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Presentation of the rules (canons) which S. R. Ranganathan laid down for the three planes of work, the Idea Plane, the Verbal Plane and the Notational Plane. Explanation of each of the 34 canons which are indispensable tools for the establishment of any classification system. An overall survey of the canons is given in Fig. 1. I.C.

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McKinlay, J.: Classification in Australian libraries.

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Felber, H.: Infoterm and TermNet. Plans, activities, achievement. In: Intern. Classificat. 7 (1980) No. 3, p. 140–145

A general survey of the activities of the International Information Centre for Terminology (Infoterm) in Vienna during the last ten years and of the aims and plans regarding further coordination work and related activities and measures, also with respect to the establishment of TermNet, a set of programmes for the development of international cooperation in terminology. The entire programme is also presented in diagram form. I.C.

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