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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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