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Sixth International ISKO Conference

The 6th International ISKO Conference will be held at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada on July 10-13, 2000. The general theme of the Conference is Dynamism and Stability in Knowledge Organization, and paper proposals on specific themes are invited. The specific themes are: Cognitive and Linguistic Foundations; Theories of Knowledge and Knowledge Organization; Information Policies and Management of Knowledge Structures; Global Users and Uses of Knowledge and Knowledge Organization; and New Information Technologies for Knowledge Organization. The full Call for Papers appears in this issue of *Knowledge Organization*. Please address enquiries to isko@fis.utoronto.ca.

Sixth National German Workshop

The German Chapter of ISKO will host its 6th National Workshop, entitled Globalization and Knowledge Organization, on September 23-25, 1999. The Workshop, which contains a strong program of 50 papers, will take place at the Fachhochshule in Hamburg. More information and the full Workshop program for each day can be found at
http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/HHprog.htm
and a poster is also available at http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/HHplakatOH.ppt.
Please direct other enquiries to the convenor, H. Peter **Ohly**, at oh@bonn.iz-soz.de.

Second ISKO-France Conference

Indexing in the Age of the Internet will be held in Lyon on October 21-22, 1999. This interdisciplinary Conference is sponsored by ISKO-France, ENSSIB and ERSICO-Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, and specific topics include Metadata; Traditional Indexing and Classification Tools; Multimedia and Hypermedia Documents; Natural Language Processing; Indexing and Multilingual Information Retrieval; Indexing and Image Retrieval; Pattern Recognition Techniques; Theoretical and Formal Aspects of Indexing; Indexing and its Content; and Indexing and Users Studies. Papers will be in French or English. Further information is available by email from isko@enssib.fr or at http://enssibhp.enssib.fr/Enssib/actu/isko99.

Formation of Czech ISKO Chapter (ISKO-CZ)

A new ISKO Chapter in the Czech Republic is in the process of being formed. The Preparatory Board of ISKO-CZ met in Prague in June, 1999 to draft its mission and statues. The Chapter plans to convene at least one conference a year and possibly other meetings. More detailed information can be obtained from Josef **Schwarz**, Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University, email schwarz@ruk.cuni.cz.

IN MEMORIAM: Eric de GROLIER

Eric **de Grolier** passed away on February 21, 1998, at the age of 86, and his brilliant and deep insights will be sadly missed in our field. His research and publications on classification problems have covered most of this century, since he first published at twenty and carried on up to his last years. Summarizing his contribution to a better understanding of knowledge organization is a difficult task, in that he explored so many scientific domains (classification science itself, of course, but also linguistics, semantics, sociology, philosophy) and had such varied social activities (an advocate for popular reading, book seller, librarian, translator, terminologist, teacher, researcher, expert in classification schemes and in information management!). It seems that the hallmarks of this outstanding intellectual were an encyclopaedic curiosity and a powerful synthetic mind, the very qualities of his self-professed intellectual guide: Diderot, the philosopher of the Enlightenment.

As a researcher in the field of classification, he authored a number of publications, among which was the well-known 'Study of General Categories Applicable to Classification and Coding in Documentation' (1962). He was also recognized as a respected expert

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