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IGI Global has just released the 2nd Edition of the Dictionary of Information Science and Technology (2013, 9781466626249, $545). This two-volume set was compiled by IGI Global’s founder Mehdi Khosrow-Pour and provides definitions of some 12,000 terms “vetted” from the publisher’s InfoSci Dictionary Database of over 45,000 definitions.

Definitions are provided for selected terms and acronyms in disciplines ranging from accounting information systems to global IT management to virtual communities and from data warehousing to IT evaluation methods to unified modeling languages. The definitions have been culled from individual chapters of IGI Global works published from 2008 thru 2012 and represent the efforts of thousands of authors. The arrangement is strictly alphabetical and the entries consist of straightforward, no frills definitions along with the author and date of the original source. The author and date correspond to entries in the massive bibliography that takes up nearly half of the second volume. Researchers, students, and professionals in the field will find themselves turning to this timely reference repeatedly. Academic libraries supporting the various disciplines comprising information science and technology will find this title in demand.

Those libraries with strong graduate programs may want to think about the IGI Global InfoSci-Dictionary Database from which the definitions in Dictionary of Information Science and Technology are taken. It is a comprehensive list that provides more than 45,000 definitions and is available for annual subscription.

Extra Servings

There are number of new and recent titles that you may want to keep on your radar screen.

In May, Cambridge University Press will release two new titles.

• The Cambridge Dictionary of Linguistics (9780521766753, $99) is a single-volume reference that “provides concise and clear definitions of all the terms any undergraduate or graduate student is likely to encounter in the study of linguistics and English language or in other degrees involving linguistics, such as modern languages, media studies, and translation.”

• Cambridge has also scheduled for a May release the Cambridge Dictionary of English Grammar (9780521863193, $90) which offers “concise, practical definitions and explanations of hundreds of terms. Each term includes examples and cross references to related concepts. All the currently accepted terms of grammar are included, as well as older, traditional names, controversial new coinages, and items from the study of other languages.”

SAGE is planning some new June releases.

• Sociology of Education: An A-to-Z Guide (9781452205052, $315, pre-publication) “introduces students to the social constructions of our educational systems and their many players, including students and their peers, teachers, parents, the broader community, politicians, and policy makers. The roles of schools, the social processes governing schooling, and social norms on society are all critically explored.”

• Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook (9781412999083, $315, pre-publication) is a new addition to The SAGE Reference Series on Leadership that “explores such themes as the contexts in which religious leaders move, leadership in communities of faith, leadership as taught in theological education and training, religious leadership impacting social change and social justice, and more. Topics are examined from multiple perspectives, traditions, and faiths.”

Salem Press has released the first two titles in a new series entitled Defining Documents in American History.

• Exploration and Colonial America 1492-1755 (Dec. 2012, 978-1-4298-3701-9, $295; eBook Single User: 978-1-4298-3704-0, $295) “begins with a collection of exploration and colonial documents, including important journals of exploration, reports of New World settlements, early political tracts on self-governing. Also included are narratives on colonial life and slavery and indentured servitude.”

• The American Revolution 1754-1805 (Dec. 2012, 978-1-4298-3705-7, $295; eBook Single User: 978-1-4298-3708-8, $295) “chronicles key documents during the revolutionary era. Included are founding documents, speeches and political tracts, political sermons, and letters. Also included are Native American and African slave narratives.”

(Plans call for an additional eight titles to be part of this series.)

Euromonitor has released new editions of two of its standard publications.

• International Marketing Data and Statistics 2013 (978-1842645888, $575) is now in its 37th edition providing “demographic, economic, and marketing statistics for 160 non-European countries. A broad range of data is researched including home ownership, health, and population statistics” and spans 30 years.

• And the 20th edition of the World