News and Reports

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New column and new editors

This is the birth of a new column; the two "old" columns "ISKO News" and "Reports and Communications" have merged into one single column. It is the hope that this merger and the more general title will broaden the coverage, and bring in more reports from various areas, and also streamline the production of KO.

The "News and Report" section has an Editor and two Assistant Editors, Jens-Erik **Mai** of the Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark (jem@db.dk) is the new Editor of the section. Elin **Jacob** of the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University, Bloomington, USA (ejacob@indiana.edu) and Alexander **Sigel** of the Informationszentrum Socialwissenschften, Bonn, Germany (sigel@index.bonn.iz-soz.de) are the new Assistant Editors of News and Reports. We encourage submissions to the section.

Dr. Satija's dictionary

Dr. Mohinder Partap **Satija**, now back to India, visited Peter **Ohly** and Alexander **Sigel** of German ISKO on September 27, 1999, to discuss details of his short-term project on a dictionary of core concepts of knowledge organization. Dr Saija worked on this project at the Maastricht MacLuhan Institute's Dahlberg Library (http://www.mmi.unimaas.nl/), Holland, with Kim **Veltman**.

ISKO mailing list

There is "life" on the ISKO mailing list. There are now more than one hundred subscribers to the list. However, it would be nice to have more subscribers and more traffic. If you have a topic you want to discuss with others in knowledge organization or some information you wish to share, simply send a mail to ISKO-L@ lists.cc.utexas.edu

If you do not already subscribe to the list, please send a mail to listproc@lists.cc.utexas.edu with "subscribe ISKO-L firstname lastname" in the body of the message.

6th Biannual Conference of ISKO's German Chapter

ISKO's German branch with around 75 members held its stimulating 6th biannual conference "Globalization and Knowledge Organization: Heterogeneity of Knowledge - Knowledge Transfer - Knowledge Views" from 23 to 25 September, 1999 in Hamburg, Germany. After the joint conference with the first International ISKO 1990 in Darmstadt, meetings with published proceedings were held in1991 and 1993 in Weilburg, 1995 in Trier, and 1997 in Berlin. The venue on the 23rd was the CCH (CongressCentrum Hamburg) because of the conjoint session with the German Society for Information Science and Practice (http://www.dgd.de/) who convened to its annual conference under the nicely contrasting umbrella theme "Information and Region" (http://www.dgd.de/jahrestagung99/DGI_Tagung/information_und_region.htm). The following days took place in the former Talmud Torah School (http://www.bui.fh-hamburg.de/projekt/fb/talmud/index.html), now the location of the University of Applied Sciences of Hamburg, Library and Information Dept. (http://www.bui.fh-hamburg.de/).

The program committee, headed by **H.P. OHLY**, Social Science Information Centre (IZ) (http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/index-e.htm), who also directed the conference, further consisted of **G. BUDIN, H. CZAP, B. ENDRES-NIGGEMEYER, W. GÖDERT, P. JAENECKE, G. RAHMSTORF, H. NOHR, S. PRIBBENOW, W. SCHMITZ-ESSER, A. SIGEL,** H. **STRÄTER,** and **W. UMSTÄTTER**. Local organization lay in the hands of **W. SCHMITZ-ESSER**, Information Systems Consultancy. In addition to the supporting institutions already named, our thanks extends to the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Cologne (http://www.itz-thyssen-stiftung.de/2_7.html).

Forty-eight papers by 53 authors were presented by 44 speakers. Most authors came from Germany, except 3 from Austria, 2 from the Netherlands and

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