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**Satija, M.P.: Ranganathan and classification: A chronology 1924-1992.**

Int.Classif.19(1992)No.1, p. 3-6

Based on a number of sources given in the introduction the dates of Ranganathan's development in the field of library classification are given together with a short description of their impact and significance. The chronology which has been structured according to some periods of his life determined mostly by location lists also the relevant publications of Ranganathan and mentions some post mortem events. (I.C.)

**Xiao, Yan: Modern development of classification. Research & practice in the People's Republic of China.**  
Int.Classif. 19(1992)No.1, p.10-14, 32 refs.

A review and prospect of modern classification research and practice in the PR China. Gives a systematic description of the evolution in methodology, scope and orientation of classification research, with special emphasis being put on the influence of Colon Classification (CC) and the principle of facet analysis and synthesis established by Dr.S.R.Ranganathan as well as on the achievements made by Chinese scholars and experts in designing classification schemes. (Author)

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**Sukiasyan E.: The ideas of S.R.Ranganathan in Russia: results and tendencies.**

Int.Classif. 19(1992)No.1, p.7-9, 5 refs.

Survey of studies made in Russia during the past 45 years concerning the work of S.R.Ranganathan, especially with regard to his classification terminology, the chain procedure and the categorial analysis for the application in the alphabetic subject index and the classified catalog. It is also shown how the knowledge of facetization was used in improving the UDC and the LBC tables as well as in automated information retrieval. (Author)

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**Iyer, Hemalata: Subject representation and entropy.**  
Int.Classif. 19(1992)No.1, p.15-18, 14 refs.

The paper examines the systems approach to subject structuring. It presents an overview of empirical studies undertaken to test the postulates relating to subject structuring. Entropy provides a measure of disorganization in a system. Structured subject representations are considered as systems and the measure of entropy is applied to determine the extent of distortion in the communication of the intended messages. (Author)

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