Again: **Instead of** an Editorial

Who's Who in Classification **and** Indexing?

As many of our colleagues already know the question of who belongs to the great (?) world of classification and indexing is currently a project of the Classification Research Committee of the International Federation for Documentation (FID/CR). The "investigation" is carried out in form of a short questionnaire being circulated (1) to the FID/CR members and through them to their national groups, (2) to any other national classification and indexing group and (3) to any individual who cannot be reached via these organizations, maybe because such a grouping does not exist in his country.

The results of the data collection will soon be incorporated in a directory. Although arranged in alphabetical order of the names of individuals the directory will inform through its indexes on who are the members of the classification community by country, by subject field and perhaps by other aspects too. We might thus also get a list of all the teachers in classification and indexing in different countries.

The success of this Who's Who depends, however, on the active collaboration of all colleagues involved. So far only a very few countries have started to answer the questionnaire, while most countries, especially the bigger ones have not yet started to do so.

It should be understood that, although this happens to be a project of FID/CR, this directory should include everybody working and interested in these fields of classification and indexing to the extent that he or she is contributing to the field, be it in the East or the West, in the North or the South, be it in information or library science, in numerical taxonomy, in philosophy, in economics, in administration or elsewhere.

This journal is mostly subscribed to by libraries. We do not know the colleagues having access to this journal via their libraries and who would need the questionnaire. They, as well as the very few individuals subscribing to this journal are herewith directly and cordially invited to respond to this questionnaire. All those who have not as yet received it, could of course get it by writing to the FID/Secretariat at Woogstr. 36a, D-6000 Frankfurt-50. But we might as well list its questions in the following; anybody could then just take the questions from here and send the answers to the address of the FID/Secretariat mentioned above:

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11 (Last) name:
12 First name:
21 Born when:
22 Born where:
23 Sex:
31 Academic/professional qualification:
41 Institutional affiliation:
42 Position:
43 Address of institution:
44 Telephone of institution:
51 Private address:
52 Private telephone:
61 Experience in classification (theoretical, design of schemes, application):
71 Subject specialty (e.g. chemistry, philosophy, library science):
81 Monographs (books etc.) published in classification and indexing:
89 Number of articles published in classification and indexing: (only total number and citation of the 4 most important ones)
91 Other information of general interest (e.g. memberships)

Imagine only what it would mean if really everybody in our field from every country could be included. We would really be able to get a survey of our community in this world! We would also be able to draw some conclusions on the statistics that would evolve, namely learning about the distribution of colleagues by country, by age, by sex, by subject specialty, by activities, etc.

And all of this might have some impact on classification-political activities, especially with regard to education and training in our field and regarding the support for the distribution of its knowledge.

It is therefore of vital importance that everybody who feels by his interest and activities to belong to this group of classification and indexing people that he or she contribute his share in order that this directory will become the aid and instrument which we all need
– to get to know each other and
– to see who we are in this world.
This means not only to think of oneself and how best to enter own's own data but also to consider who else in any one's country should be asked, what could one do to see that also one's country is represented in this book in the best possible way.

The date for submitting the questionnaires had been set for Oct.1, 1981. But this was perhaps not realistic. Thus we extend the deadline to Jan.31, 1982 and hope for your sincere and kind cooperation.

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