

UDC in Ukraine 2009-2010: new developments

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There are two main classification systems used in Ukraine, such as Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) and Library Bibliographic Classification (LBC). UDC is used mainly in libraries of higher education institutions, scientific, scientific-and-technical, medical, agricultural and other specialized libraries, information centres and publishing houses.

National Standard of Ukraine on UDC

The National Standard of Ukraine DSTU 6096:2009 System of standards on information, librarianship and publishing. Universal Decimal Classification. Structure, rules for use and indexing., came into force on 1st July 2009. This standard corresponds to the International standard "GOST 7.90-2007: System of standards on information, librarianship and publishing. Universal decimal classification. Structure, rules for use and indexing". The adoption of this standard affects the UDC publishers as well as users, and is very significant for the use of this scheme in Ukraine.

The use of UDC in Ukraine

Currently, there is no accurate information about the number of organizations using UDC in Ukraine. Therefore, in 2009, specialists in the Classification Systems Department within the Book Chamber of Ukraine started a survey of UDC use in Ukraine with the goal to

- identify Ukrainian UDC users;
- establish contacts with users and establish further collaboration;
- define their needs with respect to UDC editions in order to take on board any further requirements;
- create a database containing major information about UDC users in Ukraine.

The survey took place in several steps:

- design of the questionnaire;
- distribution of the questionnaire;
- gathering, processing and analysing the responses;
- creation of the database of Ukrainian UDC users.

According to the survey 66.7% of 120 institutions use UDC for all documents in their collection, 15.6% use it for part of their collection and a further 0.7% are planning to use it in the future (Table 1). In addition the analysis reveals that 45% of organizations using UDC are subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Science

Survey results were then used to create a database of UDC users in Ukraine, containing organizations that use UDC as the main classification system and those who use it partially or plan to use it in the future. Table 2 shows a sample of information entered in the database. This database will continue to be

maintained and updated as a tool to help manage user information in the future. The survey conducted in 2009 was only the first attempt to set contacts with UDC users in Ukraine and to organize information about them and their use of the scheme.

Table 1: Summary results of UDC use in 120 organizations surveyed

Using UDC for all documents	66.7%
Using UDC partially	15.6%
Not using UDC	2.8%
Planning to use UDC	0.7%

Table 2: Sample of data entered in the UDC user database

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	ORGANIZATION TYPE	PARENT BODY	UDC USE	UDC EDITION USED	UDC USED SINCE	UDC CLASSES USED	COLLECTION SIZE
V. O. Suhomlinskiy State Scientific Pedagogic Library of Ukraine	03060 Kyiv, 9 Berlynskiy St. Tel. 0(44)4403548 dnpb@i.ua www.library.edu-ua.net	State	National Academy of Pedagogic Sciences of Ukraine	Yes	2 nd Ukrainian, 2008	1924	0/9	570,000
National Academy of Management, Library	03151 Kyiv, 10 Vinnytska St. Tel. 0(44)2462443 rektor@nam.kiev.ua www.nam.kiev.ua	Private	Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine	Yes	1 st Ukrainian, 2000	2000	0/9	58,000
G.V. Kurdiumov Institute for Metal Physics, Library	03680 Kyiv, 36 Vernadskiy Av. Tel. 0(44)4241021 charupa@imp.kiev.ua www.imp.kiev.ua	State	National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine	Partially	1 st Ukrainian, 2000	1954	5/6	120,000
Petrivka State Agricultural College, Library	67512 Petrivka village, Odessa district. Tel. 0(48)5594138 petrivka-pdat@rambler.ru	State	Ministry of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine	Planning	—	—	—	58,845

Ukrainian UDC edition on CD ROM

In 2008 the Book Chamber of Ukraine published 4 volumes (out of 8 of the second Ukrainian UDC edition on CD ROM. Publishing was initiated by the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine. As part of the Ukrainian Book programme, this edition was distributed free of charge. There was great interest in this edition and the number of copies that were distributed was not enough to meet users' demands. Unfortunately there was insufficient funding to cover additional copies.

In order to resolve this problem the Book Chamber of Ukraine prepared and issued UDC edition on CDs (PDF format) in 2010 which is currently in distribution.



UDC page on the Book Chamber website

Information about all the events, editions, projects etc. concerning the UDC in Ukraine is usually published on the Book Chamber website (www.ukrbook.net) on the page "Універсальна десяткова класифікація (УДК в Україні)" (*Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) in Ukraine*).

In 2009-2010 specialists of the Classification Systems Department created the website's UDC page, fully reorganized, updated and added the information about UDC on the website. The website's UDC page now consists of the following item:

- General information about UDC
 - *What is UDC?*
 - *UDC owner and licensees*
 - *UDC history*
 - *Present state of the UDC in Ukraine*
 - *UDC users in Ukraine*
- News about UDC
 - *National Standard on UDC*
 - *Extensions and corrections to the UDC*
 - *UDC Summary online*
 - *Seminars and conferences on UDC*
- Classification specialist's page
 - *UDC terminology*
 - *UDC structure and characteristics*
 - *UDC indexing technique*
 - *Alphabetical subject index*
- UDC methodical decisions concerning some concepts
- List of the Ukrainian UDC editions
- Papers on UDC
- Services

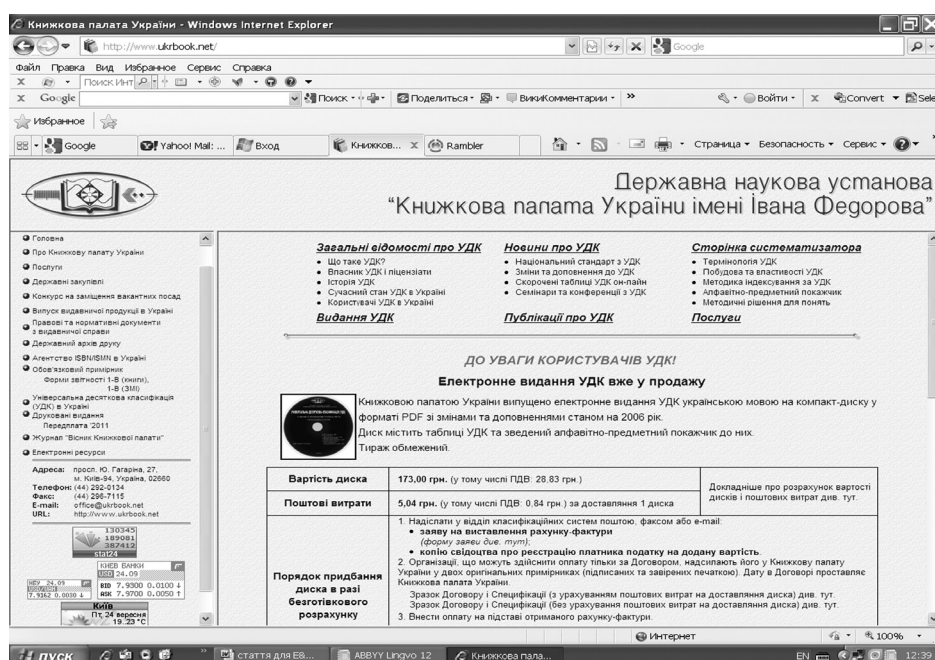


Figure 2 - Website of the Book Chamber of Ukraine

By means of the website's UDC page Ukrainian users have an opportunity to keep up to date with the latest news about UDC in Ukraine

UDC current activities and further plans

After issuing the UDC edition on CDs, the current preparation of Ukrainian editions is now focusing on the preparation of the Ukrainian edition of the UDC Extensions and Corrections (Універсальна десяткова класифікація (УДК). Зміни та доповнення) which will contain recent modifications in the UDC and will help users to implement these modifications in practice.

In addition, in the past year, much attention was paid to the Ukrainian translation of the Multilingual UDC Summary. No less important was the work initiated on the development of the Special Subject Schedules for Education (Class 37). These two projects will continue in 2011.

The Classification Systems Department also prepared the Mapping Table of the UDC and LBC Summaries. This table contains about 800 main classes selected from the UDC and LBC systems. The mapping table is very helpful for Ukrainian libraries using both classifications and serves as a manual for searching UDC and LBC indexes.

Special attention is paid to the UDC implementation in Ukraine and user support. Towards this goal, and apart from publishing and distributing the UDC editions, the Classification Systems Department in the Book Chamber of Ukraine publishes papers, organizes seminars, provides advice and offers user support.

There are still a lot of problems with respect to the Book Chamber funding, the small number of specialists working on Ukrainian UDC and the difficulties in establishing collaboration with subject experts. However, in spite of this, and as is evident from this report the Book Chamber remains active and successful in supporting UDC development in Ukraine and satisfying users' needs.