Sciences / Management of Information Retrieval and Dissemination

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Abstract

In this paper, the author presents the significance of denomination as well as the point that, name must contain the main functions of the scientific field and be of consensus. Name of a major indicates the unity of its subject, such that if the major’s components are alongside each other as integration rather than annexation, they exhibit a single identity. In its new definition, librarianship is composed of two elements, namely resources and client; if these elements exist in an integrated combination joined by the human information needs, it can then be suitably an indicator of this field with its expected functions. In other words, believing in the difference between meaning and referent from a linguist’s perspective, the function of librarianship and information sciences will be satisfied if the librarians and information disseminators consider the real needs of clients as real referents. In this case, euphony of name and its being under consensus is another factor of importance. The author reasons that, the name “sciences/management of information retrieval and dissemination” can properly express different functions of the major from different aspects and can indicate its operational characteristics; the second aspect, however, depends upon people’s being used to it as well as its publicity. If people agree on it, this name can gradually be under consensus similar to many terms which are initially hefty for mind and people increasingly get used to them.

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