Observatory on Knowledge Organisation Systems, Valletta 1-3 February 2017

Location: Studio B, Spazju Kreattiv (St James Cavalier building, Valletta)

Programme

1 February (Wednesday)

9:30 Registration

9:45 Welcome
Melchior Cini, MCST; Andrea Scharnhorst (chair of KNOWeSCAPE); Toni Sant (Spazju Kreattiv), Milena Dobreva (University of Malta), Neville Borg (Wikimedia Community Malta)

10:00-11:00 **ADVANCES IN KOS** (Chair: Andrea Scharnhorst)

Philipp Mayr (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim, Germany)
Measuring the usefulness of Knowledge Organization Systems in Information Retrieval applications

Wouter Beek (VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
The 'K' in Semantic Web stands for 'Knowledge'

11:00-11:30 coffee break

11:30-13:00 **KOS, CONCEPTUALISATION AND VISUALISATION ASPECTS** (Chair Richard Smiraglia)

Rob Koopman and **Shenghui Wang** (OCLC)
Semantic indexing techniques and their application in studying concept drift

Peter Hook (Wayne State University, USA)
Visualizing Knowledge Organization Systems: Context, Frameworks, Steps, and Exemplars

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 **INVITED TALK** (Chair Andrea Scharnhorst)

Richard P. Smiraglia (School of Information Studies of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)
KOS on a space-time continuum: Empirical Implications for a KOS Observatory

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Discussion: trends in the development of KOS (Chairs: Richard Smiraglia and Rob Koopman)

2 February (Thursday)

10:30-12:30 **NEW DIMENSIONS AND INSTRUMENTS OF CATALOGUING** (Chair Suzanne Barbalet)

Jan Kozłowski (Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland)
"Distant cataloguing"–a step towards digital and qualitative humanities

Aida Slavic (UDC)
Universal knowledge classifications: from linking information to linked data

Inkyung Choi (University of Wisconsin, Milwakee, USA)
Map of cross-cultural bibliographic classifications: the adaptation of the KDC into the DDC

Panayiota Polydoratou, Christina Kirkorian (ATEI, Greece)
Some of the challenges and lessons learned from the translation of UDC in Greek

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **INVITED TALK** (Chair Andrea Scharnhorst)

Joseph T. Tennis (Information School of the University of Washington)
Do We Have All the Terms for this Art?: Exploring the Nature and Continued Conceptualization of KOS through their Collective and Individual Histories

Paul Groth (Elsevier Labs, The Netherlands)
New sources of change in knowledge organization systems

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:30 **KOS, MEMORY INSTITUTIONS, AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES** (Chair Jan Kozłowski)

Birte Christensen-Dalsgaard (Digital Humanities Lab, Denmark)
Designing a website for digital humanities, including the use of the taxonomy TaDiRAH

Kalpana Shankar (University College Dublin, Ireland)
Social Science Data Archives, institutional sustainability, and implications for KOS

Rebecca O'Neill (Wikimedia Ireland)
Wikipedians and other citizen curators

18:00-19:30 **Debate followed by a glass of wine "Documenting Maltese heritage through Wikipedia – added value or waste of time?"** (Chair Seamus Ross; contributors Sandro Debono, Xabier Cañas, Birte Christensen-Dalsgaard, John Cummings, Velislava Hillman, Rebecca O'Neill, Vincent Zammit)

3 February (Friday)

10:00-12:30 **TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND NOVEL APPLICATIONS** (Chair Joe Tennis)

> **Marc Kosciejew** (University of Malta)
> *Materializing Knowledge: Distinctions Between Documentation and Classification*

> **Owen Sacco** (University of Malta, Malta)
> *Semantic-based game generation*

11:00-11:30 coffee break

> **Sarven Capadisli** (University of Bonn, Germany)
> *dokieli: decentralised authoring, annotations and social notifications*

> **Sahar Vahdati** (University of Bonn, Germany)
> *OpenResearch: Collaborative Management and Analysis of Scholarly*
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> *Communication Metadata*

Morning (parallel session) Room 507 MAKS

> Edit-a-thon on cultural content related to Malta on Wikipedia

AFTERNOON – closing discussions and planning for the future; discussions in smaller groups