

# Thesaurus Newsletter

Quarterly update from the CAB Thesaurus management team

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## Upcoming meetings

### 19th NKOS workshop at TPDL 2019:

12 September 2019, Oslo Metropolitan University, Oslo, Norway. Theme: the potential of classification schemes, taxonomies, thesauri, ontologies, and lexical databases, in KO systems.

[www.tpd1.eu/tpdl2019/workshops-tutorials/](http://www.tpd1.eu/tpdl2019/workshops-tutorials/)

**2019 NKOS Workshop:** 25 September, 2019 as part of DCMI 2019 Conference, Korean National Library, Seoul, South Korea. Theme: functional and data models for enabling knowledge organization systems and services.

[Program overview](#)

**Taxonomy Boot Camp:** 14-16 October 2019, Olympia, London, UK. Theme: *Anything is Possible*, to explore the growing use of taxonomies to drive data, content, information processes.

[www.taxonomybootcamp.com/London/](http://www.taxonomybootcamp.com/London/)

**KM World 2019:** The Knowledge Management and Enterprise Solutions Conference, 4-7 November 2019, Washington, DC, USA.

[www.kmworld.com/Conference/2019/](http://www.kmworld.com/Conference/2019/)

**Taxonomy Boot Camp:** 4-5 November 2019, Washington, DC, USA. Designed for everyone involved with taxonomies, from those new to the field to seasoned experts.

[www.taxonomybootcamp.com/2019/](http://www.taxonomybootcamp.com/2019/)

## CABT 2019 published

CAB Thesaurus 2019 edition was released in July. Since the 2018 edition published exactly a year ago:

- 33,383 terms were updated
- 12,859 new terms were added in English
- Total terms (labels), in all languages combined, is now 2,904,765
- 8297 new translations were added from English, including
  - 3787 into German
  - 943 into Spanish
  - 905 into French
  - 646 into Portuguese
  - 356 into Finnish
  - 332 into Dutch

The full report is [available online](#) via the thesaurus web site.

## Taxonomy Boot Camp Awards

Nominations are invited for *Taxonomy Success of the Year* and *Taxonomy Practitioner of the Year*. Nominations deadline: 6 September 2019. More information is available from [TBC London](#).

## Feedback

We welcome suggestions for improvements to thesaurus content as well as corrections. You may email a team member directly or use the dedicated general [email](#) address.

## Quote of the moment

*Nomina si nescis, perit cognitio rerum.  
Et nomina si perdas, certe distinctio  
rerum perditur*, which translates as:  
"If you don't know the names, the  
knowledge of things perishes. And if you  
lose the names, undoubted distinction of  
things is lost." by Edward Coke in  
*Institutes of the Laws of England* (1628)  
and quoted by Carl von Linné in *Critica  
botanica* (1736).

Though originally published nearly 400  
years ago this statement is as pertinent  
today as it always was. Names and  
content are not to be confused with  
mere 'data'; they provide labels and  
context to express knowledge.

## Obtaining thesaurus files

If your organization is interested in  
obtaining thesaurus data for your  
projects they are available in multiple  
formats, including plain text, CSV, XML  
and SKOS. If you wish to see before-  
hand what to expect, [sample data](#) are  
available for download via the thesaurus  
web site. Please [contact us](#) to discuss  
your requirements. CABI has offices in a  
dozen countries.

## New version of MultiTes

Multisystems Inc. have released a new  
version of Unicode compliant [MultiTes  
Pro](#), v.2019.06.06u. It includes several  
enhancements, particularly to the  
'analyze import' function, and some  
bugs were fixed, including issues with  
password handling.

## The thesaurus team

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## Case Study Café

CABI provided one of eight case studies  
discussed at the [ISKO UK Biennial  
Conference](#) held in London, UK in July.

Case Study Café was a collaboration  
between the [Innovations in Knowledge  
Organisation Conference](#), an event of  
ISKO Singapore, and ISKO UK. It was  
an interactive event where delegates  
had the chance to engage in in-depth  
discussions with case presenters.

The format of the presentations included  
the challenges faced by the case  
organisation, what they did, lessons  
learned, impact and benefits of the  
things they did, and next steps.

The subject of CABI's presentation was  
'*How a Single Knowledge Organisation  
Framework Can Integrate Different  
Platforms and Activities.*'

Other topics included using knowledge  
graphs to model standards and  
business processes; implementing  
taxonomy and search in Outlook 365;  
improving search and findability in the  
Danish National Police system; using  
distributed ledgers (blockchain) to  
enable trusted exchange of  
commercially valuable information; use  
of linked data descriptors of primary  
clinical evidence to support meta-  
analysis; developing a molecular biology  
and biochemistry taxonomy; and giving  
taxonomists a 360 degree view of how  
concepts are being applied to content.

The case studies booklet (as a PDF) is  
available via email from the CAB  
thesaurus team on request.

The full ISKO UK 2019 biennial  
conference proceedings, entitled *The  
Human Position in an Artificial World:  
Creativity, Ethics and AI in Knowledge  
Organization* (ISBN 978-3-95650-549-2)  
is available from [Ergon Verlag](#).