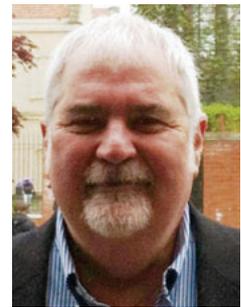


ISKO 13's Bookshelf: Knowledge Organization, the Science, Thrives— An Editorial[†]

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1.0 The 13th International ISKO Conference, Krakow, Poland

Krakow, Poland was the host city for the 13th International ISKO Conference held May 19-22, 2014. Conference-goers attended a grand opening session in the Collegium Novum at the Jagiellonian University (JU); the conference was included as part of the celebrations of the 650th anniversary of the JU. Three full days of research presentations followed in the venue of the Institute of Information and Library Science at the JU. In honor of the 25th anniversary of ISKO's founding, attendees were treated to a talk at the opening session by founding scientist Dr. Ingetraut Dahlberg, concerning the bases of the science of knowledge organization (KO). The conference ended with a panel discussion on the future of ISKO (see Green 2014). The high level of research and interaction highlighted at the conference is evidence of the vibrance of ISKO and of the still emergent science of knowledge organization.

Since 2008 I have used the occasion of the international conference to bring a domain analytical lens to bear on some core characteristics of the ongoing evolution of knowledge organization (see Smiraglia 2008, 2010, 2013). Using the rubric of "ISKO's Bookshelf," my analyses are aimed at a key research question: "what are the contributors reading (or perhaps I mean citing)?" and its corollary, "what can we observe in this manner about shifts in the intension and extension of KO as a domain?" Those questions inform the analysis presented in this editorial.

The conference proceedings (Babik 2014) were published in print at the conference and subsequently became available online at the Ergon-Verlag ISKO Members' portal at http://www.ergon-verlag.de/isko_ko/. There are seventy-six papers represented in the proceedings (one paper

has only a reference to its publication elsewhere). The conference program lists seventy-seven papers and twenty-three posters. This analysis is based on the papers printed in the proceedings. As before, I was constrained to manually index the proceedings in order to analyze the citations in the papers, because Thomson Reuters *Web of Science* is not indexing ISKO proceedings. However, I am pleased to learn that Elsevier's *SCOPUS* is indexing ISKO international conference proceedings, which will be a great boon to dissemination of the core literature of KO. The original spreadsheet containing the references from all of the papers can be found on my blog at <http://lazykoblog.wordpress.com/>. It continues to be a problem that inconsistent editing of the proceedings, particularly with regard to citation practice (which, in this case, was not standardized), requires much manual cleaning of the data before analysis can proceed.

2.0 International presence and thematic foci

This was the first international ISKO conference to be held in Poland, and it was very well-attended by participants from all over the world. To get a sense of the national affiliations represented, the country of affiliation of each first author was recorded. With the caveat that this method misses cases of international collaboration, Figure 1 shows the twenty countries represented.

Roughly a quarter of the contributions came from the United States, with another proximate third from Poland and Brazil. It is not unusual for the host country to have a bulge in its numbers and here we see 17% from Poland or roughly a sixth. Brazil, host country of the 2016 conference, had 13%. India, host country in 2012, dropped from 18% (Smiraglia 2013) to 5%. There were no other

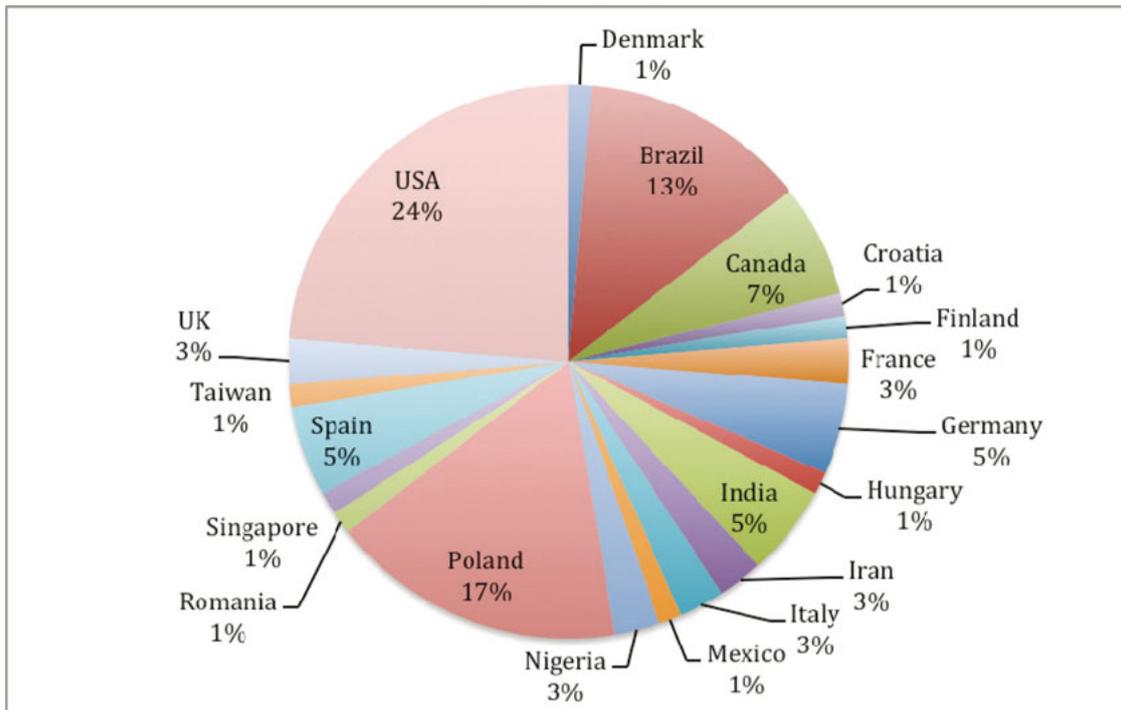


Figure 1. Countries of Affiliation

Program Theme	Number of Papers
Current Global Problems in Knowledge Organization	5
Knowledge Organization Domain and Epistemology	8
Methods of Knowledge Organization	6
Knowledge Organization Systems (KOS)	4
Knowledge Organization Tools: Thesauri	2
Knowledge Organization Tools: Classifications	9
Knowledge Organization Tools: Taxonomy, Ontologies, Terminology	7
Automatic classification systems	2
Knowledge Organization and Representation for IRS	11
Knowledge Organization for Special Domain	6
Knowledge Organization for Libraries	6
Knowledge Organization Education	4
Knowledge Organization History and Future	5

Table 1. Program themes

large clusters, although we see Singapore, Iran, Nigeria, Romania, Hungary and Taiwan this time, but nothing from Morocco or Algeria, who were newcomers in 2012.

Each host country's organizing committee generates its own conference theme and then subsequently provides thematic monikers for panel sessions. These can be used to get a sense of the thematic core of the conference, as a way of determining the parameters of the extension of the domain at this one point in time. (Co-word analysis is used later, below, to analyze the inten-

sion.) Table 1 shows conference themes from the program together with the numbers of papers in each:

An interesting note is that a distinction is made between systems (KOS) and tools—thesauri, classifications, taxonomies, ontologies, terminologies—which usually are described as KOS. Countries of affiliation associated with each theme are visualized in Figure 2.

The visualization shows how well spread the themes are across global boundaries. Only two categories were country-specific: all of the papers on automated clas-

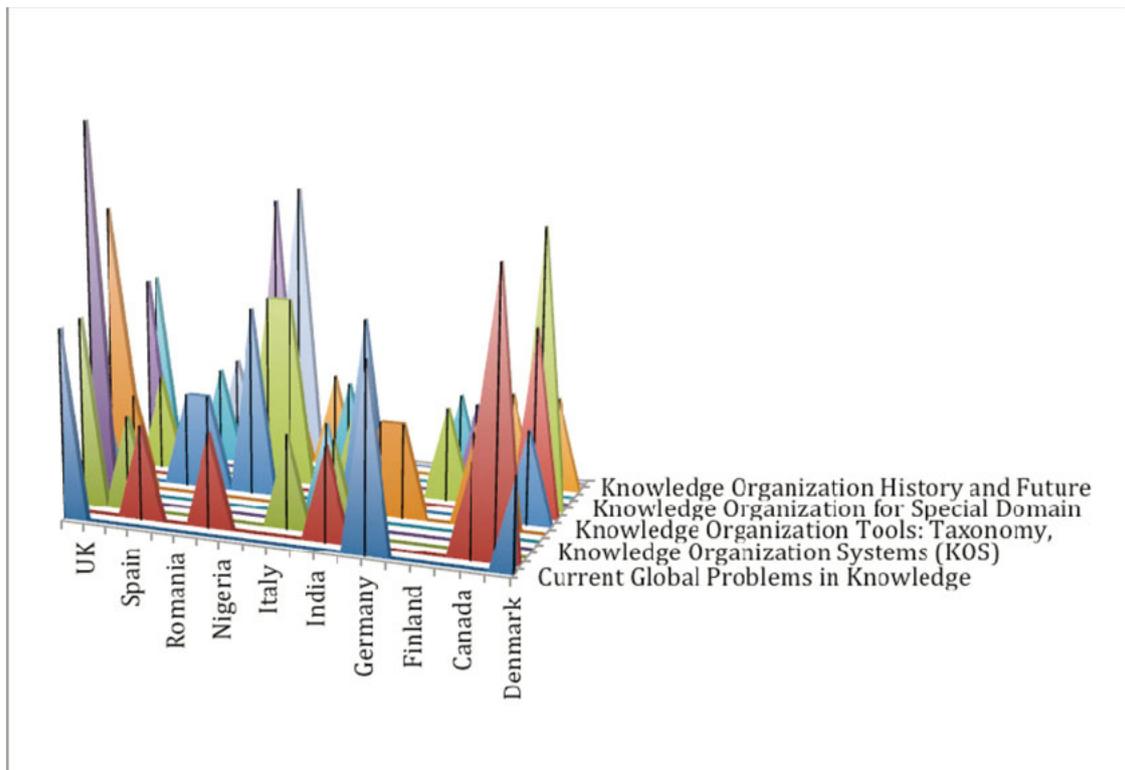


Figure 2. Themes by Countries

sification came from Brazil, and all of the papers on KOS without specific definition came from the United States.

3.0 Citation analysis

There were a total of 1,217 references in 76 papers, for a mean of 16, and a mode and median of 15. The range was from zero to 45. A mean number of references per paper per country also was calculated; these hovered around the true mean at 18, with a range from 5 for Romania to 30 for Germany with all the rest near the mean. There is an observable dichotomy in KO in which roughly equal numbers of research papers are epistemologically either empirical science or humanistic narrative. The former tend to have few recent citations, and the latter tend to have many older citations. This conference is a bit of an outlier, because most of the papers fall into the scientific range with 5-15 citations. Oddly, German papers at this conference had 30 or more citations.

Dates of cited works ranged from 1873 to 2014, or, the age of works cited ranged from 0-141 years. The mean age of works cited was 15.6 years (the median was 8). Thus the majority of works cited were fairly recent, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 4 contains histograms of the distributions of age of cited work and number of references.

The histograms help visualize the normativity of the means—most papers have between 10-20 references, and the age of most works cited peaks around 10 years. This is consistent with a social scientific epistemology. ANOVA indicates there is no statistically significant influence of either variable on the other.

A mean age of cited work was calculated for each paper, and then these were averaged to develop a mean for each country; these are shown together in Table 2 with the mean number of references per country.

The number of references was more or less consistent across geopolitical boundaries. The mean age of work cited ranged from 4.7 to 41.3, which is rather a wild divergence. The explanation likely is the consistent dichotomy between scientific papers and humanistic papers. The median of 8 years tells us that there is a social-scientific distribution in the rate of absorption of scientific data in the community. But the large discrepancy reminds us that quite a few authors in the domain are not reporting empirical evidence, but rather are engaging in historical or rationalist narratives. Table 2 is arranged in ascending order of mean age of cited work per country; there seems no logical explanation other than that the countries with the larger number of papers also have wider ranges in mean age of works cited. Table 2 also shows the mean number of references per country.

Number of references and age of cited work also were arrayed by theme and this is shown in Table 3.

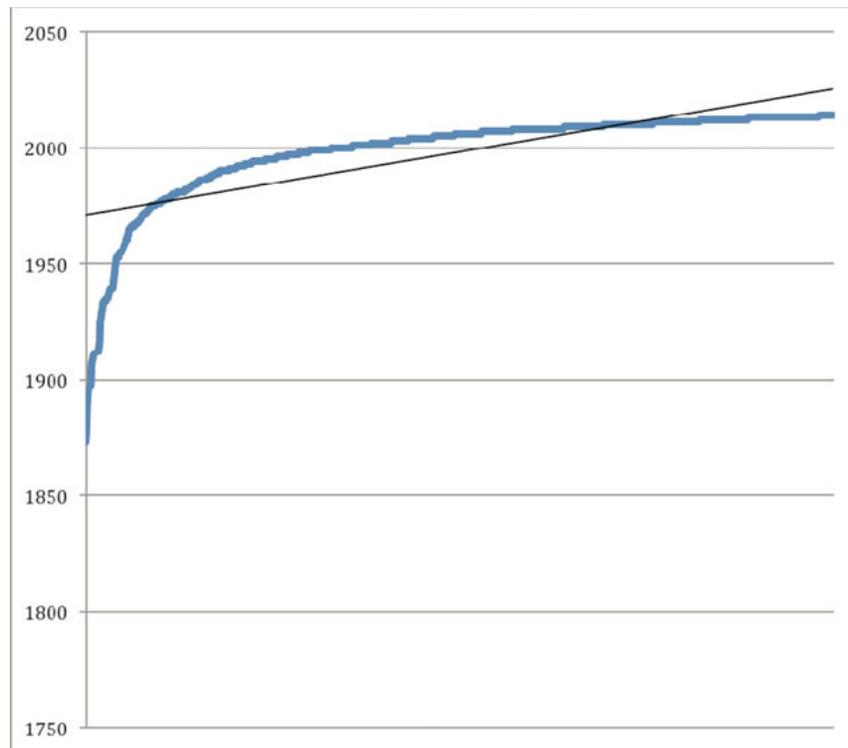


Figure 3. Age of cited works

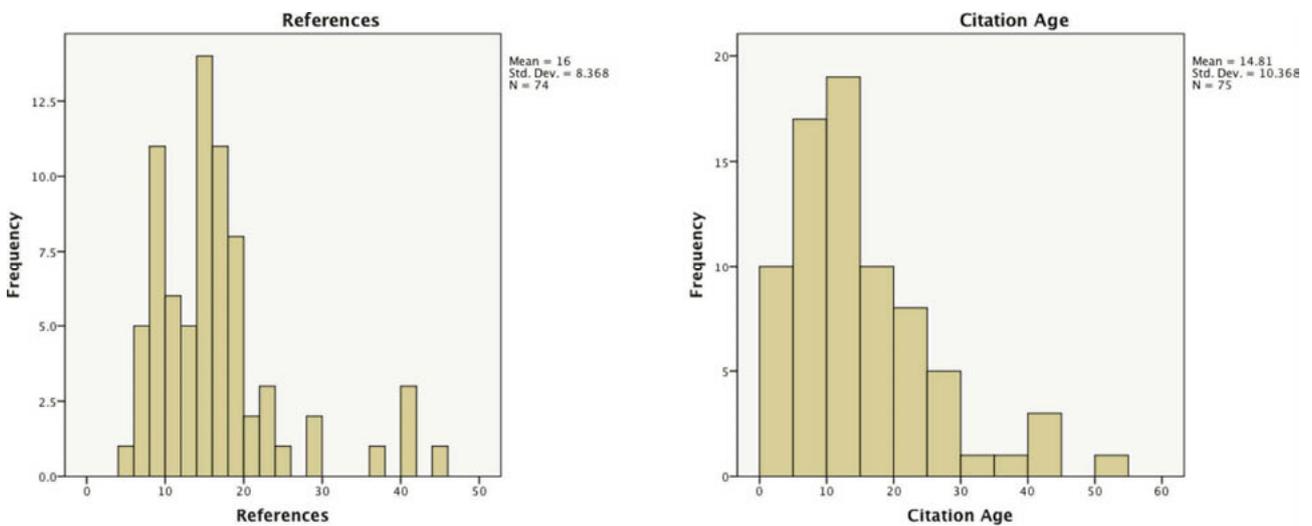


Figure 4. Histograms of number of references and citation age

Five thematic clusters exceed the mean age of cited works: domain and epistemology, automatic classification, KOS, global problems, and classifications. Four thematic clusters exceed the norm for number of references: history and future, knowledge representation, domain and epistemology, and global problems. More than one explanation is possible. It is realistic to conclude that the majority of the thematic clusters contain scientific works with few recent citations. One might expect history and future and global problems to consist of more narrative

and less science. Domain and epistemology likely contains more narrative works on epistemological questions; in fact, most of the domain analytical scientific studies are contained in the “methods” cluster. Finally, “classification,” contains mostly papers considered to be “theoretical,” which in KO more often means rational and historical narrative than empirical hypothesis testing.

The distribution of media types is also an interesting indicator not only of what might be on ISKO’s bookshelf, but of the epistemic stances brought to bear by conference

Country of first author	Age range	Mean age	Mean refs.
Singapore	4.75	4.7	8
France	5-6.2	5.6	15
Romania	8.4	8.4	5
Poland	3.1-20.3	8.5	15.6
Iran	8.8-10	9.4	8
Taiwan	10.1	10	16
India	6-16.3	10.3	11.5
Mexico	11	11	20
Spain	4.5-26.9	11.1	12.5
Nigeria	4.8-18.5	11.7	23
Canada	9.5-27.8	13.8	12.8
Brazil	10.1-26.2	17.2	18.8
Germany	10.1-23.4	17.3	29.7
Finland	18.2	18.2	14
USA	3.6-54.6	19.2	16.5
Croatia	22.4	22.4	18
UK	20.5-30.1	25.3	14.5
Italy	13.6-41.8	27.7	17
Hungary	41.3	41.3	12

Table 2. Age of cited works by country

Theme	Age	Refs.
Current Global Problems in Knowledge Organization	18.8	23.7
Knowledge Organization Domain and Epistemology	16.2	20.8
Methods of Knowledge Organization	13.8	10.5
Knowledge Organization Systems (KOS)	18.7	13.7
Knowledge Organization Tools: Thesauri	12.2	10.5
Knowledge Organization Tools: Classifications	28.8	14.6
Knowledge Organization Tools: Taxonomy, Ontologies, Terminology	9.6	15.5
Automatic classification systems	17.5	12.5
Knowledge Organization and Representation for IRS	12.5	19.5
Knowledge Organization for Special Domain	11.6	16
Knowledge Organization for Libraries	7.9	14.3
Knowledge Organization Education	13.5	12.2
Knowledge Organization History and Future	6.4	16.8

Table 3. Theme by age of cited work and number of references

contributors. The references were sorted by source. The distribution of media types is given in Table 4.

The largest category was journal articles, and the second largest category was monographs, but the proportion of articles to monographs is higher than we have seen in recent conferences. The 440 journal citations were made

to 134 different journals, 30 of which were cited more than once. Journals cited five or more times are shown in Table 5.

Nearly half of the citations are to *Knowledge Organization*, which received more than three times as many citations as any other journal. It continues to be a problem

Media Type	Number references	%
Journal articles	440	38
Monographs	335	29
Papers in proceedings	133	11
Chapters in anthologies	77	6
Web resources	69	6
Other	68	6
Technical reports	15	1
Ph.D. dissertations	13	1

Table 4. Distribution of media types

Journal title	No. of citations	%
<i>Knowledge Organization</i>	89	44
<i>Journal of Documentation</i>	23	11
<i>Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology</i>	19	9
<i>Information Processing & Management</i>	11	5
<i>Journal of the American Society for Information Science</i>	10	5
<i>Cataloging & Classification Quarterly</i>	8	4
<i>Annual review of information science and technology</i>	7	3
<i>Cognitive Psychology</i>	6	3
<i>Library Trends</i>	6	3
<i>Aslib Proceedings</i>	5	2
<i>Journal of Information Science</i>	5	2
<i>Library Hi Tech</i>	5	2
<i>The American Archivist</i>	5	2

Table 5. Most cited journals

that KO's impact factor is artificially low, because this major source of citations to research in the journal is not counted by Thomson Reuters. Notice that but for the title change, which split the file, the journal from the American Society for Information Science and Technology and its predecessor would have taken second place with 29 references.

Papers in proceedings of conferences accounted for 11% of the references. Of these a majority, 72, were citations to papers from the proceedings of individual conferences; several major organizations such as CAIS (Canadian Association for Information Science), ASIST (Association for Information Science and Technology), DCMI (Dublin Core Metadata Initiative) and ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) were represented but no two citations were from any particular single conference. The rest were references to papers in ISKO international conference proceedings or ISKO regional chapter conferences. These are shown in Table 6.

ISKO International Conferences	No.
<i>Tools for knowledge organization and the human interface: Proceedings of the 1st International ISKO Conference</i> (Darmstadt, Germany, August 14-17, 1990)	1
<i>Cognitive paradigms in knowledge organisation: Second International ISKO Conference</i> (Madras, India, August 26-28, 1992)	4
<i>Dynamism and stability in knowledge organization: Proceedings of the Sixth International ISKO Conference</i> (Toronto, Canada, July 10-13, 2000)	3
<i>Challenges in knowledge representation and organization for the 21st century: Integration of knowledge across boundaries: Proceedings of the Seventh International ISKO Conference</i> (Granada, Spain, July 10-13, 2002)	5
<i>Knowledge organization and the global information society: Proceedings of the Eighth International ISKO Conference</i> (London, England, July 13-16, 2004).	5
<i>Knowledge organization for a global learning society: Proceedings of the Ninth International ISKO Conference</i> (Vienna, Austria, July 4-7, 2006)	2
<i>Culture and identity in knowledge organization: Proceedings of the Tenth International ISKO Conference</i> (Montréal, Canada, August 5-8, 2008).	10
<i>Paradigms and conceptual systems in knowledge organization: Proceedings of the Eleventh International ISKO Conference</i> (Rome, Italy, February 23-26, 2010)	7
<i>Categories, contexts and relations in knowledge organization: Proceedings of the Twelfth International ISKO Conference</i> (Mysore, India, August 6-9, 2012)	12
ISKO Chapters	
<i>I Congress of ISKO Spain and Portugal / XI Congress ISKO Spain, 7-9 November 2013</i>	2
<i>ISKO UK Conference 2009, Content architecture, exploiting and managing diverse resources, University College London, 22-23 June</i>	2
<i>North American Symposium on Knowledge Organization 2011</i>	2
UDC	
<i>Classification and ontology: formal approaches and access to knowledge: proceedings of the International UDC Seminar, 19-20 September 2011, The Hague, The Netherlands</i>	2

Table 6. Most cited proceedings

It is interesting to observe that despite the apparent scatter of papers from proceedings overall, there is a solid core of ISKO research, some of it legacy research, being cited by today's authors. Papers from the first ISKO international conferences are still cited. Apart from the immediately preceding conference in Mysore, with 12 citations, the 2008 conference in Montréal received the next highest number of citations (10).

Birger Hjørland. <i>Information Seeking and Subject Representation: An Activity Theoretical Approach to Information Science</i> (Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press)	4
Henry Evelyn Bliss. <i>The Organization Of Knowledge In Libraries And The Subject Approach To Books</i> (New York: H.W. Wilson)	4
Ranganathan, S.R. <i>Prolegomena to Library Classification</i> , 3rd ed (Bombay: Asia Publishing House)	3
Kaiser, James. <i>Systematic Indexing</i> (London: Isaac Pitman & Sons)	3
Hodge, Gail. <i>Systems of Knowledge Organization for Digital Libraries: Beyond Traditional Authority Files</i> (Washington, D.C.: Council on Library and Information Resources)	3
Svenonius, Elaine. <i>The Intellectual Foundation Of Information Organization</i> (Cambridge: MIT Press)	3
Komninos, Nicos. <i>Intelligent Cities and Globalisation of Innovation Networks</i> (London and New York: Routledge)	2
Vickery, Brian Campbell. <i>Faceted Classification: a Guide to Construction and Use of Special Schemes</i> (London: Aslib)	2
Buckland, Michael K. <i>Information and Information Systems</i> (New York: Greenwood)	2
Lakoff, George and Mark Johnson. <i>Metaphors we live by</i> (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press)	2
Sosińska-Kalata, Barbara. <i>Modele Organizacji Wiedzy w Systemach Wyszukiwania Informacji</i> (Warszawa: Wydawnictwo SBP)	2
Bowker, Geoffrey C. and Susan Leigh Star. <i>Sorting Things Out: Classification and its Consequences</i> (Cambridge: MIT Press)	2
Byles, R.B. <i>The Card Index System: Its Principles, Uses, Operation, And Component Parts</i> (London: Isaac Pitman & Sons)	2
Lakoff, George. <i>Women, Fire and Dangerous Things: What Categories Reveal about the Mind</i> (Chicago: University of Chicago Press)	2

Table 7. Monographs cited more than once

Table 7 shows the fourteen monographs that were each cited two or more times.

This list is remarkable for the continued appeal to legacy texts that it demonstrates with reliance on texts by classic KO authors. But the list also is remarkable for the works from outside the domain that are being brought to bear on current KO research. Eighty citations were to chapters or papers in anthologies. Only a few of these (six) received more than one citation and these are shown in Table 8.

The legacy publication here is the collection of essays by Otle, whose work is enjoying renewed interest in the KO community. The other volumes include culture, epistemology and terminology along with issues of current interest in the semantic Web.

3.1 Authors most cited and author co-citation analysis

The most prominent indicator of a research front in a domain is the appearance of a coherent set of prolific and

Kruk, Sebastian Ryszard and Bill McDaniel	<i>Semantic Digital Libraries</i> (Berlin: Springer)	5
Smiraglia, Richard P. and Hur-Li Lee	<i>Cultural Frames of Knowledge</i> (Würzburg: Ergon)	4
Robotycki, Czeslaw and Wieslaw Babik	<i>Układy Gniazdowe Terminów I Słowniki Słów Kluczowych W Systemie Informacji Z Zakresu Etnologii I Antropologii Kulturowej</i> (Krakow: Wydawn. Uniwersytetu Jagiellon)	3
Rayward, W. Boyd.	<i>International Organisation and Dissemination of Knowledge: Selected Essays of Paul Otlet</i> (Amsterdam: Elsevier)	3
Nemati, Hamid R.	<i>Information Security and Ethics: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools and Applications</i> (Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference)	2
Helen Myers	<i>Ethnomusicology: An Introduction</i> (London: Macmillan)	2

Table 8. Anthologies cited more than once

heavily cited authors, whose work drives hypothesis-testing and theory-development. The influence of these authors usually adheres to a power law such that their work is substantially more influential than the rest of the domain taken together. This is why they are said to constitute a research front; their work is at the forefront of new developments. Often some of the most-cited authors in a research front, however, are classic authors in the domain whose work remains substantially important over time. These are all signs of coherence in a domain, and there has been a consistent, if evolving, research front visible in KO over time.

Author co-citation analysis is a means of visualizing the intension, or theoretical depth, of a domain by mapping authors whose work is frequently cited together by others in the domain on the presumption that co-citation indicates a theoretical relationship of some strength. Using the names of the authors in the research front, and creating a matrix of the incidences of their co-citation, multi-dimensional scaling can be used to generate a three-dimensional map of the intellectual space, in which the authors are perceived to be clustered together (or in separate clusters at some distance apart) according to their theoretical relationship. In studies of ISKO conferences it has been useful to gather co-citation totals from Thomson Reuters *Web of Science* to map the perception of the research from by the KO community in general. But it also has been useful to manually gather co-citation totals from the papers in the individual conference proceedings, to map the perceptions of closeness among the immediately contributing authors. Both methods are used here.

There were 1,140 authors names in first-author position among the citations in the proceedings. After sorting and matching, there were 63 authors who were cited mo-

re than once. Thus there was a “long-tail” of 1,077 authors whose names were cited only once in the conference proceedings. Of the rest, 31 were cited five or more times and these authors names appear in Table 9.

Hjørland	38
Gnoli	17
Smiraglia	15
Szostak	12
Beghtol	11
López-Huertas	10
Broughton	9
Dahlberg	8
Mai	8
Olson	8
Babik	7
Bliss	7
Buckland	7
Tennis	7
Otlet	6
Ranganathan	6
Vickery	6
Bloch	5
David	5
De Santis	5
Dousa	5
Foucault	5
Hajdu Barát	5
Kaiser	5
Kruk	5
Lakoff	5
Lancaster	5
McIlwaine	5
Rosch	5
Saracevic	5
Svenonius	5

Table 9. Most cited authors

This is a curious gathering of names. The top ten names are all familiar authors in KO who are both reasonably prolific and highly cited. There are some other names—such as Otlet, Ranganathan, Kaiser and Bliss—who are well-known classical authors in the domain from earlier eras. There are still other names—Lakoff, Bloch, Rosch and Foucault—who are well-known by their contributions incorporated in the domain by contemporary authors. And

yet there are several very active authors in the domain whose names do not appear because they were cited 3 or fewer times by conference authors. Finally, there are names such as Buckland and Svenonius, whose work is well inculcated in the domain but who are not usually direct participants in the domain, but rather, are associated with the neighboring domain of information science. Whatever the interpretation, it is safe to assume the top ten names are in the research front as represented by this conference, as well as some of the names in the lower part of the distribution. As it happens, author co-citation analysis relies on the presence of co-citation by peers in the domain, and when names for which little or no co-citation was identified are removed, the final list of authors in the research front contains 17 names, as shown in Table 10.

Hjørland
Gnoli
Smiraglia
Szostak
Beghtol
López-Huertas
Broughton
Dahlberg
Mai
Olson
Buckland
Tennis
Dousa
McIlwaine
Otlet
Foucault
Ranganathan

Table 10. ISKO 13's research front.

Author co-citation of this research front as represented by peer authors gathered from *Web of Science* appears in Figure 5, and co-citation by conference authors appears in Figure 6. These MDS plots were produced by IBM-SPSS™. Both plots are good representations of the data.

Figure 5 visualizes an external analysis revealing the perception of the domain at large about this cluster of authors whose research is most cited in the contributed papers for this conference. To the extent that the participants in ISKO 13 have identified through their citations a research front, this visualization of co-citation is a snapshot of how the KO domain sees itself at this point in time. The figure is a two-dimensional visualization of a

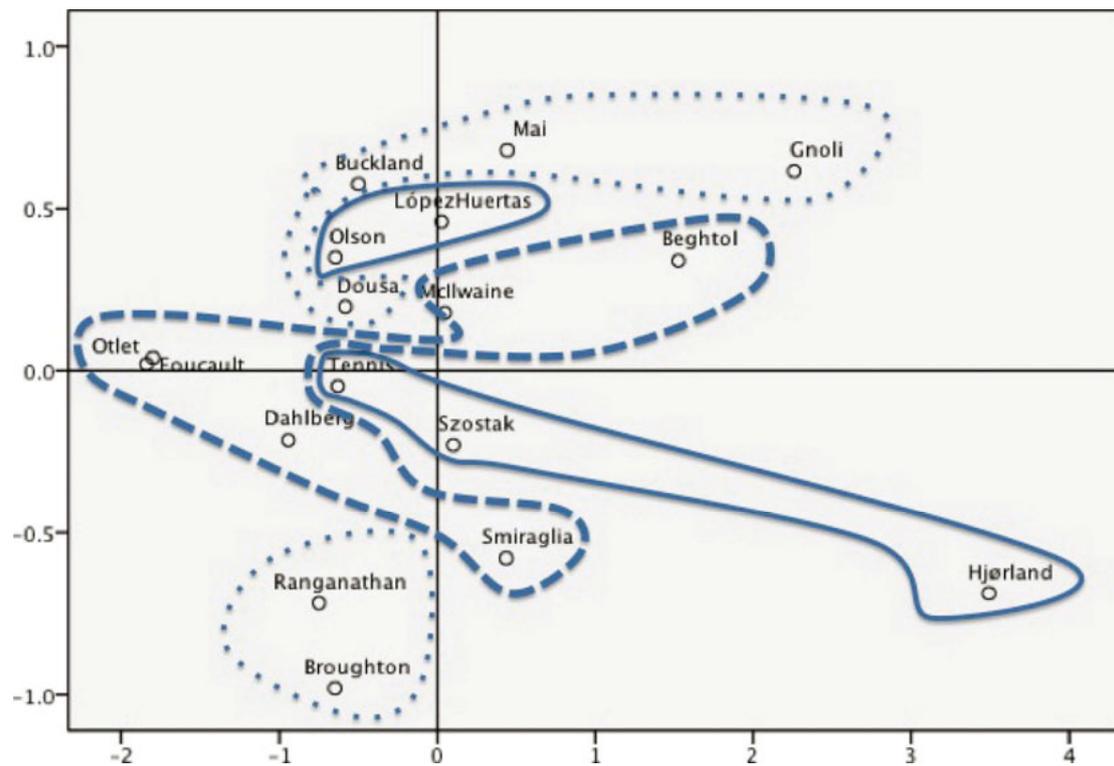


Figure 5. Author co-citation from *Web of Science* (stress = .10498 $R^2 = .96526$)

three-dimensional plot, which somewhat impairs our ability to see depth connections, but different kinds of dotted lines have been used for that reason. For example, the core cluster is that pointing directly at left of center, with a dashed line and containing Otlet, Foucault and Dahlberg; this segment represents classical concept theory, general classification and domain analysis. Imagining a third dimension shows us that the two clusters with the solid lines which are closer to the forefront (or, between the reader and the core cluster) connect groups anchored by Olson and Hjørland; these clusters represent cultural, temporal and epistemological points of view. In the distance (metaphorically speaking) are the two segments connected by small dots and connecting groups anchored by Ranganathan and Gnoli; here we have facets, integrative levels, pragmatism, semiotics and other recent modes of thought about knowledge organization. Co-citation is trace evidence of the perception of co-occurrence. Rather than pointing to causation, co-occurrence shows us what components are key and how they work together in the domain. There is a lot of space in this visualization, which could be taken as an indicator both that the connections are somewhat loose and also that each of the authors represented is seen as somehow holding a critical position in the domain. The motion of the research front as visualized here is from the epistemological base, stretching away from the reader, through the semantic core to an experimental cluster.

In Figure 6 we see the perception of this research front from the point of view of conference participants, and in particular, of its members. There are fewer names in this visualization because Otlet and Foucault were not co-cited with these contemporary authors, although Ranganathan continued to be co-cited. We have essentially the same components as before but in a slightly different configuration suggesting different subtleties of interpretation. The core (at the center) is classical KO, containing founder Dahlberg and many of the authors who have contributed to perceptions of the domain's research agenda. In the metaphorical foreground we have semiotics, classification theory, and approaches to general classification. In the distance we have classical epistemology and facet theory. As before the clusters are tightly interwoven, suggesting the players visualize themselves at different points on the same continuum.

3.2 Co-word analysis

Co-word analysis is a technique for visualizing intellectual concept space by looking for term co-occurrence. The steps involve isolating the most frequently used terms in a domain, and then searching for terms that co-occur with them in the literature of the domain. In this case, all of the titles of the 75 papers were entered into Voyeur.ca's *Voyant* text engine and an initial visualization and chart of word (not term) frequencies was developed. A word cloud ap-

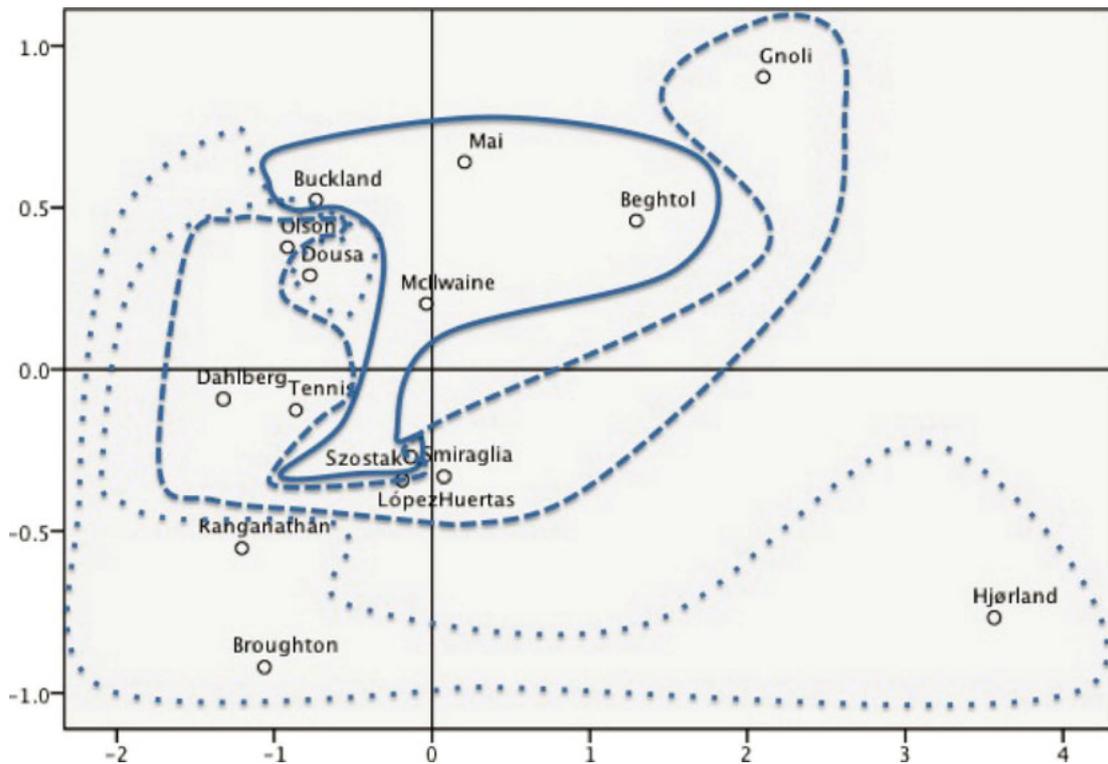


Figure 6. Interconference author co-citation (stress = .11595 $R^2 = .96218$)

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Keyword-in-context analysis (see KWIC below) tells us that many of the terms at the top of the distribution identify publications, rather than topical keywords, so although they appear in the *Voyant* visualization we can remove them from the frequency distribution. We see from Table 10 that although there are many words occur between 20 and 50 times, the rate drops below 2% of to-

tal occurrence pretty rapidly. Most of these words represent a sort of solidified granularity.

The same titles were entered into WordStat™. WordStat™ allows the creation of a term thesaurus (called a “dictionary”) which, together with specific language exclusion features can be used to filter the file. A dictionary of key ISKO terms has been developed for prior research, and was used again here. Figure 8 is an MDS plot of those terms as they co-occur in the titles of these conference papers.

The plot in Figure 8 is a fairly good model of the data. What is interesting here is how the co-occurrence data lead us to draw the clusters. Notice, for instance, that there is a solid core cluster with knowledge organization, classification, concepts, categories, ISKO and cognition. But behind it is a small cluster with models, and behind both is another cluster where domain analysis and ontology are associated with information science. This suggests that there is, among the contributors to this conference, an ontological discrepancy between concept theory (which is classic KO) and domain analysis, by which concepts are derived, which is perceived rather as closer to information science (IS). Cognition is classic KO, users are IS, but information retrieval models are in their own cluster apart from both.

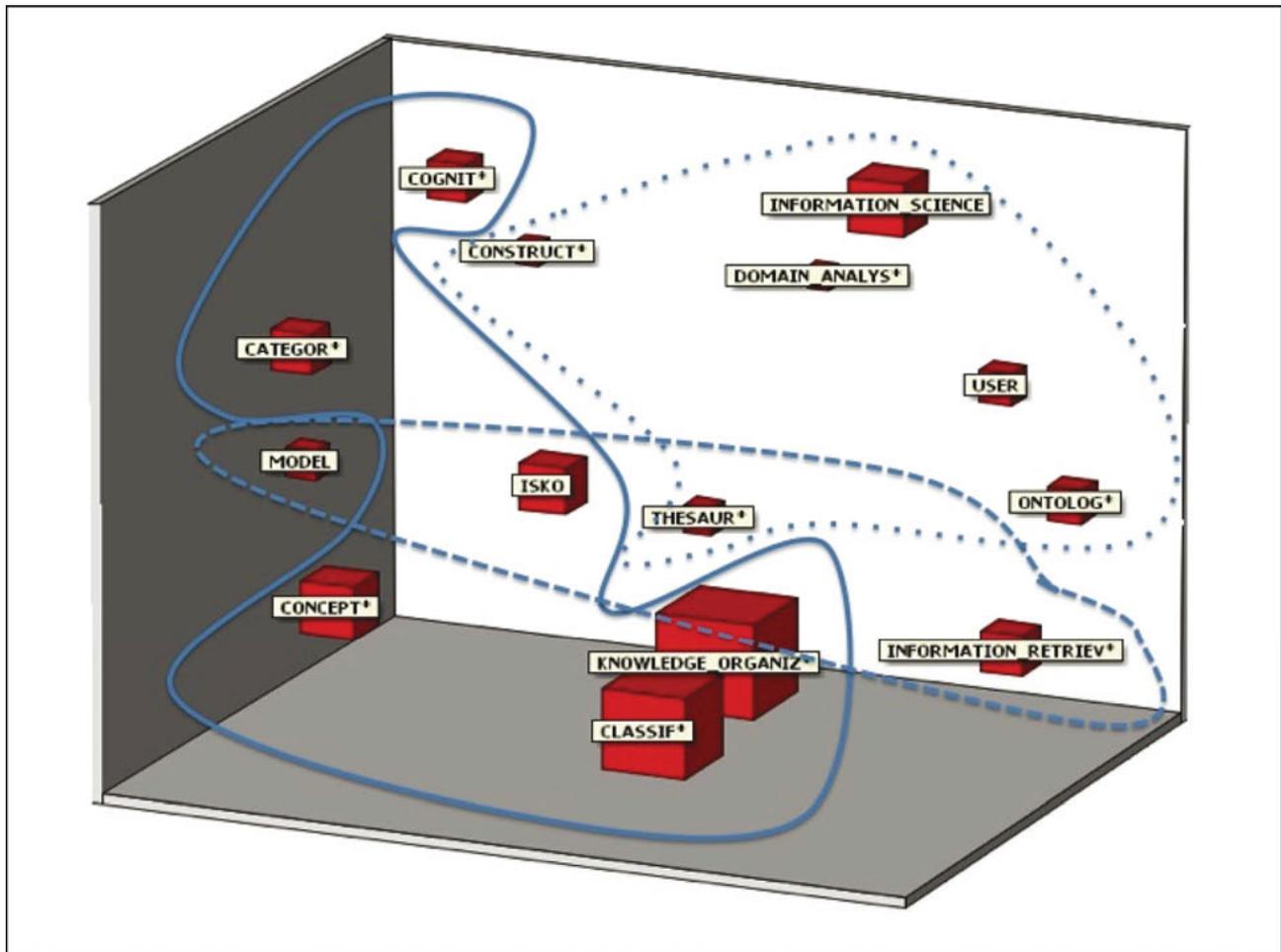


Figure 8. MDS plot of frequently used terms (stress = .24256 $R^2 = .8596$)

eral. KO as a scientific community must insist that indexing services make a clear distinction between KO and knowledge management. This conference, more than others of recent vintage, shows that even among participants there is a distinction between KO and information retrieval. This is ontologically correct, but epistemologically a tautological red herring. We do not organize knowledge only for retrieval; rather, our science is devoted to understanding the actual empirical order of knowledge. But that, of course, could be useful for information retrieval. But this distinction is perhaps also an artifact of the conference organization. ISKO ought to take more care that its international conference program committees are run by its Scientific Advisory Committee, and not by local arrangement committees. This is critical for the advancement of the science of knowledge organization.

Another limitation of this analysis arises from the keynote papers. Hjørland's presentation was published elsewhere, and thus his citations and keywords are not present in this empirical analysis. And Buckland and Soergel, who also were invited as keynote speakers, are not really

part of the current research front of the domain. So the empirical evidence from their papers, which is here, is perhaps influencing the interpretation.

The domain of KO as a science clearly is lively, evolving, emergent, and thriving. Every one of the triangulated methodological tools here points to a tightly knit cluster of key terms involving knowledge organization, categories, concepts and classification. The other five thousand words, many used more than once, define the granularity of applications of KO systems (not tools). KOS apply to every aspect of human existence. This is why KO is a science of the substrate of everything else. In that it is like the science of information. But I increasingly believe the future of KO is in comprehending that it is a science of its own and not a sub-domain of information. The methodological triangulation of citation analysis and co-word analysis shows the vivid common core of KO in concept theory and cognition, its research front in applied systems, and the immense granularity of applicability of those theories and systems. Based on the evidence from this conference in sequence, it is clear KO as a science is thriving.

Concept (71 occurrences)		
Constructing your First	concept	map
The	concept	of 'aboutness' in subject indexing
Prototype Theory: An Alternative	concept	theory for categorizing sex and gender
Cognit* (37 occurrences)		
Late adolescent and adult	cognitive	development
Modeling what users see: A	cognitive	view point
Theories of	cognition	and image categorization
Ontolog (29 occurrences)		
A reference	ontology	for biomedical informatics
A pattern-based	ontology	matching approach
Analysis of	ontology	engineering methodologies
User (25 occurrences)		
thesaurus for end-	user	indexing and retrieval
preservation of	user	- generated content
A	user	study of the singapore memory portal
Model (23 occurrences)		
Towards a Comprehensive	model	of the cognitive process
Propaedia: a conceptual	model	of knowledge organisation
A simplified	model	for facet analysis
Thesaur* (21 occurrences)		
Augmenting	thesaurus	relationships
mapped multilingual	thesauri	in the agriculture domain
Musical	thesaurus	a dictionary of musical language
Construct (15 occurrences)		
On the	construction	of selection systems
The Case for	constructivist	classrooms
Concept Maps and How to	construct	them
Domain analysis (12 occurrences)		
Theoretical referents in knowledge organization: a	domain analysis	of the knowledge organization journal
Transition in education:	domain analysis	from the <i>Encyclopedia Of Milwaukee</i>
	domain analysis	literary warrant and consensus
Classif* (174 occurrences)		
The need for a faceted	classification	as the basis of all methods
On concepts and	classifications	of musical instruments
Teaching	classification	1990-2010

Table 12. KWIC examples of most frequently occurring terms

What is on ISKO 13's Bookshelf? First and foremost, the journal *Knowledge Organization*. There is little difference globally in the resources being applied. There is a constant and useful tension between historicist and empirical epistemic stances. Next to our journal, the most important resource for KO scientists comes from the proceed-

ings of ISKO international and regional chapter conferences. We rely on a good mix of classic texts from Ranganathan, Bliss and Otlet, and from major monographs by Hjørland and Svenonius. Perhaps most interesting is the set of cited anthologies, including works on the so-called semantic web, on culture and epistemology, and on

Otlet's dreams of universal knowledge availability. All of it is fueled by Dahlberg's dream of an interoperable application of the empirically discovered heuristics of knowledge organization.

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