

## **Development of the MOKKA-R (Hungarian Hand Press Book Database)**

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In September 2003, the plans for a Hungarian Hand Press Book Database were outlined. In this presentation I am going to talk about the achievements we have made since.

Our first step was to acquire data through a nation-wide survey on how the participation in a central computer-based information system can be organised. Based on this survey we were able to assess what kind of bibliographical descriptions exist of books printed before 1850 as well as to what extent computer technology has been made use of (such as MARC formats, digital archiving, etc).

Records are kept in XML format. A search screen belongs to the database as well as a data-entry sheet. Records can be entered and updated through the data entry sheet. Access to this is also Internet based.

We have no plans as of yet how each member library will transfer their own computerised data to the shared catalogue. This is to be decided after the testing period.

The database will actually come into existence only after – based on the feasibility study – the co-operation between the collections starts to develop.