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SCCAC Announces New Book Series

The Society for Conceptual and Content Analysis by Computer finally succeeded in publishing the papers of its 12 meetings in its 10 years of existence in a book series of its own entitled: *Concepts - Content - Meaning* published by Intellect Books, Oxford, U.K. The title of the first volume, which is now in production is *From Information to Knowledge*. The series is edited by Ephraim Nissan and Klaus M.Schmidt with Sally andWalter Sedelow being the editorial advisors. The SCCAC Newsletter No.6, 1993, lists the 20 articles and their authors of this first volume and includes also those abstracts not as yet previously published. The contents of the volume has been arranged in four parts: General Text Analysis, Content Analysis, From Data to Meaning, The Struggle for Acceptance. The volumes can be ordered from Cromland Inc., 2200 Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18103 in US and Canada and in Europe from Intellect Books, 108-110 London Road, OxfordOX3 9AW, England at the price of US\$ 37.50 or L 24.95.

Tentative titles and contributions of volumes 2-4 are also listed in Newsletter 6: (2) *Struggling with Principles: from Concepts to Knowledge Organization*; (3) *Where to find what you are searching: Conceptual Representation and Knowledge Retrieval*; (4) *Principles Upstream: Computation and Epistemology. From General Cognition to Language* (Maria Nowakowska Memorial Volume).

The membership of SCCAC considerably increased in recent years now amounting to some 300 members from altogether 19 countries. For further information write to Dr. Klaus Schmidt, Department of GREAL, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403, USA or to the European Representative Dr. Peter Ph. Mohler, ZUMA e.V., B2,1. D-68072 Mannheim.

Contextual Methods in Classification

This was the topic of the British Classification Society's one-afternoon meeting on Oct. 20, 1993 at DRA, Malvern, Worcestershire. Four papers were to be presented and discussed, on speech recognition, on the use of context in the determination of optic flow, on the classification of human chromosomes, and on hierarchical relaxation. Further information can be had from: Dr.Richard Glendinning, DRA, St.Andrews Road, Malvern, WR14 3PS, England.

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The provisional programme for this 17th International Online Meeting to take place at Olympia 2, London, on 7-9 Dec.1993 lists 25 sessions among which the following 3 of probable interest here:
(1) on Dec.7, 11.10-12.40: CZEMPIEL, W. (Schering AG) and SCHROEDER, M. (Tembit Software GmbH): PHAZID - An integrated document retrieval system for inquiry support within Schering AG (Germany). - POLLITT, A.St., ELLIS, G.P., SMITH,

M.P., GREGORY, M.R., LI, Chun Sheng (Univ. of Huddersfield): A common query interface for multilingual document retrieval from databases of the European Community institutions. - DIJKSTRA, J.M.M. (Tilburg Univ., NL), NGU, A.H.H. (Univ. of new South Wales, Australia): Ariadne: A standards compliant and integrated electronic document delivery system.
(2) on Dec.7, 14.50-16.20: GREEN, E.-L. (Swedish Television) and KLASEN, L. (InfoData DAFA AB, Sweden): Indexing and information retrieval of moving images - Experiences from a large television information database. - GILES-PETERS, A. (La Trobe University, Australia): Experiments in the mechanical construction of cross-database thesauri. - LINDLEY, D., McDONALD, C., Tsang, P. (Charles Sturt University, Australia): Classifying newswire databases using hierarchical cluster analysis.
(3) on Dec. 8, 11.10-1240: PEJTERSEN, A.M. (Risoe National Lab., Denmark): New model for multimedia interfaces to Online Public Access Catalogues. - ASHMAN, H. (Defense Science and Technol.Org. (DSTO), Australia) and VERBYLA, J. (Flinders Univ.of South Australia): Externalizing hypermedia structures with the functional model of the link. - HANANI, U. (Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem): Looking for unstructured links in computerized medical records application of hypertext vs. the keying approach. - FORRESTER, M. A. (Univ. of Kent, UK): Hypermedia and indexing: Identifying appropriate models from user studies.

During the 3 days of the conference almost 100 socalled "Product Reviews" of 15 Min. each have also been announced, next to the Exhibition of some 170 companies and institutions. Registration of a full delegate is L 493.50 (if payment after 5 Nov. 93). There is also a series of free one hour lectures for librarians organized by Jan van HALM with speakers from international associations, such as FID, IFLA and the ASIS and SLA European Chapters. The program can be ordered from Learned Information (Europe) Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford, OXI 5AU, UK.

From Data to Knowledge

The German Society for Classification will hold its 18th Annual Conference from 9-11 March 1994 at the University of Oldenburg. A Call for Papers requests proposals until Dec. 1, 1993 to some 20 subtopics given. For further information turn to Prof. Dr. D. Pfeifer, FB Mathematik, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Postfach 2503, D-26015 Oldenburg.

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A Call for Papers has been distributed in August 1993 by the organizers ADBS (L'Association des Professionnels de l'Information et de la Documentation), ANRT (L'Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique) and GF (Le Groupement Francais de l'Industrie de l'Information) for this 11th Conference to take place from May 31 - June 2, 1994 at Paris. Conference languages are French and English. The Call gives 7 topics: *Management of information - Information pricing principles - Consumerism and quality - Multimedia and image - Technologies - Networks - Information professionals*, each with a short description. For further information write to: ANRT - IDT 94, 101, Ave. Raymond Poincaré, F-75116 Paris-Cedex.