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FID/CR Activities

In conjunction with its change of name and broadening of scope, the FID Committee on Classification Research for Knowledge Organization, has launched *Classification Issues for Knowledge Organization, Volume 1*, No. 1, January 1995. This new publication appears as a removable insert in the *FID News Bulletin*, January 1995. It will be published on a quarterly basis and as the publication evolves the plan hopes to include articles, reports, reviews and announcements from a broad spectrum of activities related to research in the area of knowledge organization. Articles on national and international activities will be solicited from FID and others and contributions are encouraged. News of ISKO activities will be included. Deadlines for the receipt of copy will be announced shortly. Contributions should be sent to the editor: Professor Nancy J. Williamson, Faculty Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Toronto M5S 1A1 Canada: FAX +1 416 971 1399; internet: william@fis.utoronto.ca

6th International Study Conference on Classification Research

Plans for the 6th Study Conference are now underway. It is expected that the conference will be held in Dorking, England in 1997. Further details about the theme and date of the Study Conference and a call for papers will be announced early in 1995. First announcements will appear on the FID Internet listserve.

News from the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress

At the meeting of the Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) of the American Library Association ALA/ALCTS (during the ALA Midwinter Meeting), Julianne Beall reported on the ongoing work on DDC. DDC Edition 21 will be published in the summer of 1996. The contents of the schedules and tables have now been frozen and work is still being carried out on the Manual and Relative Index. Edition 21 will include 3 major revisions: 350-354 Public Administration (a complete revision), 370 Education, and 560-590 Life Sciences. Only two parts of 560-590 have been completely revised, 570 (Biology in general) and 583 (Dicotyledons). Other revisions include 296 Judaism, 297 Islam, and Table 2 area numbers. There is a complete revision of -47 for the former Soviet Union and a new table for -499 Bulgaria.

Following on the heels of the Edition 21, DDC Abridged 13 will be published. A Review Committee of SAC began its work during the ALA Midwinter meetings in Philadelphia in February. The role of the Committee is to review the Edition 21 schedules and make recommendations on the extent of abridgement, the Manual, notes and Relative Index terms. Abridged Edition 13 is scheduled to be published in 1997. Dewey has also found the Internet. At the ALA Midwinter

Conference, OCLC Forest Press unveiled a „Dewey Home Page“ which includes the OCLC Forest Press Catalog, Dewey News and the Dewey ALA report as well as „hot“ classification topics and Internet addresses of online catalogues using Dewey. The „home page“ is located on the World-Wide Web and may be accessed at URL: <http://www.oclc.org/fp/>.

As might be expected with many new publications on the topic „Internet“ a „hot classification topic“ is: „Where does one classify documents on „Internet““. In response to this need the DDC Editors have developed a Manual note, a version of which will be incorporated into DDC Edition 21. Depending on the point of view of the text there are at least four possible locations in Dewey for „Internet“. Interdisciplinary works about the Internet which contain a substantial amount of computer science material and some information on computer hardware would be classed in 004.67. Where computer science is not a dominant feature, the first alternate choice would be 025.04. The 025.04 location is also the location for information science works on the Internet where the emphasis is on search and retrieval, while 005.713 is preferred for works emphasizing communications software packages for connecting with the Internet or emphasizing the commands needed for electronic mail, FTP, and Telnet. Class in 384.33 works on Internet access providers and works on economic and public policy issues of „Internet“. In brief, the editors recommend that if in doubt, prefer 004.67; where 004.67 can be ruled out, prefer 025.04.

In other aspects of DDC activities, the Decimal Classification Editorial Committee (EPC) has held two „electronic meetings“ via Dewey the listserve. Those meetings resulted in Final approval of the contents of the schedules and tables for Edition 21.

For questions and comments on the Dewey Decimal Classification the Internet address is: Dewey@loc.gov, or direct communications to: Joan Mitchell, Editor, Dewey Decimal Classification, Library of, Decimal Classification Division, Washington, D.C. 20540-4330. Phone: +1 202 707 6991; FAX +1 202 707 0279; internet joan_mitchell@oclc.org.

Library of Congress

The Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress has announced the publication of the 1994 edition of Class H *Social Sciences*, with a cutoff date of June 14, 1994. This is a landmark publication for LCC schedules. Schedule H has been produced using a new automated system which will make revising of the schedules easier and updating more rapid. This system is the system which will ultimately make it possible to make LCC schedules available in machine-readable form. The use of LCC in machine-readable form is currently being tested and demonstrations have been presented at various recent conferences. The conversion of the schedules is moving ahead and it is hoped that the entire classification system will be computerized by the end of 1995.

IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing

A summary of the conference programme of the IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing was presented in *FID/*

CR News, No. 37. In other activities of the Section, a Working Group on the Principles Underlying Subject Heading Languages, chaired by Inez Lopes has prepared a draft document on the subject. It contains the background, definitions and principles themselves and has illustrations from rules for subject heading systems in Germany (Regeln für den Schlagwortkatalog), Iran (Rules and Regulations Concerning Subject Headings) Portugal (SIPORBASE-Sistema de Indexacao em Portuguese: Manual) and the US (Subject Cataloging Manual) plus examples from Canadian Subject Headings. It is hoped that the final draft will also contain excerpts from rules in Brazil, Croatia, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, and the UK, Plus Medical Subject Headings (MeSH). A revised and expanded draft will be discussed in Istanbul. By the end of 1995 a draft should be ready to be sent out for worldwide review. A Working Group on Classification Format is also participating in the development of a draft document on the Requirements for a UNIMARC Format for Classification. The Working Group, chaired by Joan Mitchell, Editor of DDC is awaiting further comments before issuing a revised document.

The Section has plans for the Section's programme for the IFLA Annual Conference in Istanbul to include papers on classification and indexing in Turkey, a report of the Working Group on Principles Underlying Subject Heading languages, and a paper on translations, adaptations, and expansions of classification systems, including DDC and LCC in Iran and the Arab countries.

ALA/ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee

The Subject Analysis Committee of ALA is a very complex Committee with many subcommittees which work on developing recommendations and standards, as well as reviewing many aspects of subject analysis. Its mandate ranges from critiques of proposed NISO Standards on thesaurus construction and indexing through review of MARC Standards and the creation of special controlled vocabularies. Currently it has subcommittees working on the revision of Guidelines on Subject Access to Fiction, the order of subdivisions in LCSH subject strings, the Music Thesaurus Project, subject access to computer files and priorities for assigning Dewey class numbers to MARC records.

Publications

In February 1995 the Forest Press Division of OCLC announced an important new addition to the DDC family of its editions in many languages. Classification Decimale de Dewey, Edition intermediaire is now available. The two volume edition of DDC is a translation in the French language adapted from the 12th abridged and 20th English editions. This „intermediate“ edition supersedes the 1974 based on the 18th unabridged edition of DDC and is more elaborate than the one volume abridged version of Edition 20 published in 1993. Prepared for publication by Mme Raymonde Couture-Lafleur of Traitement Documentaire chez les Services Documentaires Multimedia (SDM) and the

Chair of the Revision Committee, Richard Gardner, professeur à l'Ecole de Bibliothéconomie et des Sciences de l'Information, l'Université de Montréal, this publication has a distinguished Editorial Board representing four countries: Canada, France, and Tunisia. It has been prepared on the basis of statistical analyses of the needs of users and respects the rules of international French, while recognizing national use of the language where necessary. It may be purchased from the Association pour l'Avancement des Sciences et des Techniques de la Documentation (l'ASTED Inc.) 3414, Avenue du Parc, Bureau 202, Montréal, Québec H2X 2H5. Telephone: +1 514 281 5012; FAX +1 514 281 8219. Price: \$169.00 + 7% tax.

Other recent publications of OCLC Forest Press include: The Electronic Dewey, 1994 edition, a CD-ROM version of the Dewey Decimal Classification system, issued in March 1994. Electronic Dewey incorporates the schedules, tables, the manual and index from Edition 20 and changes published in print form through March 1994. Special enhancements include sample bibliographic records, frequently used Library of Congress Subject Headings linked to DDC numbers and segmentation marks. The 1994 edition includes the Introduction to Edition 20. Dewey Decimal Classification: A Practical Guide by Lois Mai Chan, John P. Comaromi and Mohinder P. Satija was published in the Summer of 1994. This publication describes the key ideas and concepts required to understand and use DDC.

In the fall of 1994, *Subject Headings for Children*, by Lois Winkel was published. It is a two-volume work that includes Library of Congress juvenile subject headings with candidate Dewey numbers.

Finally, *Dewey Decimal Classification, Additions, Notes and Decision (DC&)* was published in March 1994. It should be noted that this is the last issue of DC& before the publication of Edition 21.

Cataloger's Desktop.

A number of the major cataloguing tools provided by LC are now available on a single CD-ROM. The contents include *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations*, *Subject Cataloguing Manual*; *Subject Headings*, *Subject Cataloging Manual: Classification*; *USMARC Concise Formats*, *USMARC Format Authority Data* and the *USMARC Code Lists*. This revolutionary tool created by LC uses „Folio“ software and requires 4 MB of RAM (8 MB recommended). For further details contact the LC Cataloging Distribution Service at +1 202 707 6100, Fax: +1 202 707 1334.

Subject Indexing: Principles and Practices in the 90's

The proceedings of the 1993 IFLA Satellite Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal were published in 1995 by K.G. Saur in the UBCIM Publications – New Series, Volume 15.

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