

### UDC Consortium membership

Current members of the Consortium are Asociación Española de Normalización y Certificación – AENOR (Spain), British Standards Institution – BSI, Éditions du CEFAL/CELES (Belgium), All-Russian Institute of Scientific and Technical Information – VINITI and the Czech National Library, whose return to membership was approved in October 2007. The Consortium members are publishers responsible for the UDC editions in Spanish, English, French, Russian and Czech, respectively. The Consortium itself is responsible for the publication of the Dutch edition which is published on demand. Details of membership categories and rates are available from the UDC Website at <http://www.udcc.org/>.

### UDCC Office and Editorial Team

The UDCC Office is run by Sofia Kapnisi, Administrator. The UDCC Chairman is Alan Hopkinson (UK) and the UDC Editor-in-Chief is Maria Inês Cordeiro (Portugal). The editorial team consists of six Associate Editors: Marie Balíková (Czech Republic), Vanda Broughton (UK), Andrew Buxton (UK), Ágnes Hajdu Barát (Hungary), Gerhard Riesthuis (The Netherlands) and Aida Slavic (UK). If you are willing to collaborate or have any queries please contact the UDCC office and editorial team through the following address [mail@udcc.org](mailto:mail@udcc.org).

A revised UDC Licensing Scheme was prepared in 2008 and released in 2009 (see at <http://www.udcc.org/pub.htm>) aimed at motivating new publishers through more advantageous licence conditions, and facilitating the use of UDC data in research and educational activities.

### Editions of the scheme

Latest editions of the scheme by Consortium members include the BSI English standard edition, (2005) in two volumes (*Vol. 1 - Systematic tables* and *Vol. 2 - Alphabetical Index*) and its Web version *UDC-online* (<http://www.udconline.net/>); the Spanish revised edition by AENOR (2004), the French by Éditions du CEFAL (2004) and the Czech revised edition on CDROM (2004). VINITI continues publication of the full edition in Russian in separate volumes accompanied by a subject-alphabetical index, of which the latest volume is 67/69 *Various industries and trades. Building trade* (vol. 9, 2008); and an abridged edition (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2008). The UDCC continues to issue the Dutch edition.

Most recent editions in other languages are the print editions in Portuguese (Brazil, 2008), Polish (an abridged edition for the national bibliography and public libraries, 2008), Ukrainian (2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Auxiliary Tables and Main Tables 0-3, 5, 60, 61 and 62, 4 vol., 2008, 63/65, 1 vol., 2009.). More detailed information can be found in the UDCC website, at <http://www.udcc.org/pub.htm> and <http://www.udcc.org/bibliography.htm>.

### Guide to the UDC

A revised edition of the UDC Consortium's book *The Universal Decimal Classification: a guide to its use*, by I.C. McIlwaine, was published in 2007. Croatian and Spanish versions of the 2000 editions are also available and an updated one in Romanian was published in 2007. Other translated editions of the Guide are encouraged. Anyone interested in publishing it in another language should contact the author or the UDCC Office at [mail@udcc.org](mailto:mail@udcc.org) for the conditions that apply. Copies of the English edition of the *Guide* can be ordered from the UDCC in The Hague at 35 Euros per copy (VAT and postage not included).

### UDCC website, blog & discussion lists

The UDCC website (<http://www.udcc.org/index.htm>) is the main source of updated information about UDC. A new design for the website is in preparation for release by the end of 2009 with content improvements, especially regarding introductory materials and a renewed version of the UDC outline. The tools for communication with and among UDC users were expanded in 2008/2009. Besides the UDC weblog (<http://universaldecimalclassification.blogspot.com/>) and discussion lists in **English** (<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/lists/udc-forum.html>) and **Russian** (<http://forum.udcc.ru/forumdisplay.php?f=3>), there are new discussion lists for UDC in **Spanish** (<http://lists.udcc.org/mailman/listinfo/cdu-es>), **Italian** (<http://lists.udcc.org/mailman/listinfo/italia>) and **Croatian** (<https://list.ffzg.hr/listinfo/udk-lista>). A **UDC Twitter** (<http://twitter.com/UDCC>) was also started in 2009.

## Conferences and publications on UDC

Dissemination of information regarding the UDC editorial issues and policy, in articles by A. Slavic, M. I. Cordeiro and G. Riesthuis, appeared in three professional journals: "Pidtrimannja Universal'noj desjatkovoj klasifikacii: minule i majbutne" [Revision of Universal Decimal Classification: past and future]. *Visnik Kníževnoj palati*, 6 (143) 2008; "Maintenance of the Universal Decimal Classification: overview of the past and preparations for the future". *International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control*, 37 (2) 2008 (also available at: <http://dlist.sir.arizona.edu/2388/>) and "Pripravovane a realizovane zmeny v manažmente Medzinarodneho desatinneho triedenia" [Preparation and introduction of changes in the Universal Decimal Classification management]. *Knížnica*, 10 (9) 2008. In addition, talks on UDC were given by Aida Slavic at two conferences: *German ISKO Conference* (Constance, February 2008) and *CILIP CIG Conference*, (Glasgow, September 2008). News on UDC were included in the Newsletter of the IFLA Classification and Indexing Section of June 2009.

Preparations are well advanced for the second **UDC International Seminar Classification at a crossroads: multiple directions to usability** that will take place on **29-30 October 2009** at the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, in The Hague. The programme will include around 20 papers by authors from 14 countries and is already available, with abstracts, at <http://www.udcc.org/seminar2009/index.htm>. The conference will be preceded by a one day editorial workshop entitled *Round Table on UDC Editorial Perspectives* on 28th October 2009 that will bring together, upon invitation, those more closely involved in UDC revision activities.

## Projects

The development of the new editorial support system for UDC is still in progress. A significant effort has been put into improving the data element set and the database itself in terms of content consistency. The system is expected to be in operation for the production of the MRF 2009.

Regarding the project for a UDC German edition (see *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC*, 29, 2007) progress was made in the preparation of the translation/editing tools that will support the work of volunteers. Those interested in participating should contact Aida Slavic ([aida.slavic@udcc.org](mailto:aida.slavic@udcc.org)).

## Extensions and Corrections to the UDC

The annual publication *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC* was subject to a graphic redesign that provided a new look to this long standing title. The latest issue (30, 2008) brings us, as usual, a miscellanea of revisions and corrections whose need emerged during the year, plus the revision of South American languages, following a proposal published last year, the continuation of the revision of Table 1e and updates to class 9, to include examples of combination for the history of more countries. The revision of these tables – Languages, Places and History – will continue as necessary to cover all unrevised UDC content. Simultaneously, we are still working on the revision of genres in 82 Literature, and work has started on the fields of information science. In addition, in response to many queries, we would also like to look into class 7 *Art periods*, 79 *Recreation. Entertainment. Games, especially computer games*, (2) *Physiographic designations* and (0.0...) *Physical features, production and use characteristics of documents*. The revision of Medicine, of which the first phase is already finished, will be continued by Professors Nancy Williamson and Ia McIlwaine who in this issue present the prospects and discuss the problems still to be addressed.

Mediation with other specialists has been entertained for the engagement in the thorough revision of other scientific fields. One of the areas to be covered is Philosophy, the revision project of which is introduced in the latest *Extensions and Corrections*. The first report, by Claudio Gnoli, is available at <http://italia.udcc.org/report1.html>.

*Extensions and Corrections to the UDC*, 30 (2008) also conveys a variety of articles and updates about what is going on with or is related to UDC in several countries: Czech Republic, India, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, UK and Ukraine. We actively encourage informative or research contributions from different countries, as it provides actual connections and helps to advance knowledge of and around the scattered UDC community.

Copies of *Extensions and Corrections* no 30 (2008) may be ordered from the UDC Consortium for 125 €+ postage and packing and VAT.