Preface

This publication contains the papers presented at the 3rd International ISKO Conference, which was held 20-24 June 1994, at the Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen, Denmark. The first International ISKO Conference was held from 14-17 August 1990 in Darmstadt, Germany, on „Tools for Knowledge Organization and the Human Interface“. The second International ISKO Conference on „Cognitive Paradigms in Knowledge Organization“ took place in Madras, India, from 26-28 August 1992. The International ISKO Conference is the premier forum for presentation and discussions of research and development in the organization of knowledge.

This year’s conference on „Knowledge Organization and Quality Management“ continues to provide an interdisciplinary forum for all professionals working on the problems related to conceptual organization of knowledge and further intends to bridge the gap between academic research and industry applications in knowledge organization. The 54 papers presented at the conference include the topics of Quality Management, Theory of Knowledge, Linguistics, Concept Representation in Systems Design, Knowledge Organization in Specific Domains, Communication and Knowledge Organization, OPACs, Knowledge-based Systems, Tools and Techniques for Organization of Knowledge, Thesauri, Restructuring of Classification Schemes and Thesauri and Future Prospects.

The keynote address was presented by Professor Pauline A. Cochrane, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, and created a time bridge in discussions of knowledge organization between the Second International Study Conference, held in Elsinore, Denmark, 1964 and this present conference. Additionally there was a full day session with demonstrations of computational tools, related to the topics discussed in the contributed papers.

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I hope that you will find the proceedings from the 3rd International ISKO Conference an interesting contribution to research and development in the organization of knowledge.

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