



ISKO UK Pilot Project: Conference Grants to Students

Introduction

Following a series of successful events, the ISKO UK Chapter has sufficient funds to take a more direct approach to the following objective: “To encourage and support the next generation of Knowledge Organization (KO) researchers and practitioners, with attention to continuing professional development as well as basic education and training”. As a pilot project in 2014 we have set aside a total fund of £1,000, available for one or more conference grants to students. Based on this experience, the hope is to continue such grants on a more established basis in future years.

Purpose

An important aspect of education is to attend events where it is possible to hear and develop contacts with others in the field. ISKO UK therefore wishes to give some financial support to students aspiring to join the Knowledge Organization community of students, researchers and practitioners. Specifically we encourage them to attend conferences on subjects that clearly belong to KO and/or will attract an audience from the KO community.

Eligibility

Applicants should be enrolled as postgraduate or undergraduate students in any academic institution which is a corporate member of ISKO UK, or which is located in the UK.

Conferences in scope

The biennial conferences of ISKO or any of its Chapters are eligible. The Conferences of the UK Chapter are excluded, however, since students already qualify for discounts. Some other conferences that have a significant coverage of KO topics may be eligible, subject to an explanation of their relevance by the applicant, and verification/approval by the Executive Committee. This year the ISKO 2014 Conference in Krakow, Poland, is considered especially suitable.

Obligations of the recipient

As well as attending the whole of the conference, the successful applicant will be expected to report on its proceedings. The report, typically of 500 to 2000 words, will be made available via our website, especially to members of ISKO UK, and will be offered to the editor of the journal *Knowledge Organization* for publication in its *ISKO News* section. Additional publicity channels, such as Twitter and Facebook, should be used where possible.

Expenses covered

The grant should be seen as a contribution towards the costs, rather than covering all expenses. ISKO UK has allocated a total of £1,000 to be used in grants during 2014. Each grant will be in the range £100 - £500, and as a minimum, the grant will cover the registration fee of the event in question. It may also meet some of the travel/accommodation expenses.

Procedure

Students should submit an application with the following:

- Details of the conference in question;
- Statement of how the conference programme is relevant to Knowledge Organization and to their studies;
- Estimate of the expenses anticipated (such as registration fee, travel and accommodation);
- Details of the academic institution and study programme in which the student is enrolled;
- Letter of support from the programme supervisor.

The application should be sent by email to the ISKO UK Secretary via <info@iskouk.org>, for consideration by the Executive Committee. As soon as possible after that the applicant will be informed of the Committee’s decision. Payment of 80% of the award will be made to the successful applicant as soon as an invoice or other evidence of conference registration payment is received by the ISKO UK Treasurer. The remainder will be paid after a satisfactory report of the conference proceedings has been received by the Secretary.