

News and Reports

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New ISKO website

In recent years, members of ISKO have been fortunate in having access to two separate websites providing information about the society: one maintained by CEIT of Bratislava, Slovakia, and the other run by Alexander Sigel of Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften, Germany. Now ISKO has a single permanent home on the Web, courtesy of the Department of Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. The new site, which you can reach using the URL www.isko.org, offers

- information about the history and objectives of ISKO, and how to become an ISKO member,
- news of upcoming and past conferences and workshops, and new projects and developments in the KO field,
- bibliographic details of journals and conference proceedings published by ISKO, and
- contact details for ISKO's national and regional chapters, and for the members of ISKO's Executive Board and Scientific Advisory Council.

Future plans for the new website include the development of a directory of online resources on national and international standards for KO, and the provision of online access to the bibliography of journal articles and conference papers compiled for *Knowledge Organization* by Gerhard Riesthuis.

All ISKO members are invited to visit the site, and to send any comments, questions, or corrections, to Jonathan Furner (jfurner@ucla.edu).

German ISKO chapter members Henrichs and Bonitz honored with Festschriften

Prof. Dr. Norbert HENRICHS (Henrichs@uni-duesseldorf.de), former chair of Information Science at the University of Düsseldorf, and Dr.habil. Manfred BONITZ (M.Bonitz@fz-rossendorf.de), Dresden, Information Scientist (in Scientific Communication and Scientometrics), are being honored by

the publication of festschriften. Both Prof. Henrichs and Dr.habil. Bonitz are members of ISKO's German Chapter and continue to contribute to information science.

Prof. Henrichs was honored in 2000 by a celebration colloquium on his 65th birthday and the festschrift has been published. It contains, among other essays (some of which have been contributed by members of ISKO's German chapter), a short biography and a bibliography of Henrich's works.

SCHRÖDER, Thomas A. (Ed.): Auf dem Weg zur Informationskultur. Wa(h)re Information? Festschrift für Norbert Henrichs zum 65. Geburtstag. Schriften der Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Düsseldorf, Bd. 32. ISBN 3-9807334-0-8. Düsseldorf, 2000. Also available online at: <http://www.ulb.uni-duesseldorf.de/festschriften/henrichs.html>

A celebration colloquium honoring Dr. Bonitz on his 70th birthday was entitled "Structures in scientific communication: the Matthew effect in science" [original in German] and was sponsored by the Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsforschung, Berlin. PD Dr. Heinrich PARTHEY, Dr. Andrea SCHARNHORST, and Prof. Dr. Walther UMSTÄTTER are preparing a festschrift. Contact Dr. Andrea Scharnhorst (as@medea.wz-berlin.de) for more information. Photos and titles of the talks can be found at: <http://www.physik.uni-rostock.de/plasmen/mich/family/paps70.htm>

German ISKO chapter held its 7th biennial conference

The German chapter of ISKO held its 7th conference March 21-23 2001 at the Institute of Library Science, Humboldt University, Berlin. A more detailed report is under preparation.

Until then, we direct you to the following web pages for general information and abstracts:

<http://www.bonn.iz-soz.de/wiss-org/2001info.htm>

<http://www.uni-hildesheim.de/~chlehn/isko2001/zeitplan.html>

One the strengths of this meeting was a fruitful interdisciplinary exchange of ideas between the about 60 participating experts (with backgrounds in product design, history, or forensic medicine, etc.). It turned out that the focus on "Knowledge Organization and Edutainment" was well chosen to stimulate a discussion about the relationship between the foundations of knowledge organization and the challenges we face with new non-scientific environments and technologies. Although the theme of the conference may have discouraged several members from participating (only 15 participants were members of ISKO), the chapter gained five new members through this conference. LEHNER, KRYSMANSKI and OHLY (CLehn@rz.uni-hildesheim.de, Krysman@uni-muenster.de, Ohly@bonn.iz-soz.de) will edit the proceedings which should be available before end of 2001.

Please contact the German chapter or the publisher if you are interested in purchasing the proceedings of the German Chapter's 1999 conference in Hamburg. More information is available at:

<http://index.bonn.iz-soz.de/~sigel/ISKO/PUBLICATIONS/Hamburg99/globalisierung.html>

(All titles of the German chapter, except FW-1, FW-2, and TKE-87, are still in print and can be purchased with a 25% discount from the publisher.)

General Assembly of German ISKO's Chapter

During its 7th conference, ISKO's German chapter held its biennial general assembly. A report on this uncontroversial assembly (by BUDIN, Gerhard.Budin@univie.ac.at) is available from the German Chapter. The previous board in office was confirmed so, the board members are still OHLY (Ohly@bonn.iz-soz.de), SIGEL (sigel@bonn.iz-soz.de), and RAHMSTORF (rahmstorf@regio-info.de).

An extra-ordinary general assembly is planned for September 21-22 at Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften, Bonn. This is necessary to formally establish the German Chapter as a society independent of the registration of ISKO (International). The conference will be accompanied by a strategic planning session on the direction and future of this chapter, and of knowledge organization in general. It is expected

that this workshop will inspire and revitalize the German ISKO chapter.

It is further planned that the next conference of ISKO's German chapter will take place in 2002 in Regensburg, in close cooperation with the International Symposium for Information Science. Gerhard BUDIN of Vienna will be in charge of the conference. The chair of the local organizing committee will probably be ISKO member Bernd LORENZ (Bernd.Lorenz@bibliothek.uni-regensburg.de). A date for the conference has not yet been set.

We are proud to announce that the assembly officially named Ingetraut DAHLBERG (IDahlberg@t-online.de) as honorary member of the German Chapter, in recognition for her long-standing contributions to Knowledge Organization. For further information about her contributions, please check:

Dahlberg, Ingetraut: "Ingetraut Dahlberg: A Brief Self Report", in: *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* (ISSN: 0163-9374), Volume 25, Number 2/3, 1998 ("Portraits in Cataloging and Classification: Theorists, Educators, and Practitioners of the Late Twentieth Century Part 1"), pp. 151-155.

Workshop on "Knowledge Organization Today" held at DGI's 53rd Annual Conference

The German ISKO chapter held a small workshop on "Wissensorganisation heute" ("Knowledge Organization Today", in German) in connection with the 53rd Annual Meeting of DGI (German Society for Information Science and Practice) on May 8, 2001. For more information:

<http://www.dgi-info.de/tagungen/jahrestagung01.html>

The papers (all in German, titles roughly translated in the following), have been published in:

Information Research & Content Management: Orientierung, Ordnung und Organisation im Wissensmarkt. 53. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Informationswissenschaft und Informationspraxis e.V., DGI. Hrsg. von Ralph Schmidt, DGI. Frankfurt/Main: DGI, 2001. (ISSN 1438-9290, ISSN 1438-9282, ISBN-3-925474-43-9).

OHLY, Peter: Knowledge as a factor changing society, pp. 426-430

RAHMSTORF, Gerhard: Integrated management of content-oriented types of data, pp. 431-439