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Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information

- **before 1998:**
 - Slovak technical library (STL),
- **since 1999:**
 - Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR),
- **registered office:**
 - Lamačská cesta 8/A, Bratislava,
- **founder:**
 - Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR.



Activities of CVTI SR

1. development and operation of comprehensive IS for research and development,
2. popularization of science and technology in the SR,
3. implementation of national projects for improving information background and services for research and development,
4. library and information activity – national information center for the support of science and research and specialized academic public library in the SR,
5. methodology and analytical activity for the support of management and evaluation in the area of research, development and universities and colleges.



Slovak laws applicable to gray literature

- Act No. 183/2000 Coll. Library Act.
- Act No. 535/2003 Coll. on mandatory copies of periodicals, non-periodical literature and reproduction of audio-visual works.



Library Act No. 183/2000 Coll.

- CVTI SR *“coordinates processing of library documents, which are usually issued by research institutes, universities, international organizations, public administration bodies and other legal persons and natural persons in a small number of copies, and which are not distributed through publishing houses’ networks.”* (Act No. 183/2000).



Act on mandatory copies of periodicals, non-periodical literature and reproduction of audio-visual works No. 535/2003 Coll.

- ➔ **publishers' obligation:** to submit mandatory copies of periodicals, non-periodical literature and reproduction of audio-visual works intended to legal persons in the SR.

- ➔ **situation:** publishers and producers do not observe this obligation

- ➔ **CVTI SR:**
 - non-periodical documents over 500 pcs,
 - non-periodical documents below 500 pcs.



Act on mandatory copies of periodicals, non-periodical literature and reproduction of audio-visual works No. 535/2003 Coll.

- **non-periodical documents over 500 pcs:**
 - printed matter, e.g. books, music sheets, cartographic works, graphic works, special prints, academic qualification works published in print, printed travel and research reports,
 - corporate literature (for public),
 - standards.
- **non-periodical documents below 500 pcs:**
 - corporate literature (for public),
 - standards.



Present situation of gray literature in the CVTI SR collections

- **Types of gray literature documents:**
 - scientific and specialized collections, collections of conference papers,
 - university qualification works (theses),
 - corporate literature (catalogues, prospectuses, price lists, handbooks and instructions for operating machines, annual reports, anniversary prints, exhibition catalogues, corporate journals, address lists of companies).
- **Form:**
 - printed,
 - electronic (CD, DVD).



Present situation of gray literature in the CVTI SR collections

- **Library and information services:**
 - lending
 - lending out,
 - reference (general reading room, special literature reading room),
 - research services,
 - consultation services,
 - reprographic services (copying, scanning).



Present situation of gray literature in the CVTI SR collections

- **Standards**
 - Slovak Institute of Technical Standardization,
 - mandatory copy.
- **Patents**
 - donation pursuant to agreement,
 - since 2003 Patent Information Center at CVTI SR,
 - Slovak Institute of Technical Standardization, Metrology and Testing.



Present situation of gray literature in the CVTI SR collections

- **Standards:**
 - Czech and Slovak technical standards (ČSN until 1992);
 - Slovak technical standards (STN since 1993 and in specialized industries until 1994);
 - Austrian standards (ÖNORM, ÖVE since 1991);
 - periodicals, legal regulations and monographs in the area of technical standardization, metrology and testing;
 - list of STN and alphabetical registry of key words in printed form.



Present situation of gray literature in the CVTI SR collections

- **Patent documents:**
 - Czech and Slovak patent files and author's licenses until 1992;
 - Slovak patent files since 1993;
 - Slovak utility models since 1993;
 - patent classification;
 - international classification of products and services;
 - Czech and Slovak patent journals;
 - periodicals, legal regulations and publications in the area of industrial property;
 - international conventions in the area of industrial property;
 - patent databases on CD/DVD.



Bases and possibilities for the establishment of gray literature depository

- **Aim of CVTI SR:**
 - to establish the national depository of gray literature.
- **Database form:**
 - metadata,
 - full texts (e-documents, digitized documents).
- **Access:**
 - online and free of charge,
 - professional and general public.



Central Registry of Final-Year Theses (CRFT)

– Established:

- 2010 (for academic year 2009/2010).

– Laws:

- Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Universities and Colleges as amended by subsequent regulations,
- Methodology Directive No. 14/2009-R on requisites of final-year theses, their bibliographic registration, originality inspection, storage and accessibility.



Central Registry of Final-Year Theses (CRFT)

– Function:

- physical depository of electronic version of final-year and qualification theses, which also serves as a comparative corpus in the evaluation of originality of final-year and qualification theses.

– Role of CVTI SR:

- owner and operator is the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information authorized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR.

– Possibilities for creation of gray literature depository:

- migration/conversion of metadata describing the final-year and qualification theses.



Central Registry of Publication Activity (CRPA)

– Established:

- 2007.

– Laws:

- Directive No. 13/2008-R on bibliographic registration and classification of publication and artistic activity and references.

– Function:

- Inspection of correct elaboration, evaluation and classification within categories of publication activity,
- Coordinator of activities related to registration of publication and artistic activity.



Bases and possibilities for the establishment of gray literature depository

– Role of CVTI SR:

- operator of CRPA and owner of data,
- certification center (Department for evaluation of publication activity),
- inspection of correct categorization of documents.

– Possibilities for the establishment of gray literature depository:

- migration/conversion of metadata of relevant sources of gray literature published at Slovak universities and colleges and published by other institutions,
- basis for search of relevant gray literature sources produced in Slovak academic institutions pursuant to classification of works within the framework of publication activity.



Summary

- **Tasks for CVTI SR:**

- Resolution of legal issues concerning the establishment of the depository and conversion of metadata from other systems,
- Resolution of copyright and license agreements with cooperating institutions (necessity to elaborate a comprehensive legal expert opinion).
- Resolution of the issue of system, capacity, operational and financial costs for the creation and operation of the gray literature depository in the CVTI SR.
- Setting priorities in the area of obtaining and making accessible certain sources, kinds, and types of gray literature documents; setting priorities concerning forms of gray literature documents (printed/electronic/digitized sources).



Thank you.

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