ISKO News 13

3rd International ISKO Conference
Call for Papers

There will be two Calls for our 3rd International ISKO Conference to take place at the Royal Library School in Copenhagen, June 21-24, 1994: one for journals and one in brochure form. You will find the first kind on the back cover of this issue. Please feel motivated to respond to it immediately. The brochure form will be sent to every ISKO member and other individuals and institutions soon. If you, reading this, have not received one, please turn to: Ms. Hanne ALBRECHTSEN, Royal School of Librarianship, 6 Birketinget, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark.

Who's Who in Knowledge Organization

All ISKO members must have received by now the questionnaire for our new Who's Who. We would be pleased if those of you who have not done so, return it to ISKO's General Secretariat (Woogstr. 36a, D.-60431 Frankfurt) as soon as possible, the deadline for inclusion will be Sept. 30, 1993. We took the liberty to explain this project in the Editorial of this issue and added the questionnaire on its reverse page. It may be copied and sent to colleagues who will qualify but are no ISKO members as yet.

Bylaws Concerning Regional ISKO Chapters

The Executive Board at its meeting on April 3, 1993 finalized the Bylaws for Regional Chapters. You will find them printed at the end of ISKO News 13.

The Russian Regional ISKO Conference

It was a success indeed, the really excellently organized Russian ISKO Conference in Moscow, May 10-13, 1993. Dr. Eduard SUKIASYAN not only presented a most interesting program of some 43 papers but took care also that it was put into a very convenient and nice frame and atmosphere at the Russian State Library, the former Lenin Library. He provided, for instance, a rather unique exhibition of books depicting the history of classification and especially also Russian classification science. He took care that computer equipment was available for demonstrations of software and systems, he had also called upon the International Bureau for Information and Telecommunication (MBIT) to exhibit and inform about their efforts, especially the presentation of the Catalogue on Russian Information Resources, which is now available as issue 1 of 1993 (for more on this see p.90). Coffee and tea and bread and cheese and sweets were offered free of charge in between - we heard, nobody needs to suffer from hunger any longer in Russia! And - next to other kind treats, as e.g. a personal translator for the foreigners, an invitation to the Prokofiev Ballett Romeo and Julia, a tour through the State Library, - there was a fine reception by its Director, Dr. I.S. Filippov in his beautiful office.

Concerning the papers it was offered to include 1-page summaries of each paper in issue 1993-4 of KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION, as done previously with the papers of the Bulgarian KOTA Conference in issue 92-2 of INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION. The very best papers will be selected and included in the next, the fourth, volume of our series ADVANCES IN KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION.

In the following the program is given in English. Most of the papers were presented in Russian. English abstracts of most of the papers were available. A few authors could not be present, an * marks this fact.

E. SUKIASYAN: Opening and Introduction. - I. DAHLBERG: Knowledge Organization: its scope and possibilities. - A.V. SOKOLOV: Public knowledge as mosaic of competing and cooperating systems. - A.A. KRUSHANOV: The development of the modern world picture and the problem of knowledge structuring. - V.M. BARANOV: Library systematology. - V.M. EFREMENKOVA, E.V. GAMSAKHURDIA: Information tools to support searching in the field of automation and telemechanics. - V.A. TSVETKOVA: An approach to the development of an information product to be launched on an external market. - V.N. CHEREDNICHENKO: A subject domain information model based on hypertext technology. - M.Y. DVORKINA: The library environment as a form of knowledge organization. - Yu.P. MELENT'EVA: The librarian as a knowledge organizer. - N.M. SHINDRYAEVA: Knowledge organization as a problem of bibliographic tool structure. - I.E. GENDLINA: Computer production of alphabetic subject indexes to classification systems. - V.V. GORSHKOV, V.M. LEYCHIK: The problem of compilation and implementation of a new type of terminological dictionary. - E.R. SUKIASYAN: Knowledge organization in Russia: problem-oriented and historical aspects. - H. LÖCKENHOFF: Systems modelling for classification: The quest for selforganization. - V.I. FEDOSIMOV, V.N. BELOOZEROV: Establishing an information service for subject and indexing languages. - I.A. BOLOSHIN, M.E. GERTSENSHTEIN: Information physics: hopes and weak points. - J. MODIN*: Conceptual models for communicating knowledge in the building industry. - S.A. ROZHKOV*: The organizational structure of science in Bulgaria: present status and prospects. - N. MATVEEV: Knowledge organization and science institutionalization problems. - ZH. RUSEVA*: Information monitoring of Bulgaria's national policy for higher education. - A.B. ANTOPOL'SKIJ: Organizing Russia's national information resources for effective use. - I.R. ASHURBEJLI, I.A. ANDREEVA: The commercial database market in Russia today. - A.D. BAKULOV: Organization of philosophical knowledge as part of the informatisation of liberal education. - M.P. DANILOV: Ordering historical knowledge. - V.B. SMIRENSKY: The strength of ignorance. - V.N. BELOOZEROV, I.E. GENDLINA: The space and time aspects in scientific and technical information classifica-

tion systems. - V.M. EFREMENKOVA, N.M. MILOVIDOV: The data structure of the VINITI "Computer Networks" information file. - A.A. BELYAKOV: Analysis of structured information in integrating heterogeneous databases. - S.V. GRINEV: Terminological modelling of knowledge organization. - V.N. BELOOZEROV: The linguistic unit taxonomy as a data organization problem in the language mechanism. - O.A. LAVRENOVA: Knowledge organization levels for computerized information systems. - L.V. LOBOVA, V.N. BELOOZEROV: A Russian language UDC reference database. - V.M. TYUTYUNNIK: Data and knowledge organization in the MINT's information system. - V.P. ZAKHAROV: Development of an intelligent knowledge base on preventive conservation of library materials at the Academy of Sciences Library. - A.I. CHERNYI*: Knowledge organization: the human factors. - R.S. GILYAREVSKIJ*: Knowledge organization for retrieval: from the library catalogue to the knowledge-based system. - J.ZELGER* (paper presented by H. Löckenhoff): A dialogic networking approach to knowledge ordering. - T.S. GOLTVINSKAYA: Structural modifications of the Library-Bibliographical Classification in connection with the development of an electronic catalogue. - M.S. MIRIMANOVA: The thesaurus as a model of the relationship between research subject matter, researcher and research user. - A.I. KAPTEREV: Professional environment as information analysis object. - V.B. KOZACHUK: A commodity classification system. - Yu.P. KOSARSKAYA: Trends in the development of techniques of representation of quantitative characteristics of products and materials. - V.M. EFREMENKOVA, L.V. ORLOV: Key concepts in the development of problem-oriented databases in education.

In his concluding remarks Dr. Sukiasyan stressed that the Russian ISKO Chapter will soon be formally instituted and that the planning for the next regional conference in two years' time - somewhere else in Russia - should start now (he has had only seven months time - the more astonishing the results!). He even mentioned already a possible topic for it.

Please, turn to him for any further information: Dr. E. Sukiasyan, Russian State Library, Ul. Vozdvizhenka, 3, 101000 Moskva, Russia.

Ranganathan Jubilee Meeting in China

On Nov.6, 1992, a Ranganathan Jubilee Meeting was held at the Library of Hubei Province in Wuhan. More than 70 documentalists and librarians attended the meeting, which was chaired by Professor Liu XIANGSHENG, Editor of the journal CHINESE LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION. Professor Bao ZEHNXI, Vice-Director of the Library Department of the Ministry of Culture was present. Several papers reported on Ranganathan's life and thought. Participants discussed also the effects of Ranganathan's classification thought on Chinese library classification and subject indexing.   Hou Hanqing

3rd Biannual Conference, German ISKO Chapter, Weilburg, Oct.26-29, 1993

As already announced in ISKO News 11 and 12, this conference, entitled "System-Oriented, Cognitive and Model-Related Aspects of Knowledge Organization" will take place in the beautiful historic city of Weilburg (as already 1991) with two workshops preceding it on the 25th. The program has been finalized and is available from Prof.Dr.N.Meder, Universität Bielefeld, Pädagogische Fakultät/AG9, PF 8640, D-4800 Bielefeld or from the ISKO General Secretariat, Woogstr.36a, D-60431 Frankfurt. The German addressees of this journal will find the program added to this issue.

Organization of Knowledge:
Position Opening in Philadelphia, PA

This is for the first time that we found a position description in the field of Knowledge Organization. SIG/CR News 1992 No.4 contained it with the following wording: "Drexel University College of Information Studies seeks applicants for a full-time tenure-track position in the broad area of the organization of knowledge. It is anticipated that the position will be filled at the assistant or associate level by a person with an appropriate earned or nearly earned PhD. The candidate will have responsibility for teaching, research and development in some combination of the following areas:
- Classification theory and knowledge representation
- Subject access systems design
- Organization of information for access and retrieval
- Bibliographic cataloging and classification
- Cognitive aspects of information-seeking behavior
- Text analysis for information retrieval
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We consider this description very adequate to our own understanding of knowledge organization. We would be pleased to hear about similar position descriptions at other places in our world. Please, send any info in this regard to the editor of ISKO News at the address of this journal.

The K.O. Antiquary
A Marketplace for Second Hand Books in Knowledge Organization

We would like to ask for your attention concerning a new opportunity for ISKO members and others interested in valuable but sold-out books and journals in our field: The INDEKS Verlag begins a new feature in this issue of KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION. You will find on the inside back cover page a list of those publications which were received for selling at much reduced prices. Please have a look and - if possible - make it known and let us have your opinion on this feature.

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GENERAL BYLAWS FOR REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Preliminary Remark: These general bylaws shall apply to Regional Chapters of ISKO. Any Regional Chapter can adopt special regulations within this framework.

1. What is a Regional Chapter?

A Regional Chapter consists of the group of ISKO members living in a well-defined geographical region.

2. Purpose of a Regional Chapter

A Regional Chapter has the purpose of promoting the interests of ISKO as well as its program in a specific region and of enabling the members to cooperate more directly and intensively within that region.

3. Formation of Regional Chapters

In a region where there is no Chapter yet a Regional Chapter can be formed when at least 10 members domiciling in that region submit to the ISKO Executive Board a written pertinent request signed by these members concerned and accompanied by a draft statute for this Regional Chapter. If the request and the draft statute are accepted by the Executive Board, the Regional Chapter will be recognized. Its borders will be laid down by the Executive Board in agreement with the applicants.

A revision of the borders of an existing Regional Chapter (subdivision of the territory, or fusion) must likewise be requested from the Executive Board. Such request shall first be approved by the membership conference(s) of the region(s) concerned. The Executive Board shall be charged with a mediating task in the case of a conflict.

4. Name of a Regional Chapter

A recognized Regional Chapter derives its name from the geographic region, e.g. "Danish ISKO Chapter".

5. Membership

No one can become a member of a Regional Chapter without first having become an ISKO member. Membership in a Regional Chapter without a simultaneous ISKO membership is therefore not possible. Membership in a Regional Chapter ends when the member departs from the given region. Multiple membership in several Regional Chapters is not possible.

6. Organization

A Regional Chapter shall have a chairperson and a deputy chairperson. These officers shall preferably be elected for at least 2 years.

Within his region the chairperson shall be responsible for the following:

(a) for attending to ISKO's interest
(b) for ISKO-promoted events
(c) for the formation of work groups within a Regional Chapter (see also the rules on bodies and committees)
(d) for correct accounting on and within his Regional Chapter, the collection of membership fees and for their transfer to the general secretariat (see also 7),
(e) for the biennual reporting (at the occasion of the membership assembly) on events staged, work performed, and finances handled.

Should the laws of any country require a national chapter of an international scientific organization to be officially registered, the chairperson shall be required to take the necessary steps for such official registration.

7. Financial needs of Regional Chapters

A Regional Chapter composed of members paying the full membership fee is entitled to 20% of its collected revenues. The chairperson of the Chapter shall be free to either have the membership fees collected in the region and to remit punctually no later than by the 28th of February of any year 80% of this income to the General Secretariat, or to let the members continue to pay their fees directly to the Secretariat. In the latter case 20% of the revenue from this Chapter will be returned to it by the 15th of April of the same year.

Supplementary to this share in the general membership dues, a Regional Chapter may levy dues of its own, provided the members of the given Regional Chapter agree both with this measure as such and with the amount of the supplementary dues to be paid.

8. Chapter Libraries

Each Regional Chapter will receive after establishment a complete set of the publications in the English language issued by ISKO. In addition the INDEKS Verlag is ready to donate to each chapter from its stocks one copy of relevant books in order that a Regional Chapter may build up for its members a library of its own.

9. Dissolution of a Regional Chapter

A Regional Chapter will be dissolved when the initial conditions are no longer fulfilled (e.g. through a decreasing number of members) or because of other reasons, which must be discussed with the Executive Board.

After payment of all debts, any financial means and publications remaining should be made available to ISKO's General Secretariat.

10. Publications

Publications of a Regional Chapter shall be subject to the same rules as laid down in the General Bylaws for ISKO Bodies and Committees.

Frankfurt, April 3, 1993   ISKO Executive Board