

ISKO News 31

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Festschrift in celebration of ISKO's 10th anniversary

ISKO will be ten years on July 22, 1999. ISKO wants to celebrate this first round birthday by the publication of a festschrift in which the history of the society is presented together with a reprint of a collection of 10-12 key papers of the society.

Regarding the selection of key papers, we would like to invite the readers of KO to indicate at least one ISKO paper, which s/he finds outstanding and important within the field of knowledge organization.

Suggestions may include theoretical as well as applied studies within our field. The final decision on the acceptance of papers for the festschrift should be made by ISKO's Scientific Advisory Board. W. Schmitz-Esser, chairman of the Advisory Board, will submit the idea of the festschrift at a forthcoming meeting of the Board in Lille, 1998.

News from ISKO's Executive Board

The Executive Board met 24 April 1998 in Würzburg, Germany. Topics included:

5th International ISKO Conference in Lille; ISKO's web site; Ergon Verlag's publication activities; future conferences and ISKO's 10th anniversary (see above).

There has been a tremendous interest in ISKO's 5th International Conference in Lille. The conference chair (W. Mustafa-Elhadi) received 117 proposed papers. The preliminary program was distributed in KO 4/98.

P. Stancikova has established a web site for ISKO, which contains general information about ISKO, the addresses for ISKO members, an electronic form for signing up as ISKO member and news of current issues of Knowledge Organization and its bibliography. The web site has not been made public yet, but we will announce its launch in the journal - hopefully we will be able to launch it in Lille!

Ergon Verlag will publish the proceedings of the ISKO conference in Berlin in 1998.

The 6th International ISKO Conference will take place at the end of May in the year 2000 in Toronto, Canada. The conference will be organized by Nancy Williamson. The Executive Board recommends "Visualizing Knowledge Structures" as conference theme. This suggestion will be discussed at the Scientific Advisory Board Meeting in Lille. The Call for Papers will be published in early 1999.

ISKO General Assembly 1998

The 6th ISKO general assembly will take place on Thursday 27 August 1998, Lille, France, in connection with the 5th International ISKO Conference, from 6:30 p.m. All ISKO members are invited to attend.

The proposed agenda has the following topics:

1. Opening
2. Election of Assembly Chair and the Secretary
3. Acceptance of or additions to agenda
4. President's progress report
5. The report of the treasurer
6. Discussion of points 4-5
7. Election of Auditor and Deputy
8. Election for the Executive Board
9. Election for the Presidency
10. Proposals of the membership for further activities of ISKO
11. Proposals for topics, places and dates of the 6th and 7th international ISKO Conference in the years 2000 and 2002
12. Any other business

We are hoping that as many of our members as possible will be present at this meeting. Voting for the Executive Board and the Presidency is only every four years. We are looking forward to seeing you!