

# SIG-CMR NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026 #2

Welcome to our next newsletter for this year

## SIG-CMR NAMING AND IDENTITY SURVEY

Thanks to our members who have responded to our survey. There's still time to participate, and we would love to know your views!

Click on the link below:

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## ASIS&T 2026 CONFERENCE BANGKOK NOVEMBER 6-10

Crossing Boundaries: Advancing Global Dialogue and Well-being through Information Research and Practice



**Registration is now open** for the in person ASIS&T 2026 Annual Meeting, taking place in November 6-10 in Bangkok, Thailand! Join us for the premier international conference in information science, where scholars, practitioners, and students from around the world come together to share research, best practices, ideas, and innovations.

Register here: <https://www.asist.org/am2026/am26/>



## DCMI 2026 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF KOREA, SEOUL, AUGUST 3-7 Meaning-Driven AI: Using Metadata to Align Systems with Human Values

Register here: <https://www.dublincore.org/conferences/2026/registration/>

The 18th Semantic Web in Libraries Conference will be held online: 16 – 18 November 2026

See [SWIB26 Welcome](#)

## *asis&t* UPCOMING WEBINARS OF INTEREST

### WEBINAR: PERCEPTUAL LEARNING AND RATIONAL LEARNING: SITUATING KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION IN THE AGE OF AI

Sponsored by: SIG Classification and Metadata Research (SIG CMR)

Knowledge organization systems (KOS) traditionally are developed for representing knowledge in publications for information discovery and retrieval. Advances in semantic technologies since the beginning of 21st century and the emergent AI technologies have brought great shocks to KOS as well as KO research. Are KOS still needed and useful as information search is being replaced by AI-driven conversational style search? Where does KO research is situated in the wave of AI? What vision can we offer for KO as a research field in the years to come? This presentation will first set a context of perceptual learning and rational learning for a discussion of the KO paradigms, which will then be connected to the knowledge representation paradigms in AI. Through examples of KOS-facilitated AI/ML applications, this talk will try to address these questions.

**When: July 9, 2026, 11:00 am – 12.00 pm (EDT)**

**Presenter: Dr. Jian Qin**

Register [here](#):

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## **WEBINAR: AI-DRIVEN METADATA WORKFLOWS, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES, AND THE FUTURE OF METADATA GOVERNANCE**

**Sponsored by: ASIS&T South Asia Chapter in collaboration with the DCMI Education Committee**

The rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the practices of metadata creation and management. Drawing from two survey studies of perceived impact of AI on metadata practices (n=752) and academic librarians' perceptions about new skills and competencies (n=155), this presentation will explore the complex relationships among metadata tasks, metadata workflows and AI tools, identify the new skills and competencies needed for academic librarians and provide implications for metadata governance.

**When: September 17, 2026 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (EDT)**

**Presenter: Dr. Ying-Hsang Liu**

Register [here](#):

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## **WEBINAR: CLASSIFICATION AS OUTREACH**

**Sponsored by: SIG Classification and Metadata Research (SIG CMR)**

Drawing on Tina Gross and Violet Fox's 2019 "Authority work as outreach," this talk will explore how inviting community into classification work can strengthen our relationships as well as our systems. I will detail a set of related projects in which community-centered collections engaged users in assessment, revision, and direction for classification and labelling work. I pose this form of collaboration as an approach to scaling and sustainability that sharply contrasts computational or automated means.

**When: October 1, 2026 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (EDT)**

**Presenter: Julia Bullard**

Register [here](#)

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**Where: São Paulo, Brazil**

**When: August 17 – 19, 2026**

## Transforming Knowledge Organization: Critical Approaches to Epistemological, Technological, and Cultural Change

Societies today face rapid and uneven transformations across epistemological frameworks, technological infrastructures, and cultural imaginaries in the wave of artificial intelligence (AI). The field of Knowledge Organization (KO) makes no exception. The 19th International ISKO Conference invites scholars and practitioners to explore strategies, approaches, and practices that will reshape the field of KO and critically contribute to more equitable, sustainable, and reflexive knowledge systems.

The conference theme emphasizes transformation, not as mere adaptation to new tools or contexts, but as a critical process of reexamining the foundations, functions, and futures of KO. We invite contributions that investigate how classification systems, ontologies, metadata, and other KO structures are embedded in social, historical, and technological processes, and how they can be redesigned to reflect plural epistemologies, cultural diversity, and ethical commitments.

We welcome interdisciplinary submissions from fields such as Information Science, Computer Science, Philosophy, Linguistics, Education, Cognitive Science, Digital Humanities, and other domains invested in the organization, mediation, and politics of knowledge.

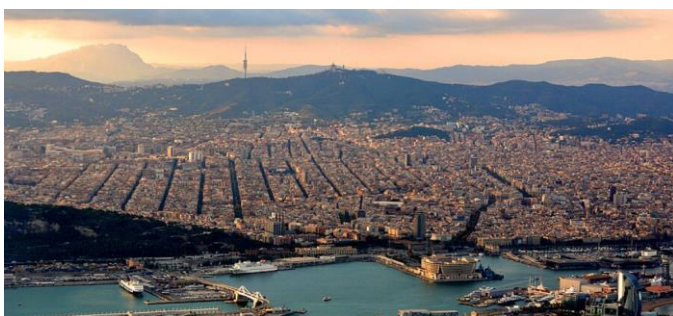
Register [here](#)

The preliminary programme is [here](#)

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## BOBCATSSS 2027: BARCELONA JANUARY 19-21: CALL FOR PAPERS

### Rebuilding Trust Infrastructures – Libraries, AI and Democratic Knowledge Futures



BOBCATSSS is an annual symposium in the field of library and information science. It is a tradition which has been passed on from one country to another since 1993. It is held under the auspices of EUCLID (European Association for Library and Information Education and Research) and is organized by students from at least two universities. BOBCATSSS is created for students, professors, employees and professionals of libraries and information field.

Conference call for papers is [here](#)

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