

# Cooperation in forming and using national authority headings

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## Introduction

Forming of national authority files represents an important part of global cooperation of Czech libraries. The National Library of Czech Republic has initiated these activities by forming and maintaining the core base of national authority headings. This database and methodology of its processing were crucial for all next cooperative projects in which our library has taken part.

## Starting points

The following three projects have been realized during the years 2000-2002:

- „Czech national authority headings from medicine and health service on Internet and CD-ROM“
- „Cooperation in forming and using of personal authority headings from medicine and health service“
- „Cooperation in forming and using of personal and corporate national headings from medicine and health service“

These projects

- have been supported by grants within LPIS MC CR (Library Public Information Services Programme – Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic)
- have been coordinated with other libraries and information centres to form unique headings within the framework of project „Cooperative forming of national authority headings“.

## Processing

- Maintaining of local database of personal authority headings from medicine and health service called AUP and accessible in OPAC
- Published on [www.nlk.cz](http://www.nlk.cz)
- AUP contains about 12 000 authority records in UNIMARC/Authority format

## Main functions of authority files

- unification of headings (authors, corporations etc.)
- effective searching of relevant information for users who can find all kinds of documents on given topic under one formalized authority heading
- standardization of cataloguing practice

## Authority records database

- contains Czech and foreign authors who publish in the field of medicine, health service and related subjects
- **Authority records of Czech authors**
  - include: heading, references, source, biographic note, code of provenience
  - biographic note: date and place of birth, date and place of death, profession, publications
  - source : citation of articles/books containing biographic information
  - references: varying forms of author's name

### Base AUP – full view of a record

**System number** 0073544  
**Heading** Matějček Zdeněk 1922-  
**Source** PNP-LA  
**Biographic note** Narozen 16.8.1922 v Chlumci nad Cidlinou. Prof., PhDr., CSc., dětský psycholog, publikace z oboru.  
**Status** definitivní  
**Provenience** CZ

**System number** 0073545  
**Heading** Antar 1908-1955  
**See** Čedík Václav 1908-1955  
**See** Čedík-Antar Václav 1908-1955  
**Source** Niklíček, L., Štein. K. Dějiny medicíny v datech a faktech. Praha: Avicenum, 1985. PNP-LA  
**Biographic note** Narozen 12.2.1955 v Praze. MUDr., docent, psychiatr, práce z oboru, redaktor časopisů z oboru, politický publicista a žurnalista.  
**Status** definitivní  
**Provenience** CZ

- **Authority records of foreign authors**

- Heading, references, source, short biographic note – only profession

*Example:*

- **System no.** 0073585
- **Heading** Bacon Charles Summer nar. 1856

- **Source** JAMA, 46, 1688, 1906.
- **Biographic note** Gynekolog
- **Status** definitivní

## **Principles of cooperation**

- harmonization of local authority headings with national authority headings which are maintained by the National Library of Czech Republic
- adding local authority records to the national authority database
- supervision of access indexes in local bibliographic databases
- libraries and information centres cooperate via Z39.50 server
- two-level control: supervision on local level and final supervision by the National Library of Czech Republic

## **Results and conclusions**

- quick and relevant searching
- effective work with national authority headings
- reduction of cataloguing in libraries and information centres in the Czech Republic
- effective tool in shared cataloguing and creation of national or branch union catalogue

## **Future plans**

- to continue the cooperation aimed at maintaining national authority headings via Z39.50 server
- to start with forming national corporate authority headings in cooperation with other libraries

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