

ISKO News

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ISKO-France, Chapter Report

The French Chapter gathered more than 80 participants to its bi-annual conference last year, April 2005. The theme of the Conference was: "Knowledge Organization and User-Oriented Strategic Watch Information Systems: Strategic Watch and Economic Intelligence Contexts". The conference was chaired par Prof. Amos David from the University of Nancy. The General Assembly was convened on this occasion and a new ISKO-France President was elected, Prof. Stéphane Chaudiron, University of Lille 3, a vice-President for communication and relations with International ISKO, Dr. Widad Mustafa El Hadi. A new Executive Board (EB) was elected: the new Secretary is Dr. Sahbi Sihdhom University of Nancy; Ms. Sylvie Dalbin, Assistance Techniques documentaires, Paris, is our new treasurer. Other members of the EB : Prof. Amos David, University of Nancy; Dr. Ismail Timimi, University of Lille 3, two members from the ENSSIB, that is the National School of Information and Library Science: Prof. Jean-Paul Metzger, the former ISKO-France President and Dr. Omar Larouk.

The French Chapter co-organized "*la semaine de la connaissance*" "Knowledge Week" on the 26th June to the 30th. The Knowledge Week was a gathering of all French societies dealing with Knowledge and KO issues. ISKO-France gathered about 46, almost half of the participants attended our specific ISKO-France Day, i.e. Monday the 26th. The invited Talk was given by a member of our Chapter, i.e. Prof. Viviane Couzinet, University of Toulouse. The Invited talk addressed at the opening session the whole Conference.

The 6th ISKO-France conference will be conducted in Toulouse on the 14-16 of June 2007: the theme of the conference is Knowledge Organization in the Information Society (*Organisation des connaissances et les sociétés du savoir*). This is a free translation to English since the French language has two labels for the concept of "Knowledge": 'connaissance' and 'Savoir'. The Conference and Programme Chair will be Prof.

Viviane Couzinet. The Chair of Organizing Committee will be Caroline Courbieres, University of Toulouse. The detailed Call for papers together with the Programme and Organizing Committees will be released shortly. – Widad ali Mustafa.

ISKO Activities in Poland

In May 2006, Prof. Wiesław Babik was elected ISKO Coordinator in Poland. ISKO has nine members in Poland. The majority of them are associated with the Institute of Information and Book Studies of the Warsaw University. In 1995, the Polish Chapter of ISKO organized an international seminar in Warsaw dedicated to the *Compatibility and Integration of Order Systems*. The seminar proceedings have been published. The new ISKO Coordinator in Poland intends to increase the activity of the current members in various fields of ISKO operations through:

- Promotion of ISKO in Polish scientific periodicals to enlarge membership;
- Development of the "ISKO in Poland" website (a page on the Institute's website) by students, with links to other educational institutions and professional societies;
- Organization of an international ISKO conference in Kraków in 2010;
- Promotion of the *Knowledge Organization*, with publication of articles by Polish scholars;
- Regular development of Polish literature on the Knowledge Organization by placement of publications in the "KO Literature" (Ed. by G. Riesthuis);
- Preparation of relevant information for the ISKO News;
- Collaboration between the Polish ISKO and the Polish Librarians' Association, the Polish Society of Scientific Information, the International Specialized Terminology Organization etc.;
- Development of an information center for information-terminology-knowledge organization and management, with a special collection of ISKO

books and periodicals (as a deposit of the Polish ISKO) at the Department of Information Management, Institute of Information and Library Sciences, Jagiellonian University, Kraków); and,

- Promotion of research activities in the theory and practice of terminology-information-knowledge organization and management.

In addition, the Polish ISKO plans to disseminate the ISKO ideas in the Polish journals dedicated to scientific information and library science, as well as to open a discussion list on the subject. Presently, the most important forum of mutual contacts between the members is the Internet, which allows to develop a specific virtual community. The community is bound by the distribution of irregular e-mails with the *ISKO in Poland News* on the activities conducted by the ISKO Coordinators in Poland. – Wiesław Babik.

German ISKO

The German ISKO held its 10th conference in Vienna from July 3rd to 5th 2006-just before the International ISKO Conference. Main themes were Compatibility and Heterogeneity, Ethics and Future of Knowledge Organization. The program contained some English lessons and a tutorial on Ontologies. The German proceedings (Fortschritte in der Wissensorganisation 10) will be published in 2007 by Ergon together with some remaining papers of the international conference. The next German conference will be held in November 2007 in Konstanz with a focus on sustainability. Jörn Sieglerschmidt will be the local organizer 2007 as well as the new German ISKO treasurer. – H. Peter OHLY

Extensions and Corrections to the UDC, 28 (2006)

The next issue of *Extensions and Corrections* (E&C), to be published by the end of 2006, will bring to the *UDC* community important revisions and additions to the schedule, notably an extensive revision of parts of the Area Table concerning some countries of east and southeast Asia and Africa, and the expansion of Class 2 for Islam, which provides a very rich structure and vocabulary for one of the main religions of the world, thus enhancing *UDC* in an important subject area of worldwide application. Through the contribution of VINITI's collaborators, it was also possible to advance revision work in the areas of Mathematics and Physics, also published in this vol-

ume. The ongoing work on a proposal for the revision of Class 61 Medicine continued to receive the expert attention of Professor Nancy Williamson, and this year a proposal for the digestive system is included in E&C. Finally, *An Extended Table of Common Auxiliaries (Except Place)*, compiled by G. Robinson, is presented as a special Annex. Although this is not part of the UDC Master Reference File, it is intended as an authoritative source of all that is currently valid in Tables 1a to 1d and 1f to 1k, and including details from older editions, at the 'full' level, that have never been cancelled. This comes in the same line as the Extended Place Table (Table 1e) published last year, together with Extensions and Corrections 27 (2005). Additionally this issue will feature a set of articles of interest to classification experts and users. Topics include: an exploration in mapping the *UDC* to *DDC*, interfaces to classification and *UDC* application in online catalogs and information on a new editorial support system being developed for *UDC*.

Information Access for the Global Community: an International Seminar on the *Universal Decimal Classification*--UDC Seminar 4 and 5 June 2007

A two day International Seminar will be held at the *UDC* Headquarters in The Hague, exploring latest developments and applications of the *Universal Decimal Classification*. There will be an international panel of speakers and presentations by members of the *UDC* Consortium. The goal of this Seminar is to bring together *UDC* publishers, information management practitioners and researchers from both the standards industry and institutions and projects. The Seminar will be a unique opportunity to share ideas, problems and solutions relating to the multifaceted aspects of *UDC* management and use. The themes to be addressed include: current situation and future prospects of *UDC*, its role in bibliographic control, innovative applications, publishers and their products, and training and research. The venue is the Koninklijke Bibliotheek/National Library of the Netherlands, Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5, Den Haag.

Registration fee (lunches & coffees included): 100 Euros (early registration, until the 1st of March), 125 Euros (after the 1st of March) and 50 Euros (student fee). **Provisional programme:** will be soon available at <http://www.udcc.org/>. **For further information** and early notification of interest, please contact udc@kb.nl.

From the ISKO Secretariat

Modalities for ISKO members, according to confirmations on the General Assembly 2006 in Vienna:

- Personal membership fee per year is €60;
- Institutional membership fee per year is double the individual one;
- Delivery of the journal is guaranteed only within the term of the membership (not for decisive volumes);

- Membership ends by withdrawal from the society, which must be announced to the Presidency or the General Secretariat in writing no later than October 1st of the preceeding year.

Chapter members have to ask their Chapter representative how to proceed with the membership fees. – H. Peter OHLY, IZ Sozialwissenschaften, Lennestrasse 30, 53113 Bonn, Germany. Tel.: +49-228-2281-142; Fax.: +49-228-2281-4142; Email: oh@iz-soz.de.