

UDC in 2008 – Brief news from Slovenia

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Update on UDCMRF 2006

The Slovenian translation of the UDC version of MRF 2001 – in the online edition available at <http://www.nuk.uni-lj.si/udk/> - was presented at the UDC Seminar in The Hague, in June 2007. In the autumn of 2008 it was updated according to the UDCMRF 2006, including changes approved from 2002 to 2006. This updated online version has been first tested in the National and University Library. The promotion of the updated online edition and the presentation of the characteristics of the Slovenian UDC manual continued in 2008. Recently, some librarians expressed the wish for an online edition of UDC manual as well. The authors plan to correct some examples in the manual that have been changed in the period 2002 - 2006.

In the Slovenian online catalogue COBISS/OPAC there is a standardized set of UDC numbers in the field 675<c> (COMARC format) which is of utmost importance to guarantee the homogeneity and continuity of the UDC use in the Slovenian union catalogue. In autumn 2008 changes have been implemented in this set 675<c>. Currently, the list includes about 1041 UDC notations.

Spletni splošni slovenski geslovník (SSSG) [Slovenian General List of Subject Headings], available at <http://www.nuk.uni-lj.si/vstop.cgi>, is a database of preferred subject headings in the Slovenian language. These subject headings were mapped to UDC numbers in 2004. UDC notations were taken from the UDCMRF 2001. SSSG is a continuously updated resource. In October 2008, new and changed UDC numbers from the online version of UDCMRF 2006 were entered in SSSG.

A new section devoted to discussing examples of good classification practice, classification problems, new UDC numbers... is starting in our monthly magazine *Librarian News*. Slovenian users can access the summary of major changes to the UDC since 1993 at http://www.udcc.org/major_changes.htm. Translation of these changes has not been done yet to Slovenian language, but all changes in 675<c> were published in *Librarian News*.

Discussions about the use of UDC in Slovenia

A report on the conclusions from the *Conference on the use of the UDC in Slovenia*, by Šauperl, M. L. Fidler, D. Rozman and M. R. Salobir was already published, in *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC*, 29 (2007). Conclusions are still resounding in the Slovenian library scene and discussion has proceeded in 2008.

In Slovenia, the main journal on the theory and practice of library and information science is *Knjižnica: Revija za področje bibliotekarstva in informacijske znanosti* [The Library: Journal for Library and Information Science], available at <http://revijaknjiznica.wordpress.com/vrzena-rokavica/>. The *Glove Thrown Down* is a new section where current and polemic themes from librarianship and information science are published, followed by responses from expert readers.

The use of UDC has been addressed in the context of the need to rationalize library procedures and activities by Matjaž Žaucer (*Knjižnica* 51(2007)3-4, page 195-210). *The Glove Thrown Down*

has been picked by Alenka Šauperl (*Knjižnica* 51(2007)3-4, page 211), Zoran Krstulović (*Knjižnica* 52(2008)1, page 139-140) and Darija Rozman (*Knjižnica* 52(2008)1, page 141-143). See more information at:

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