following perspectives:

- Design and development of operational systems.
- Innovative technologies (in particular, agent technologies).
- Use of speech processing and language engineering technologies.
- Multilingual aspects of information in networks.
- Collaboration in information processing.
- Analysis of user-acceptability.
- Ergonomics of information software systems.
- Evaluation and comparison of systems.
- Use of information systems for knowledge management and business intelligence.
- Analysis of the added value of information software systems.

For more information, please visit our Website: http://panini.u-paris10.fr/isko/

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Globalization and Knowledge Organization: New aspects for Knowledge, Science, and Information Systems

The 450-page proceedings of ISKO's German Chapter's Wissensorganisation 1999, the sixth biennial conference on Knowledge Organization held at Polytechnic Hamburg, 23-25 September 1999, are now available.

Ohly, H. Peter; Rahmstorf, Gerhard; Sigel, Alexander (Hrsg.): Globalisierung und Wissenorganisation: Neue Aspekte fuer Wissen, Wissenschaft und Informationssysteme. Wuerzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2000 (= Fortschritte in der Wissensorganisation; 6) (Proceedings der 6. Tagung der Deutschen Sektion der Internationalen Gesellschaft fuer Wissensorganisation (ISKO), Hamburg, 23.-25. September 1999), ISBN 3-933563-78-X, 89 DM.

This volume can be ordered from the publisher. In addition, a few copies are still available from the German ISKO Chapter. Although most of the contributions are in German, some are in English.

More information about the proceedings is available at http://www.isko.org/PUBLICATIONS/Hamburg99/globalisierung.html. In addition, information about the conference is available in *Knowledge Organization*, volume 26, no. 2 (1999) or online at http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/HHreport.htm.

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Knowledge Organization and Edutainment: Knowledge Society – Information Design – Entertainment Industry

ISKO's German Chapter will hold its seventh biennial conference on Knowledge Organization ("Wisssensorganisation 2001") at Humboldt University Berlin, 21-24 March 2001. Although the title is rather provocative, the basic idea is to take a fresh look at core knowledge organization issues from the viewpoint of new technologies, new social trends, and

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