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UDC Update Meeting



Join us at our regular UDC Update session at IFLA which will take place on:

Monday, 18 August 2014

12.45- 13.45

Room St. Clair 3b

We plan to discuss new developments in UDC, UDC Online, new editions and translations, and development work on the UDC schedules.

UDC Online

UDC online (www.udc-hub.com) is designed as a hub for the complete Universal Decimal Classification schedules in different languages with a user-friendly interface for advanced searching and browsing of the scheme. The UDC Online service was made available by the UDC Consortium in August 2013. So far the English UDC schedules have been accessed by users from over 50 countries. The service is driven by a multilingual Master Reference File (UDC MRF) database which contains currently 8 languages in different stages of preparation for release. Language data is added to the UDC online as translations in each language progress.

An important feature of UDC Online is that it not only shows the latest version of the complete UDC (with over 70,000 classes) but it also allows users to search cancelled notations and their redirections to new classes. The database currently contains over 11,000 cancelled UDC numbers. UDC Online will be expanded by new functions

and new languages in collaboration with publishers and libraries.

Although UDC Online is a paid service with an annual subscription, it is available for free to library schools and for UDC training purposes.

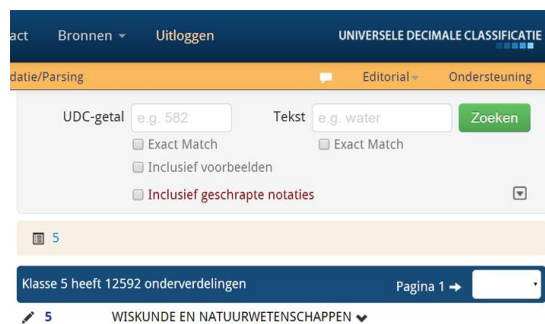


In the first half of 2014 two languages were added to the UDC hub: Dutch and Czech. French and Croatian schedules are in preparation to be released by the end of the year.

Dutch UDC Online "UDC Online Nederlands"

The Dutch UDC Online schedules (<http://nl.udc-hub.com/nl/login.php>) were released in January 2014 and the

paid annual subscription service has been fully operational since February.



UDC Online Nederlands is accessed by users in Belgium, The Netherlands and Suriname. Similar to the English UDC, the Dutch version also comes with a free two-week trial and free access for library schools.

The Dutch interface has the same features as the English UDC Online. The only difference is that a coloured English text is displayed for classes that have not yet been translated into Dutch. When released, 55,000 classes have been translated into Dutch and it is the most extensive UDC edition published to date. The Dutch translations for another 10,000 classes will be added in September 2014 in the field of mathematics, physics, earth sciences and crafts and industries. The complete translation of Dutch should be available by January 2015.

Czech UDC Online "České MDT Online"

A beta version of the MDT Online (<http://cz.udc-hub.com/cs/login.php>) has been available since March 2014 with a public release planned for September this year.

This online edition is a collaboration between the Czech National Library (CNL) and the UDC Consortium. The platform and technical support for this service is provided by the UDC Consortium and the

translation service and users' support is managed by the CNL.

UDC MRF is completely translated into Czech. This service will be available to libraries for free.

Abridged UDC editions

At the end of 2013 two new abridged UDC editions were published: Croatian and Dutch. Both editions are based on the standard UDC abridged edition database of over 10,000 classes. Apart from good coverage of all classes, both Croatian and Dutch editions contain extensions of full place subdivisions and historical subdivisions for neighbouring countries or countries with cultural, linguistic or historical relations. Both editions are intended as practical and easy to use manuals for indexing and for UDC training.

Croatian abridged edition: "Univerzalna decimalna klasifikacija: skraćeno izdanje"

The Croatian abridged edition was published by the National and University Library in Zagreb and was edited by Lidija Juric-Vukadin.

The book is available for purchase from the National and University Library (ISBN: 978-953-500-124-9).

More about the Croatian edition can be found at:

<http://www.nsk.hr/category/tiskana-izdanja-nsk>.

Dutch abridged edition: "Universele Decimale Classificatie: beknopte nederlandse uitgave"

The Dutch abridged edition was published by the UDC Consortium in December 2013. The book was edited by Dr. Gerhard Riesthuis who is also the



author of an alphabetical index with over 19,000 entries. The book contains a useful introduction to UDC and has 400 pages.

The book can be ordered online from the UDC Consortium website:
http://www.udcc.org/index.php/site/page?view=dutch_pe.

New in the UDC scheme

From 2014 onwards, the UDC MRF will be published every second year covering changes in two subsequent annual issues of the Extensions and Corrections to the UDC.

The next UDC MRF release (version MRF12) is planned for release in September 2014 and will contain changes published in two issues of the Extensions & Corrections to the UDC: 34 and 35.

Changes in the UDC in these two issues include revised African languages and Romance languages. Common auxiliaries of place will contain new subdivisions for South Africa, Central America, the Scandinavian countries and the Arctic and Antarctic territories. A significant number of miscellaneous changes in all subject areas including in particular social sciences and

medicine will be covered by these two issues. Revision proposals discussed at the moment concern biology, architecture, system theory, mathematics, philosophy, library & information sciences, and religion. Some extensions and changes in UDC symbols are also under consideration.

Call for Papers: International UDC Seminar 2015 "Classification & Authority Control "

The next International UDC Seminar will take place on 29-30 October 2015 in Lisbon (Portugal) and will be organized by the UDC Consortium in collaboration with the National Library of Portugal.

The 2015 seminar will be devoted to classification authority control and supporting and managing bibliographic classification for its use in information retrieval.

Authors should submit a paper proposal in the form of an extended abstract (1000-1200 words including references for papers and 500-600 words for posters). The submission form is provided on the conference website:

<http://seminar.udcc.org/2015/>.

Important dates:

- 5 Jan 2015 - Paper/poster proposal submission deadline
- 1 Feb 2015 - Notification of acceptance & paper submission instruction
- 15 April 2015 - Paper submission (camera ready copy)

Useful UDC Links and Contacts

UDC Consortium

<http://www.udcc.org/>

UDC Consortium Online Shop

<http://www.udcc.org/index.php/site/page?view=books>

UDC Online hub

<http://www.udc-hub.com/>

Multilingual UDC Summary

<http://www.udcc.org/udcsummary/php/index.php>

UDC Linked Data

<http://udcdata.info>

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<http://twitter.com/UDCC>

UDC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/UDC-Consortium/381069132014213>

UDC LinkedIn

<http://linkedin.com/company/383049>

UDC Blog

<http://universaldecimalclassification.blogspot.com/>

UDC Lists, Forums

In English: UDC-FORUM

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/lists/udc-forum.html>

In Spanish: CDU-ES

<http://lists.udcc.org/mailman/listinfo/cdu-es>

In Russian: UDK Konsorcium Rossiya

<http://forum.udcc.ru/forumdisplay.php>

In Italian: Italia

<http://lists.udcc.org/mailman/listinfo/italia>

In Croatian: UDK Lista

<https://list.ffzg.hr/listinfo/udk-lista>



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