

ISKO chapters annual reports to the Annual Meeting 10 July 2023

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Report on Membership 2023

Individuals 51 Individual developing country

Students 10

Retired 5

Comment on membership changes, recruitment efforts, etc.:

During the last year, the Brazilian Chapter continued promoting its activities using social media and a mailing list. The Chapter collected more information about the research groups, enriching the website database and encompassing all the Brazilian chapter member's research groups on knowledge organization. The efforts to recruit new members through engagement on social media have continued throughout the year. The chapter has also reformulated its social media visual identity and continued publicizing its members' research, papers, and informative texts about ISKO. Nowadays, ISKO-Brazil's official Instagram has 655 followers, and the Facebook page has 1000 followers. Regarding the first year (2021) we noticed a 254,99% increase in interaction, considering the number of followers and engagement in posts.

Report on Finances – 2021 and 2022

Revenue in 2021 CAD 4.820,1307 The revenue comprises member fees and financial applications.

Expenditures in 2021 CAD 3.515,7234 The expenditures comprise the International ISKO payment and expenses with accounting office and bank fees.

End-of-Year Balance (profit) CAD 1.304,40 *The total amount of revenue and expenditures were converted to Canadian dollar currency (CAD) on July, 8th, rate 1 CAD = R\$ 3,6735

Type Amount (in CAD) Comments

Revenue in 2022 CAD 5.170,6302 The revenue comprises member fees and financial applications.

Expenditures in 2022 CAD 6.809,0921 The expenditures comprise the International ISKO payment and expenses with accounting office, website, travel ticket and bank fees.

End-of-Year Balance (loss) CAD - 1.638,4 *The total amount of revenue and expenditures were converted to Canadian dollar currency (CAD) on July, 8th, rate 1 CAD = R\$ 3,6735

The ISKO Brazil fiscal year is 31 December. The above numbers are for the year completed on 31 December 2021 and 2022.

Report on activities

1. Chapter biennial conference: Seventeenth Brazilian Chapter Conference on Knowledge Organization (ISKO-BRASIL 2023)

Conference Theme: Knowledge Organization and Representation in different contexts: challenges and Perspectives in the data era. - focus on the discussions about the digital contexts and its philosophical, ethical, and cultural impacts in the KO scenario.

The Conference was held in Londrina, on 7th and 8th June.

Number of attendees: 143

Number of presentations: 104 (84 full papers and 20 abstracts). The five best papers were selected to be published in Knowledge Organization Special Issue. The conference proceedings are available in open access on the Brazilian Chapter Website:

<https://doi.org/10.29327/5261847>

During the Annual Assembly, the new board of directors was elected and will be in charge of the chapter from 2024 January 1st.

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Report on Membership

Individuals 34 28 members from US, 3 from Canada, 3 from Europe

Students 12 9 student members from US, 3 from Canada

Retired 5 5 retired members from US

Institutions 1 1 institution from the US

Honorary 1 1 member from Canada

The preceding numbers are valid as of 5 July 2023. In 2022, the total number of members was 43 in all (31 regular members; 8 student members; 4 retired members; 1 institutional member; with 34 members from the US; 6 from Canada; 3 from Europe [France, Denmark, and the Netherlands]). In 2021, the total number of members was 67 in all (46 regular members; 12 student members; 4 retired members; 1 institutional members; with 55 members from the United States; 11 members from Canada; 1 member from Europe {France}). As we can see, the number of members has gone from a peak of 67 members in 2021 to a trough of 43 in 2022 and now has now recouped partially with 51 in 2020. The peak-trough-peak fluctuation is due to the timing of the NASKO Symposia. Persons who are not members of ISKO register at a higher conference rate than members but part of this registration fee is put towards a complimentary membership to ISKO for the year of the NASKO conference. Some of these conference-based members renew their memberships

but many do not. As a consequence, ISKO-CUS tends to have higher membership numbers in years of NASKO symposia (typically odd-numbered years) than in even-numbered years. What is new and unexplained is the dramatic decrease in membership by approximately 1/3 from 2021 to 2022. The 2021 NASKO Symposium was very successful and attracted a number of new members but many did not renew. Moreover, some longtime members retired in 2022 and chose not to retain a membership in the organization. This may account for the drop in “individual”-level memberships but it does not explain the magnitude of the drop. It is notable that the vast majority of ISKO-CUS members come from the United States, while a relatively small number comes from Canada. One would like to see a greater number of members from the latter country, especially now that it is the legal home of ISKO. However, membership is often tied to strong representation of KO in i-School departments and, currently, there is only i-School in Canada that has a faculty member active in ISKO.

Report on Finances

Revenue \$ 9048.66 USD Includes income + prior savings.

Expenditures \$ 2400.00 USD Estimate of remittance + Expenditures

End-of-Year Balance \$ 6648.66 USD Projected end of the year balance

Comment on finances:

The finances of ISKO-CUS have remained stable over the past year, with predictable expenditures – namely, remittance of fees to ISKO’s Central Offices, bank wiring fee, website fee, and incidental expenses relating to NASKO). Over the past three years, NASKO-related expenses have been minimal because the conference has been held online: if, in the future, in-person meetings resume, it is expected that annual expenses will increase by \$ 1,000-\$1,500 USD per year.

Report on activities

1. NASKO 2023 Conference and Doctoral Student Symposium

Completed * Please see detailed note below.

2. ISKO C/US Student Paper Competition

Competition for student papers on KO topics, intended to attract more student involvement in ISKO C/US. In Progress Barbara. Kwaśnik is chairing an ad hoc committee to begin arrangements. Competition is planned for 2024 as an off-year activity; further details pending.

3. NASKO 2025 Conference and Doctoral Student Symposium

Not started Planning is pending until new officers begin their roles; office of President is still be determined.

* The Ninth North American Symposium on Knowledge Organization (NASKO 2023) was held on online on June 15-16, 2023 and was hosted by the School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The theme of the conference was “Who Are We?: Reflecting, Shaping, and Challenging Identity Through Knowledge Organization” and the themes of the paper sessions were: “KO Foundations”; “Thesaurus and Taxonomy Construction”; “KO, Language, and Computation”; “AI & KO”; and “KO & LGBTQ+ Identities”. The conference featured the presentation of 11 papers by scholars from the United States, Canada, and the Netherlands, as well as special sessions hosted by Joy

Panigabutra-Roberts (KO & Practice), Karen Snow (KO & Ethics), and Jane Greenberg (Interactive Coffee Klatch). It also included a doctoral symposium for the mentoring of doctoral students undertaking research in KO, a regular feature of the NASKO symposia. "Best Paper" awards were given to Carlin Soos and Levon Haroutunian for the paper "On the Question of Authorship in Large Language Models (LLMs)," and to D. Grant Campbell & Alexander Mayhew for the paper "Repositioning the Base Level of Bibliographic Relationships: or, A Cataloguer, a Post-Modernist and a Chatbot Walk Into a Bar." Proceedings of the conference will be available later this year.

French chapter

Two major activities in 2023

1) In cooperation with the French Chapter and some eminent ISKO members co-organized the "Fourth International Conference on the Ethics of Information & Knowledge Organization" and the "First International Conference of the International Thematic Network on Ethics in SHS" (founded at the University of Lille in 2021

Dates: June 8th and 9th 2023

Conference venue: University of Lille Campus Pont de Bois

Conference website: <https://ethique-information.univ-lille.fr/>

Organizers: The International Thematic Network on Ethics in SHS, the iSchool of the University of Lille Geriico laboratory in cooperation with the following universities and centers: University of Lille, UDL iSchool & Geriico

Widad Mustafa El Hadi, Conference Chair

UNESP - São Paulo State University, Brazil, José Augusto Chaves Guimarães, Co-chair

University of León, Spain, Daniel Martinez-Avila, Co-chair

Institute for Knowledge Organization and Structure, Inc. Lake Oswego OR USA, Richard Smiraglia, Senior Fellow and Executive Director, Co-chair

Two keynote addresses:

Melodie Fox, Milwaukee School of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee USA
"The Uncanny Catalog: How Do We "Care" Now?"

David Haynes, Edinburgh Napier University, UK, "Ethics of Information and the Metaverse"

2) ISKO-France is convening its 13th International conference Lyon, University Jean Moulin
In tribute to Jacques Maniez

Conference theme "Social Epistemology in the organization of knowledge" October 19-20, 2023

Conference chairs: Prof. Mabrouka El Hachani U. Lyon 3, Omar Larouk, Assoc. Professor ENSSIB, Prof. Widad Mustafa El Had U. Lille

Two Keynotes addresses:

Birger Hjørland, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Brigitte Juanals, Aix Marseille University, France

More information on the conference website: <https://isko-france2023.sciencesconf.org/>

The 14th ISKO France will be held in Amiens, University of Picardie, and Jules Verne. More information will be provided, Conference Chair, Prof. Mohamed Sidir

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Report on Membership

Individuals 19 +4 developing

Students 1 unemployed Unemployed person registered as student b/c no other possibility

Retired 11

Institutions 5

Honorary 1

Report on Finances

Revenue 2.535,00 EUR

Expenditures 1.938,00 EURO membership remittance 2022,
82,40 EUR website hosting (2022)

End-of-Year Balance 3.262,58 EUR (30th June 2023)

Report on activities

1. Annual Members Meeting March 27th 2023

Election of chapter officers for period 2023/24

Italian chapter

During the last year, the Italian chapter of ISKO has co-organized with the Italian Library Association (AIB) the event "Look beyond: subject indexing of non-book resources", held at Sapienza University of Rome on 6 February 2023, which also counted as the chapter's biennial meeting. The chapter has also collaborated for the organization of the 20th European NKOS Workshop held online on 23 June 2022. There has been progress in the work of the Integrative Levels Classification working group, also involving foreign researchers. Some Italian ISKO members are also active in ISKO Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, including its Metadata and Subject Access working group.

Polish chapter

The Polish chapter has 65 members and 5 active local groups in Warsaw, Kraków, Katowice, Olsztyn, and Toruń. They are actively promoting ISKO in Poland and Ukraine. A monograph on knowledge organization in Poland (1994-2019) is currently in preparation. They are collaborating with other professional organizations in Poland and internationally. They aim to participate in the ISKO 2024 conference in Wuhan.

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Report on Membership

MMS: As of June 2023

Individuals 28

Students 0

Corporate 7

Institutions 0

Honorary 0

Comment on membership changes, recruitment efforts, etc.: We had slight changes in membership over the last year. Individual members had gone up but corporate members dipped slightly.

Report on Finances

Type Amount (in EUR or CAD) Comments

Revenue S\$8365 (Euro 5684)

Expenditures S\$6162 (Euro 4187)

End-of-Year Balance S\$2109 (Euro 1433) Surplus for the year, post tax

Comment on finances:

The ISKO Singapore fiscal year is 31 July – 1 August. The above numbers are for the year completed 31 July 2021. We will close our books for FY 2022 in August. Generally, the outlook is expected to be similar to prior year. Membership revenue is slightly down. Expenses are slightly up.

Report on activities (July 2021 – August 2022)

Please report on any activities, such as Chapter biennial conference, future planned conferences, events, chapter business meetings, and any collaborations with other

Doing Magic with Metadata: The Six Purposes of Metadata, with Dr David Haynes
Sharing and discussion Completed (Aug 2021) Attendance: 37

Change Management for KM by Patrick Lambe
Sharing and discussion Completed (Sep 2021) Attendance: 29

The Asian Development Bank - A Participatory Approach to Managing Change in KM, with
Dr Susann Roth and Mary Jane Carangal-San Jose
Sharing and discussion Completed (Oct 2021) Attendance: 24

Augmented Reality Knowledge Management with Arshad Ahmed
Sharing and discussion Completed (Mar 2022) Attendance: 18

Intelligent Document Processing with Maish Nichani
Sharing and discussion Completed (Apr 2022) Attendance: 20

Email Records Management with Gaynor Deal
Sharing and discussion Completed (May 2022) Attendance: 19

Making the Journey into Data Governance with Irena Zadonsky
Sharing and discussion Completed (Jun 2022) Attendance: 18

Data Science Meets Information Science Meets Knowledge Management with Dave Clarke
and Patrick Lambe
Sharing and discussion Completed (Jul 2022) Attendance: 31

Ethical Aspects of Data Panel discussion Completed (Aug 2022) Attendance: 43

Management and Technology Management - a panel with Gavin Chait, Charles Mok and Li
Xuchun

Additional comments:

(1) ISKO Kenya Chapter Incubation – assisted a group of enthusiastic Kenyan KO/KM
professionals to set up their own country chapter since Oct 2022, e.g. mentor, draft & finalise
constitution, set up committee, etc.

(2) Innovations in Knowledge Organisation (IKO) Conference – we will be holding a
week-long conference (hybrid) on 11-14 September 2023. The face-to-face day features
keynotes from Dave Snowden and Susann Roth and the theme is navigating organisational
transformation. More details at <https://www.ikoconference.org/iko-2023.html>

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Report on Membership

Individuals 40 Individual members: 32; Individual members developing countries: 8
Students 5
Retired 1
Institutions 4
Honorary
Comment on membership changes, recruitment efforts, etc.:
New individual members (2): 2631, 2642
New student members (1): 2649
Requests of membership off (4): 252, 479, 753, 1889

Report on Finances

Revenue 2023 fees: 3.050€
Expenditures Chapter ISKO website hosting: 188,76€ + 2.548€
membership remittance to ISKO + 30€: bank transfer costs
End-of-Year Balance 4.263,28€ €

Report on activities

1. VI Congresso ISKO Espanha-Portugal | 16.o ISKO España Biennial conference of the Chapter, held by the Faculty of Documentation Sciences – Complutense University, Spain
26 & 27 October 2023
<https://eventos.ucm.es/97225/detail/organizacion-del-conocimiento-en-el-ambito-documental-patrimonial-y-social.html>
86 proposals received (83 communications & 3 posters)

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Report on Membership

Individuals 46
Students 8
Retired 12

Institutions 13
Honorary 1

Report on Finances

Revenue CAD 1019.03 Incl balance sheet adjustments

Expenditures CAD 4282.64 Incl 2 yr subscription to Membership Management System

End-of-Year Balance CAD 47415.66 Cash at banks, excl known debtors.

All rates based on GBP:CAD 1.6283 –year end rate

Report on activities

1.ISKO UK Meetup

<https://www.meetup.com/knowledge-organisation-london/>

ISKO UK meetups are monthly events, organized via the meetup.com platform, the group “Knowledge Organization London” Meetup.com works independently from the ISKO UK website in that it enables registration, publicity and creates a community of followers outside of ISKO. In this way it contributes to KO visibility and promotes ISKO UK in various sectors and communities of practice.

Upcoming events include:

13 September: Managing Mappings Between Knowledge Organization Systems with Cocoda, by Uma Balakrishnan

11 October: Knowledge Audit: Patrick Lambe and Janine Weightman in Conversation with Sharon Stewart

Events from July 2022 to June 2023:

13 September: How to build a knowledge graph by Paul Appleby

10 October : How taxonomies can solve complex business problems by Ramona Aubry

24-Nov-2022: Data Discovery at Wiley by Niké Brown

8 March 2023: Vocabs Editor and Taxonomy Publishing Ecosystem by Peter Andorfer and Klaus Illmayer

12 April: The Opportunities and Challenges in Leveraging Sustainable Finance Taxonomies by James Phare and Daniel Burke-Ward

Average attendance: 40 people. Current number of member: 976

2.Knowledge Organization Observatory (KO-RO)

<https://www.iskouk.org/KORO>

KO-RO has a broader scope and aims at presenting both KO projects/research as well as broader topics that may have in impact or are related to the KO.

Ongoing but paused during preparation of the conference.

Events from July 2022 to June 2023

24 August 2022: Terminology standardization and database standards under a microcontent perspective by Christian Galinski.

30 Nov 2022: The Taxonomy Oversight Group and its role in UK Government taxonomies by Suzanne Fry.

Careers information: a single source by Dan Blakemore

25 January 2023: Revising vocabularies for cultural hospitality: an argument for hospitable processes by Julia Bullard

The Cataloguing Code of Ethics 2021: informing subject cataloguing and indexing for marginalised communities, by Jane Daniels

3. 2023 7th ISKO UK conference

It will be a hybrid event on 24-25 July 2023 at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

<https://www.iskouk.org/conf2023>

Theme and aim: "Knowledge Organization and Information Discovery: Improving User Experience, Quality and Trust"

The conference aims to explore the role of knowledge organization in supporting information discovery with special focus on user experience and resilience in the context of data and information overload and increased dependence on automatic information processing. The objective of the conference is to promote discussion and understanding about the benefits of knowledge organization and the way it can encourage user engagement and interaction with information.

Programme available at: <https://www.iskouk.org/conf2023/programme>

The conference keynote address will be given by Prof. Ian Ruthven. The programme will feature a number of invited speakers from the field of information and computer science including Enrico Daga, David Elswailer, Paul Groth, David Haynes, Stephann Makri, Martin White, Peter Winstanley and Marcia Zeng.

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Report on membership

Individuals 1

Individuals developing country 6

The record above only captures members that have paid their annual dues for 2023. We have about 23 members registered on the MMS platform.

Report on Finances

(Our financial report for 2022-2023 is not ready)

Report on activities

5th Biennial International Conference on Transition from Observation to Information to Intelligence (TOKI 2023), April 13-14, 2023, ASMAC, University of Yaoundé 2, Cameroon. TOKI 2023 with the theme "Digital transformation: A new world of production" held at Yaoundé, Cameroon brought together researchers and practitioners from different

disciplines such as information sciences, philosophy, linguistics, and computer science, as well as cutting-edge fields such as health informatics, data science, information systems, Internet of Things, Big Data, etc. to present their research results and share their experience.

Completed 24 papers

About 75 attendees from 7 Countries (Nigeria, Cameroun, France, Canada, South Africa and Gabon). Participants were drawn across academia, industries and government, giving a very rich platform for discussion of current and emerging issues of importance.

https://www.iskowa.org/toki2023_2/

Webinar

This webinar is the first in the series of webinar that ISKO-WA plans to hold every quarter starting from July 2023. This first edition held on Wednesday July 4, 2023 with the theme “Designing a Human Centred AI Ecosystem in Africa”.

Over 50 participants across Africa and Europe. The keynote speaker is an African born professor at Carleton University Canada. The webinar was an eye-opener for many on responsible, ethical and explainable AI with human as the focus of the AI development. It provided a multidisciplinary view of AI for social good.