

# ISKO News 28

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## 5<sup>th</sup> International ISKO Conference in Lille, August 1998

The next international ISKO conference will be held in Lille, France. Thus, the original plans for Twente, the Netherlands, have been changed. Dr Widad Mustafa-Elhadi, UFR IDIST/CREDO, Université Charles de Gaulle, will chair the conference in Lille. Preliminary conference dates are 26-28 August 1998, right after IFLA in Amsterdam. Lille can be reached by train from Amsterdam, and is quite close to Amsterdam. Call for Papers will be issued soon, and published in the next issue of KO. The overall theme of the conference is "*Structures and Relationships in Knowledge Organization*". Dr Mustafa-Elhadi can be contacted at: UFR IDIST/CREDO, Université Charles De Gaulle Lille 3, BP 149, 59653 Villeneuve D'Ascq, France. Phone: +33 3 20 41 64 64 08, Fax: +33 3 20 41 63 79, e-mail: mustafa@univ-lille3.fr.

## French ISKO Chapter Announces Its First Conference

Under the name of "Journées du Chapitre Français de l'ISKO" the French ISKO Group will hold its first national study conference in Lille, on October 16-17, this year. The topic is: "*Knowledge Organization as an element in representational and information retrieval systems*".

In a preparatory meeting of the Chapter held in Paris on April 25, three main single themes were outlined for the "Journées":

### T1 - Schemes of modelization of data and knowledge.

Semantic primitives, prototypes, statistical and neuronal modeling, classifications, thesauri, terminology, authority files, ontologies: objects and relations;

### T2 - Processes of extraction and modeling.

Knowledge extraction from text, quantitative techniques of concept modeling, expression of qualitative and quantitative approaches;

### T3 - Domains of applications

Structures of collections and of documents, design of access interfaces, especially in a distributed and

multilingual context, Internet, data mining, technical editing, translation.

Proposals for papers (approximately one page) are invited to be sent in before *June 30, 1997*.

Acceptance of proposals will be notified until July 15, 1997. Papers preferably in French, to be delivered until Sept. 15. All contributions will be published by Presses Universitaires du Septentrion (Presses universitaires de Lille). Place of venue: Université Charles de Gaulle, Lille.

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## German Thesaurus Committee working on Standards draft

The German Committee for Classification and Thesaurus Research met on May 16, 1997, in Frankfurt to discuss the progress achieved so far on its draft proposal for specifications of a machine-readable, domain-independent, multilingual semantic encyclopedia (thesaurus) capable of serving as knowledge base for both advanced linguistic engineering as well as information retrieval applications.

Another equally important goal is more compatibility between thesauri so as to facilitate, e.g., exchange of thesaurus contents in different thesaurus types and on different levels of specificity.

Part of the discussions in Frankfurt was devoted to some peculiarities of the French version of this draft which had been sent to the members of the ISKO chapter for comment some weeks earlier. The Committee also made itself acquainted with the basic ideas behind a four-language thesaurus project proposed for the World Exhibition of the year 2000 (to be staged in Hanover as „EXPO 2000“). This project is seen as an opportunity of a major test to verify the theses elaborated by the Committee. (A more detailed