

Organizational aspects of terminology

Terminology was not the result of the desire to create a different field. It is the enormous development of technology and the growing needs of communication among different communities that lies behind its development as an autonomous discipline Dubuc (1985).

As Dubuc states, the circumstances of reality and the needs resulting from technological development in our society are the factors behind the emergence of terminology as a separate field of study and activity. The few works on the subject of terminology written in the 18th and 19th centuries as well as the systematic work of the first third of the 20th century can be seen as a direct response to this need. Today terminology continues on the course laid out by society's needs. In full awareness that terminology is essential for specialized communication (because good terminology ensures its users that the communication will be precise and effective) countries in the developed world have set up centres and technical committees to provide standardized terminology for science and technology.

Developing countries have likewise understood that terminology is one of the tools that can give them access to the industrialized world because it is through terminology that the exchange of knowledge and technology transfer occurs. As a overview result, they have invested time and effort in creating, unifying and internationalizing terminology that responds to the needs of modern society and that allows them to maintain efficient international relations.