

Service Development and Database Building in Co-operation

MATARKA (Magyar Folyóiratok Tartalomjegyzékeinek Kereshető Adatbázisa - Searchable Database of the Table of Contents of Hungarian Periodicals) is three years old now. During this time the service has become quite well known, chiefly in librarian circles, the database is growing fast, the statistics of usage are better and better. With the help of the database the user can access information about content of Hungarian periodicals, and they can search according to author or title. In the case of around ten per cent of the articles, about 160 thousand titles, the full text can also be accessed.

The database is built by a consortium of libraries and it is growing constantly. The Library, Archives and Museum of the University of Miskolc, which is organising the consortium, has reached an agreement with the National Széchényi Library (OSZK) to harmonise the working of MATARKA and EPA (Elektronikus Periodika Archívum - Electronic Periodical Archives), which would be beneficial for both services. MATARKA is in contact with the editors of many periodicals, who are regularly sending their table of contents in an appropriate electronic format to us. The lecture is giving an overview of these forms of co-operation focusing on the aspects of content and technical realisation.