



ISKO in Poland

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ISKO PL Activities in 2010/2011 Report

1. Numbers of ISKO PL Members as at 31 December of:

2005 – 11 + 2 honorary members
2006 – 23 members
2007 – 27 members
2008 – 31 members
2009 – 38 members
2010 – 53 members
2011 – 60 members

Those numbers indicate that the ISKO membership has been regularly growing in Poland. Only two members resigned in that period. We anticipate to reach about 70 members soon.

2. Organizational Structure of ISKO PL

In May 2006, Prof. Wiesław Babik was elected National Coordinator. The organizational structure implemented by me is based on the five active local Chapters managed by local Coordinators and reporting to the National Coordinator. The ISKO PL Chapters operate in Warsaw (16 members), Kraków (15 members), Katowice (12 members), Olsztyn (12 members) and Toruń (5 members). We are planning to create our sixth Chapter in Lublin. In 2011, the Kraków Chapter was strengthened by the 3 members associated with the Pedagogical University of Kraków. We publish our electronic *ISKO PL News* for the ISKO PL members twice a year. Our WWW site is: <http://skryba.inib.uj.edu.pl/isko/>

3. Events

- ✚ Dr V. Osińska published two papers in the “Knowledge Organization” ISKO Bimonthly.
- ✚ In 2010, Prof. Barbara Sosińska-Kalata read a paper at the ISKO Conference in Paris, France.
- ✚ Prof. Babik participated in the Tenth Spanish ISKO Congress at the University of La Coruña, Ferrol; 30.06-1.07.2011. with paper *International Co-operation between Poland and Spain, within the International Society for Knowledge Organization: Present Situation and Prospects*.
- ✚ In 2011, an International Session took place at the Tenth INT Forum in Zakopane, Poland, with Prof. Maria G. Bonome from the Library Research Centre in La Coruña, Spain. Earlier in 2009, the following participated in a similar session: Dr. H.P. Ohly, Dr. C.S. De Beer (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa), and Prof. Rosa San Segundo Manuel from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain.
- ✚ Early in October 2011, a joint Polish-German Workshop dedicated to *Economics of Knowledge Production and Organization* took place in Cottbus, Germany (Joint Conference of the Polish and German Chapters of the International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO), in collaboration with the Chair for Philosophy of Technology and the Chair for General Science of Technology at Brandenburg Technical University (BTU) Cottbus, Germany, September 29-October 2, 2011. Polish participants: Prof. Wiesław

Babik (Jagiellonian University), Dr. hab. Diana Pietruch-Reizes (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Jolanta Szulc (Silesian University), and Dr. Małgorzata Jaskowska (Jagiellonian University). We plan to continue our co-operation with ISKO Ger, in the form of international session being part of the INT Forum in Zakopane.

4. Initiatives and Plans

- ✚ 6-9.08.2012. International ISKO Conference in Mysore, India: two participants from ISKO PL (with a paper and a poster).
- ✚ 24-26.10.2012. Book Congress in Katowice, Poland: a paper on “The International Society for Knowledge Organization: A New Area of Development of the Organization of Co-operation in the Field of Information and Knowledge Organization in Poland and Abroad” by Prof. W. Babik.
- ✚ September 2013. 12th INT Forum in Zakopane; ISKO PL Session and a Polish-German Workshop.
- ✚ June 2014. International ISKO Conference in Kraków. The Conference will take place on the 25th anniversary of ISKO and the 20th anniversary of the ISKO Polish Chapter. Research on the history and development of ISKO in Poland and abroad will be implemented in connection with upcoming anniversaries. Results will be presented at the Conference in 2014.

5. Preparations to the International ISKO Conference in Kraków in 2014

The Conference will be held in Poland. Warsaw was the venue of a Conference in 1995. It was dedicated to the *Compatibility and Integration of Order Systems* (Research Seminar of the TIP/ISKO Meeting, Warsaw, 13-15 September 1995). It was organized in co-operation with the Society for Professional Information and the Polish Librarians' Association. About 60 persons participated.

Venue of the 2014 Conference: *Kraków*

Proposed term: *mid-June 2014*

Proposed topic: *Knowledge Organization in an E-Society. Concepts, Structures and Beyond.*

Organizer: International Society for Knowledge Organization, Institute of Scientific Information and Library Science of the Jagiellonian University, and the Polish Society of Scientific and Technical Information (PTINT).

Collaboration: Polish Librarians' Association.

The preparations started a year ago. Accompanying events have been planned. Preparations will be expanded in October 2012 after new staff of the Institute of Scientific Information and Library Science of the Jagiellonian University (INIB UJ) have been elected. The following will be appointed soon:

- International Programme Council;
- Organizing Committee, composed of ISKO members, workers of INIB UJ and PTINT.
- Conference 2014 website;
- Looking for sponsors.

6. The Dahlberg Library

In 2011, ISKO PL was proposed to take over a private library of Dr. I. Dahlberg. We have tried to place it at the Library of the Faculty of Management and Social Communication as a separate donated collection. However, the matter has not been concluded owing to lack of co-operation on the part of INIB UJ authorities as long as the Library Manager has not been appointed.

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