

Editorial

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This is the final issue of *Knowledge Organization* for 1999.

At its meeting in Amsterdam in April 1999, the Executive Board of ISKO decided that it would be appropriate to use this issue of KO to mark the end of the first decade of ISKO. The Board decided,

too, that the best way to celebrate ISKO's first ten years would be to publish a comprehensive bibliography of the contents of KO and the various other ISKO publications, primarily the proceedings of international and national conferences.

The resulting bibliography, compiled by Gerhard RIESTHUIS with the assistance of Winfried SCHMITZ-ESSER, is published here as an entire KO issue. The bibliography is more complete than the bibliographies that appear in each issue of KO, and its length and comprehensiveness emphasize ISKO's position as one of the most important, vital, and long-lived international bodies concerned with all the various fields within knowledge organization. This bibliography will provide the knowledge organization community with an extremely useful tool for research, and I myself welcome it for my own work. The scope of the bibliography appears in the Introduction to it, published in this issue of KO.

New Editor: This final issue of *Knowledge Organization* for 1999 is also the last issue for which I will be Editor-in-Chief. As announced in KO 26(1999) issue 1, Prof. Hope A. OLSON of the University of Alberta at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada will assume the position of Editor-in-Chief, starting with the first issue for 2000.

I want to use this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Prof. Olson as she takes on the Editorship of *Knowledge Organization*. Many of you know Prof. Olson and her work from her presence at ISKO conferences, in ISKO conference proceedings, and from her other publications. She is also a long-term active member of ISKO and has served as a member of the Programme Committee for a number of ISKO conferences. More information than I can

give here is available on Prof. Olson's own web site (<http://www.ualberta.ca/~holson/>). As you will remember, Prof. Olson's Guest Editorial (KO 26(1999)2), entitled „The Future of *Knowledge Organization*“, outlines her general plans for KO. I look forward to doing everything I can to help her complete her plans for KO. Please join me in welcoming Prof. Olson to the Editorship of KO. I am sure she will find the work as stimulating and interesting as I have.

Index to KO, 1999: The Index to the 1999 volume of KO will appear in the first issue for 2000.

