The Seventh French ISKO Chapter Conference

Call for Papers

Knowledge Organization and collectively shared knowledge

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The French ISKO Chapter’s main focus since its foundation has been on knowledge organization. This theme has been handled from the point of view of organizational schemes, of representation mechanisms, of technical tools and of mediation, as these questions are at the core of information production, of access mechanisms, of knowledge construction and of their dissemination. Furthermore, in an increasingly globalized society, we can question the collective nature of intelligence contribution and of its impact on knowledge organization.

We have witnessed in the last years the arrival of new information categorization practices based on interest communities, online resources indexing collective strategies (e.g. del.icio.us, Digg or FlickR) and knowledge co-construction through collaborative sites. All these elements are signs that give evidence of knowledge organization traditional approaches evolution that evolves in the same direction such as the most important library classifications. This is why we are interested in these new practices from a terminological and conceptual point of view as well as from design, implementation and use perspectives.

Besides these well known concerns about classification, the question of “collective intelligence” – [which can briefly be defined as the human capacity to work in a collaborative way in order to create, conceive and innovate] – raises the more general question of knowledge co-construction, information sharing and distributed access to knowledge. Within what can be described as a “free culture” – [symbolized by the open distribution and collective appropriation of instruments and knowledge] - collective intelligence shows new ways of organizing and new forms of knowhow that lead to a new information culture.

What could then be the consequences of a communal information takeover and communication technologies on knowledge organization? We could also wonder about the role of the user in the context of these new information tools.
The Seventh Conference of the French ISKO Chapter will focus on the collaborative processes related to collective intelligence, together with the question of knowledge organization. From this point of view, the purpose of the conference will be to gather theoretical and practical contributions coming from the information sciences as well as from other fields of study.

The conference will particularly – but not exclusively – include research papers on the following themes:

1. Virtual communities, social networks and communities of practice;
2. Social indexing *versus* normalized indexing based on controlled vocabulary languages, classifications and ontologies;
3. Uses and practices of digital devices for work;
4. Linguistic (multilinguism) and cultural aspects of knowledge sharing and of knowledge construction;
5. Collaborative research and information intelligence sharing
6. Information intelligence and knowledge sharing;
7. The impact of norms and formats on collective work;
8. Collaborative practices within the distributed learning;
9. Holistic intelligence and collaborative information practices;
10. Documents re-indexing through practices;
11. Construction, representation and access to open resources;

The aim of this conference is to gather proposals dealing with new and original researches. It is intended for researchers (both young and recognized) as well as for professionals involved in a reflexive process.
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