

Candidacy Statement for Joseph T. Tennis
Presidential-hopeful for ISKO 2014-2018

According to the ISKO Charter and Preamble:

The Presidency is especially responsible for the following:

- a) attending to the realization of the Society's aims according to Art.4;
- b) management of the Society's property and execution of the resolutions passed by the General Assembly;
- c) preparation of and convening the General Assembly;
- d) presentation of the progress report and of the balance of accounts for the period under review;
- e) preparation of the financial budget for the following period;
- f) consultative cooperation with the Scientific Council with respect to its Program;
- g) consultative cooperation with the chairmen of the regional chapters and establishment of working groups;

To that end, I propose the following program for a four-year term as President: Listen, Deliberate, and Act.

Listen

In cooperation with the Presidency, Scientific Council, and Chapters I will survey the membership to assess the needs of the Society in realizing its aims. Among the questions I will ask, will be in relation to the society support for their research, the membership's perception of the image of ISKO among scholarly societies, questions about international collaboration and national priorities. Other items of interest to the Presidency, Scientific Council, Chapters, and members will be considered as well.

Deliberate

From this I will convene discussion sessions at Chapter meetings and at the International Meetings to assess and deliberate on the results of this survey.

Act

From this we can form action plans to support the membership. This may include working groups, where appropriate. The goal is to assess the needs of the membership and to shape the Society so that it supports them in their research.

Starting Points for the Presidency

To start this threefold program I will support specific initiatives that have surfaced already in conversations with the membership. Those starting points are:

Support policies that allow for the digitization of ISKO proceedings, chapters' conference proceedings, and issues of Knowledge Organization and International Classification

Support the creation of ISKO Special Interest Groups

Support the expansion of ISKO into other countries as well as to support the creation of new regional and national ISKO chapters

Establish joint actions, collaborations, and conversation with other international scholarly societies.

These, plus any initiatives that arise from my program of Listen, Deliberate, Act will be the thrust of my platform, if I were to be elected President of ISKO.

Respectfully submitted,
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