

## Announcement

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# Essen Symposium 1985

The 1985 international Essen Symposium is the eighth in a series concentrating on library automation. It is being organized by the Gesamthochschulbibliothek Essen (Essen University Library), and will be held on 30 September – 3 October 1985.

The specific focus of the symposium will be on “The future of online catalogues”—including: components of the online catalogue; computer systems and online catalogue characteristics; design of data bases as good catalogues; growth of online union catalogues; problems of duplicate records, standards and quality control; organizational interface problems and improvements; number of terminals required for public access; user attitude towards the online public-access catalogue; success and frustration factors influencing user behaviour; search keys, search enhancements and search duration; observational data of searchers and evaluation by computer monitoring studies; etc.

The principal goal is to provide an international forum for the promotion and the understanding of current developments and innovative applications, for exchanging ideas and experiences among computer scientists and librarians.

The program will comprise nineteen presentations by speakers from: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the FRG, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA.

The language of the symposium will be English. No attendance fee is charged, but the number of registrations will be limited. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Commercial institutions are kindly requested to pay all costs connected with their online presentations.

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