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Ranganathan Award

Professor Elaine **Svenonius** (USA) has been named the recipient of the Ranganathan Award for Classification Research, "for her long and distinguished contribution to the field of Knowledge Organization as demonstrated in her research profile, her extensive and impressive range of fundamental papers exploring the theory of the field and for her promotion of the application of that theory in practice through her active participation in the improvement of existing systems, and in particular the *Dewey Decimal Classification"* . Professor Svenonius, a distinguished library and information science educator, taught at the University of Western Ontario in Canada and at the University of Denver. At the time of her retirement was at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is active in writing, publishing and international committee work. The award is presented by FID/CR every two years to honour distinguished contributions in Classification Research. Professor Svenonius is the 8th recipient of the award, previous recipients being Derek Austin, Jack Mills, Pauline Cochrane, Jean Aitchison, A. Neelameghan, Robert Fugmann and Ingetraut Dahlberg.

People

Peter **Paulson,** Executive Director of OCLC Forest Press, has announced his retirement as of December 31, 1998. Peter has guided Forest Press through one of the most active and expansive periods in the history of the Dewey Decimal Classification. His contribution to classification in general and DDC in particular has been exceptional and he will be greatly missed. His friends and colleagues wish him the very best in his retirement.

Forest Press has also announced the appointment of Joan **Mitchell,** the able and dynamic editor of DDC, to the position of Deputy Director of Forest Press, to become Executive Director on December 31, 1998. She will also continue in her position as the editor of DDC. Congratulations to Joan and our best wishes to her as she assumes her new position.

Congratulations to Professor Clare **Beghtol,** University of Toronto, who was elected President of ISKO during the 5th International ISKO Conference in Lille, France in August. She is committed to the continued development and success of ISKO as an international organization. Among her many responsibilities will be organization and hosting of the 6th International ISKO conference to be held in Toronto, Canada in the year 2000. Best wishes to her in this position..

UDC Extensions and Corrections

The *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC (E&C),* volume 20, will be published in November 1998 and will be available from the UDC Consortium, (P.O. Box 90407 2509 The Hague , Netherlands) . As in previous years, it will include revisions to the UDC tables as well as "Comments and Communications Related to UDC" which contains papers by experts on various aspects of the UDC system.. A full description of the publication will be included in the next issue of *FID/CR News.*

UDC at IFLA

A half-day UDC Workshop organized by the IFLA Standing Committee on Classification and Indexing and co-sponsored by UDC, FID and the British Standards Institution (BSI) was held at the 64th IFLA Conference in Amsterdam, August 19,1998. Approximately 50 persons attended the session chaired by Professor I.C. **McIlwaine,** Editor in Chief of UDC. Four papers were presented. The purpose of the workshop was to provide attendees with an up-to-date view of the current state of UDC, an indication of future revision plans, a demonstration of certain UDC products and an opportunity for people to address questions to a panel of speakers. The full text of the papers will be published in *E&C* , volume 20, 1998. To set the scene for the workshop,. Professor McIlwaine opened the session with a paper on "The UDC at the Present Time". in which she first described recent changes in the management and development of UDC, including the nature and role the UDC Consortium which now controls UDC and whose membership is made up of 5 publishers and FID. The nature of the Master Reference File (MRF)