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Reprint of an article which appeared in Rev.Int.Doc. 32(1965)No.4, p.136-144, also reprinted in the FID/CR Report No.4 and the author's book *Towards a Theory for UDC*. London: C.Bingley 1969. p.119-148, including the author's "emendations". Based on the works of Aristotle, Ramon Lull, I.Kant, and the experiences with relationships published in the works of S.R.Ranganathan, E.de Grolier, J.Mills, J.C.Costello, E.Wall, R.Pagès, A.Leroy, P.Braffort, M.Kervégant, J.C.Gardin and J.Farradane, categories and relationships were collected, analyzed, grouped and classified in a triadic way so that a scheme resulted by which 120 relationships could be defined and identified by their positions and their codes. The exercise was meant to create and supply a tool for the replacement of the non-significant relation symbol, the colon, in the UDC by a letter code which could express the actual relationship contained in a classificatory statement. Examples for their application illustrate different cases occurring. (KO)

Guenther, R.S.: **The Library of Congress Classification in the USMARC Format**

Knowl.Org. 21(1994)No.4, p.199-202, 9 refs.

The paper reviews the development of the USMARC Format for Classification Data, a standard for communication of classification data in machine-readable form. It considers the uses for online classification schedules, both for technical services and reference functions and gives an overview of the format specification details of data elements used and of the structure of the records. The paper describes an experiment conducted at the Library of Congress to test the format as well as the development of the classification database encompassing the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) schedules. Features of the classification system are given. The Library of Congress will complete its conversion of the LCC in mid-1995. (Author)

Scibor, E., Tomasik-Beck, J.: **On the Establishment of concordances between indexing languages having a universal or interdisciplinary scope** (Polish experience)

Knowl.Org. 21(1994)No.4, p.203-212, 10 refs.

Reports on investigations conducted at the Institute for Scientific, Technical and Economic Information (ISTEI) in Warsaw (Poland) in 1992-1993. These investigations aimed at a comparative analysis of four indexing languages (ILs) developed and/or used in Poland and at the establishment of concordances between them. These were the following ILs: Polish Thematic Classification (PTC) descriptor language based on the Thesaurus of Common Topics (TCT), Universal Decimal Classification (UDC), Subject-Heading Language of the National Library in Warsaw (SHL). When establishing concordances the PTC was chosen as the master language whereas the three other ILs

served as target languages. The research in question comprised:

a) pilot investigations; b) main investigations consisting in the elaboration of the Concordance Dictionary of Indexing Languages (CDIL). The pilot investigations comprised three approaches: a) use of a random sample of 144 PTC headings to which the equivalent lexical units of the target ILs were assigned; b) generation of alphabetical comparison matrices (M1) enumerating the lexical units of the ILs under investigation belonging to four selected subject-fields; c) establishment of concordance tables between the PTC and the three target ILs within the same four subject-fields. The elaboration of the CDIL consisted in the assignment of the (more or less) equivalent lexical units of the three target ILs to all 1330 headings comprised in the PTC main table. The coincidence rate of the ILs under comparison was computed in the framework of the pilot investigations as well as when analysing the results of the elaboration of the CDIL. The computed coincidence rate was very low when only the full (exact) equivalence of the lexical units belonging to the ILs under investigation was taken into consideration but it considerably increased when also the partial equivalence was taken into account. (Authors)

Endres-Niggemeyer, B.: **Summarising text for intelligent communication**. Results of the Dagstuhl Seminar.

Knowl.Org. 21(1994)No.4, p.213-223

As a result of the transition to full-text storage, multimedia and networking, information systems are becoming more efficient but at the same time more difficult to use, in particular because users are confronted with information volumes that increasingly exceed individual processing capacities. Consequently, there is an increase in the demand for user aids such as summarising techniques. Against this background, the interdisciplinary Dagstuhl Seminar *Summarising Text for Intelligent Communication*, (Dec.1993) outlined the academic state of the art with regard to summarising (abstracting) and proposed future directions for research and system development. Research is currently shifting its attention from text summarising to summarising states of affairs. Recycling solutions are put forward in order to satisfy short-term needs for summarisation products. In the medium and long term, it is necessary to devise concepts and methods of intelligent summarising which have a better formal and empirical grounding and a more modular organisation. (Author)

Nohr, H.: **Technology Assessment - a challenge to knowledge organization**.

Knowl.Org. 21(1994)No.4, p.224-226, 14 refs.

The increasing technicalization of knowledge calls for a school of thought in technology assessment which occupies itself with the cognitive foundations of knowledge technology and the consequences and effects of the technicalization of knowledge. The present contribution hopes to stimulate ISKO into taking an interest in this problem field. (Author)

Scope

The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance. For many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over. Until recently, the special literature relevant to classification was published in piecemeal fashion, scattered over the numerous technical journals serving the experts of the various fields, such as

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- (1) clarifying the theoretical foundations (general ordering theory, science theoretical bases of classification, data analysis and reduction)
- (2) describing practical operations connected with numerical taxonomy/classification, as well as applications of classification systems and thesauri, manual and machine indexing
- (3) tracing the history of classification knowledge and methodology
- (4) discussing questions of education and training in classification
- (5) concerning themselves with the problems of terminology in general and with respect to special fields.

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