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Meet the New Editors

As Ingetraut Dahlberg announced in the last issue, *Knowledge Organization* now has a new staff of editors. Probably the most appropriate observation about this transition is that *Dr. Dahlberg is a tough act to follow.* I should say *impossible,* because it seems that no other single individual is capable of handling the immense work required to produce this journal. And on top of that she also has served as president of ISKO, nurturing the organization from a handful of members at its inception in 1989 to the world-class body that it is today, having over 600 members from 54 countries. Because no one can single-handedly do what Dr. Dahlberg has done, the functions of compiling and editing *Knowledge Organization* have now been distributed among the new staff of editors. We are very forunate that Dr. **Ingetraut Dahlberg** of Frankfurt, Germany, and Dr. **Robert Fugmann** of Idstein, Germany, will be remaining on the Editorial Board.

Let me briefly introduce myself and my other new colleagues on the Editorial Board. I am Mr. **Charles T. Gilreath** and I will be serving as editor-in-chief for the next two years. My early academic background was political science, specializing in international relations and public administration. I am currently taking graduate courses at the University of Florida and specializing in philosophy of science. I have published about a dozen articles mostly related to terminology and vocabulary control, and I hold three U.S. patents. My current research interests include philosophy of science, epistemology, taxonomy, concept theory, and cognitive science. I am a member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Committee (TAG) for ISO TC 37 (Terminology: Principles and Coordination). Currently, I am also editing (for Infoterm in Vienna) the English translation of Eugen Wüster's *Introduction to the General Theory of Terminology and Terminological Lexicography.*

Prof. **Hanne Albrechtsen** is the new president of ISKO and will be responsible for the *ISKO News* section of the journal. Prof. Albrechtsen is Associate Professor and Senior Consultant, Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen, and her education is DipLib, MLISc. She has several years of experience in teaching, research and practice in the design of information systems and systems for knowledge organization in special domains. Her areas of specialization include information science and theory, information technology in libraries, and new roles and professional identities in the information profession. Prof. Albrechtsen has been a member of ISKO since its foundation in 1989 and a member of the ISKO Executive Board since 1994. She chaired the 3rd International ISKO Conference in 1994 and an international research seminar on access to fiction via networks in 1996. Both were sponsored by ISKO and held at the Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen.

Dr. **Werner Bies** will be the new *Book Review Editor* for the journal. He received his Ph.D. in English studies from the University of Trier, where he subsequently taught English studies from 1979 to 1982. He is currently the subject librarian for English studies, linguistics, and library science at Humbolt University. He is co-editor of *Bibliographie zur Symbolik, Ikonographie und Mythologie,* 14(1981) –26(1993). He has contributed to *Enzyklopädie des Märchens,* he regularly writes reviews for *Medienwissenschaft* and *Informationsmittel für Bibliotheken,* and he has written numerous articles on the subjects of knowledge organization, library science,

and English studies. His main interests include the following facets of knowledge organization: imagery and iconography, media and history. Readers are encouraged to contribute book reviews to *Knowledge Organization*. Please send them to Dr. Bies' address shown at the Book Review Section.

Drs **Gerhard J. A. Riesthuis** will serve as the *Literature Editor*, compiling the bibliographic references in that section. Drs Riesthuis studied sociology at the University of Utrecht. He teaches cataloguing and indexing, database design, and methodology of information science research at the Department for Book and Information Science (Faculty of Arts) at the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands). Earlier he taught at the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and Bucharest (Romania). He also has worked as Librarian of the International Institute of Social History (Amsterdam). He has been active on several revision committees of the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) and is now a member of the Editorial Board of the UDC and the Executive Board of ISKO.

Prof. Dr. **Nancy Williamson** will serve as the *FID/CR News Editor*. Prof. Williamson received her Ph.D. in library science from Case Western Reserve University and currently is Professor Emerita on the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto (Ontario, Canada). Although she has retired, she still teaches a course on the subject approach to information, as well as supervising Ph.D. theses. She has previously taught classification, cataloguing, indexing, thesaurus construction (including computer applications), and records management. She served from 1988 to 1996 as Chair FID/CR (Committee on Classification Research for Knowledge Organization). She is currently working on a research project to determine the feasibility of converting the UDC into a fully faceted classification system.

I would also like to call attention to the newly reconstituted **Board of Consulting Editors**. They play a crucial role in the publication process, and it is their expertise that will assure the continuing high standards of quality for our feature articles.

So we are your new editors, and of course we cannot continue the success of this journal without your help. You can help by submitting feature articles, book reviews, letters to the editor, and items for the Reports and Communications section. You can help in your patience and understanding for our mistakes. And you can help by actively participating in ISKO activities and promoting our society and journal to your colleagues. Together, we can all make it work.

In this Issue

In the first article Ms. **Holly Irving** outlines a recent project of the U.S. National Agricultural Library to move from their traditional one-on-one method of training novice indexers to a computer-based, largely self-directed training program. CAIT, the Computer-Assisted Indexing Tutor, has been designed to standardize, streamline and improve the quality of indexer training. This article exemplifies the role of knowledge organization applications in *education,* and I would like to encourage the submission of more articles on *education*-related problems and solutions in our field.

In the second article **Fred Riggs** completes his four-part series on onomantics and terminology. Riggs, who is certainly not inhibited about proposing new words and terms, is practicing exactly what he advocates – that we should propose and accept new terms whenever they are needed in a new or growing discipline. Riggs' critique of certain terminological practices of ISO 1087 and his observations about problems of ambiguity are among many important terminological insights to be gleaned from this contribution.

In the third article **Mohinder Satija** gives an historical overview of the Colon Classification. He notes that it is falling into disuse in part because its founder, S. R. Ranganthan, failed to make provisions for its perpetuation as a growing, viable system. For one thing, the CC currently lacks the institutional support that benefits other modern systems such as the DDC, UDC, and LCC. Satija offers a number of specific suggestions for preserving and revitalising the system.

In the fourth article **Juup Essers and Jos Schreinemakers** discuss the emerging field of corporate knowledge management (CKM). The primary goal of this management discipline is to enhance and improve the use of knowledge as a corporate resource in organizations. This paper critically examines the contribution of I. Nonaka (1994) to the conception of knowledge within the context of CKM.

Finally, I should point out the extended profile in the *ISKO News* section on the life and work of Dr. **Ingetraut Dahlberg**. That essay speaks for itself.

To Authors

Please note that the journal now has a different style for reference citations. Refer to the *Instructions for Authors* for details. Also note that through membership and subscriptions, *Knowledge Organization* is read in about 70 countries. The contents of this journal are indexed in *Library Literature* and *Referativnyi Zhurnal Informatika* and in the following online bibliographic databases: *Information Science Abstracts, INSPEC, Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA), PASCAL,* and *Sociological Abstracts.* This indexing insures that your contributions are given the widest possible dissemination to researchers worldwide.

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