

SATIJA (M P) and SINGH (Amrik). *Bibliography of Colon Classification (1930-1993)*. 1994. M D Publications Pvt Ltd.; New Delhi. 129p. Price: Rs 150/-; US \$ 10.00. (ISBN 81-85880-29-8)

The Colon Classification is an individual system of classification and is the originator of faceted classification system. It was first conceived in 1924 and published in 1933 by the Madras Library Association, Madras (India) and became a tool for information analysis, organisation and retrieval.

There has been a considerable growth in the flow of literature on Colon Classification from all over the world which is worth recording and studying for future research in the science of classification. This book records not only the literature on Colon Classification but also, the wider areas of facet analysis and synthesis in bibliographic classification. As it became very difficult to limit the scope of the bibliography, the literature on peripheral areas — facet analysis & comparative classifications have also been included.

This bibliography lists about 1350 references from different media such as, books, chapters in books, journal articles, dissertations, and conference papers, arranged chronologically (by the year of publication) and is perhaps the largest bibliography compiled on any single classification system. The old literature has been taken from earlier bibliographies and whenever necessary, its authenticity has been verified. Post 1970 literature has been collected first hand except the dissertations. About 98 percent of literature, referenced here, is in English and rest are from Indian & European languages. Each entry provides full bibliographic details.

The bibliography delineates the genesis and development of the Colon Classification through the writings of Ranganathan and his immediate disciples and later, of DRTC colleagues and students. It is noticed that the authors are from all sections of the LIS profession in India and foreign authors, mostly from Ranganathan circle.

No demographic study of the literature has been made though such a study could show interesting situations and revealing results. The author index & subject index are provided at the end.

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