

ISKO News

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12th International ISKO Conference Categories, Relations and Contexts in Knowledge Organization Bangalore, 6-9 August 2012

The International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) will hold its 12th biennial International Conference (ISKO 2012) in Bangalore, India from 6th - 9th August 2012. The conference will be jointly hosted by the DRTC (Indian Statistical Institute), the Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science and the Ranganathan Centre for Information Studies.

Venue: Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore.

The theme: Categories, Relations and Contexts in Knowledge Organization

Call for Papers

Knowledge Organization Systems (KOS) are central to all methods of information organization and structuring and have remained at the core of information retrieval and knowledge discovery. In the networked world a range of KOS that include thesauri and classification systems, ontologies, taxonomies, semantic maps, etc are in use. KOS can also play an important role in Cognition & Learning, Information Interchange and Knowledge Management. The endeavour of the organizers of the 12th International ISKO conference will be to bring together the disparate KO communities on a single platform to facilitate exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas.

Papers are invited for presentation at the Conference. The language of the conference will be English. The facets for paper presentations include (but are not limited to):

- Classification Schemes, Taxonomies, and Categorization Schemes
- Facet Analysis as the theoretical basis of knowledge representation & organization

- Relationships in Thesauri, Semantic networks and Ontologies
- Categories and Conceptual Structures for the Digital Environment
- Alternative subject access, Web Indexing, social tagging, etc
- Data Modeling for the Semantic Web vis-a-vis tools such as RDA, FRBR, MARC formats
- Indexing and searching in Multilingual environments
- Organizing Unstructured Information; Enterprise Knowledge Organization and Management
- Knowledge Organization and the Multimedia challenge: Text, Audio, Video, Images, etc
- Linguistic and other issues in Automatic categorization & Indexing

Important dates:

- 31 October 2011 Deadline for submission of extended abstracts
- 31 January 2012 Notification of acceptance
- 31 March 2012 Final papers due
- 31 May 2012 Last day for registration
- 6 August 2012 Start of the Conference

The conference website is at:
<http://www.isibang.ac.in/~isko/>

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News on Multilingual UDC Summary Online

This is to keep colleagues informed as to the progress of the Multilingual Universal Decimal Classification Summary project, containing an abridged schedule of over 2000 classes with notes and examples. The Summary can be found at <http://www.udcc.org/udcsummary/php/index.php?lang=en>. At the mo-

ment we have 40 languages online, some completely translated and others in various stages of translation:

Armenian, Basque, Bengali, Catalan, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Finnish, French, Galician, Georgian, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Lithuanian, Malayalam, Marathi, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

We expect top classes in Irish, Punjabi and Vietnamese shortly, and we are trying to get in touch with colleagues in other countries as well.

There are over 100 volunteers, librarians, library school lecturers and researchers currently working on the translations in their national language. Database statistics showing the translation progress can be viewed at http://www.udcc.org/udcsummary/stats/php/trans_stats.php. These abridged schedules are available for free use and distribution, and although our export download interface is not yet completed – exports can

be obtained on request (email: udcs@udcc.org). In spite of the fact that the UDC Summary currently provides a simple browsing interface, it is proving to be a very popular training and teaching aid worldwide.

Average access to the website in March was over 22,000 hits per day. As soon as we release the next UDC Master Reference file in May 2011 we will intensify work on a new search interface for the UDC Summary and other features.

Read more: Presentation at the ISKO Italy meeting (1 April) in Venice by Chiara Zara "Il progetto di traduzione multilingue online della CDU" at <http://www.iskoi.org/doc/venezia11/zara.ppt>.

Extensions and Corrections to the UDC article "Multilingual UDC Summary Online Project: 2009 update" at http://dlist.sir.arizona.edu/arizona/bitstream/10150/118426/1/Slavic_Overfield_Riesthuis_Pika.pdf.

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