

## **Cooperative Maintenance and Utilization of the Czech National Personal Authority Database in Medicine**

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The aim of the project is the participation in the maintenance of the national database of Czech personal authorities in the field of medicine and health care in UNIMARC/Authority format. The project has been solved in frames of the research program of the Ministry of Culture in cooperation with the National Library of the Czech Republic in the years 2000-2001.

National Medical Library is the central information institution for medicine and health care in the Czech Republic and it is responsible for producing medical bibliography and also for archiving the largest collection of monographies and serials. These function provide sufficiently rich excerption base and qualify us as a valuable partner in above mentioned project.

The database has been built under the methodology elaborated by the National Library - UNIMARC/Authority format and cataloguing practice according to AACR2 have been basic principles. The project has also involved the rules of the batch export of records to the National Library.

Implementation of this project resulted in following outputs:

- Database of personal authorities on the webpage of the National Medical Lirary ([www.nlk.cz/catalogues](http://www.nlk.cz/catalogues) and databases). It consists of about 11 000 records.
- 8000 records from our local database have been delivered to enriche the personal authority database maintained in the National Library and which is available via Internet and also on CD ROM as a part of National Bibliography.

Maintenance and utilization of the personal authority database has become one of the key topics in educational courses aimed at medical librarians and it is also widely utilized by users of medical libraries.