

## Italian Translations of WHO Documents: An Internet Tool

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Many Italian translations of the WHO documentation exist, but often it's not easy to trace them in currently used catalogues and databases.

In observance of the WHO Recommendations on translation matter, the WHO Italian Documentation Centre at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) promoted and developed a project of a database, in order to meet the information needs of Italian users about these important documents.

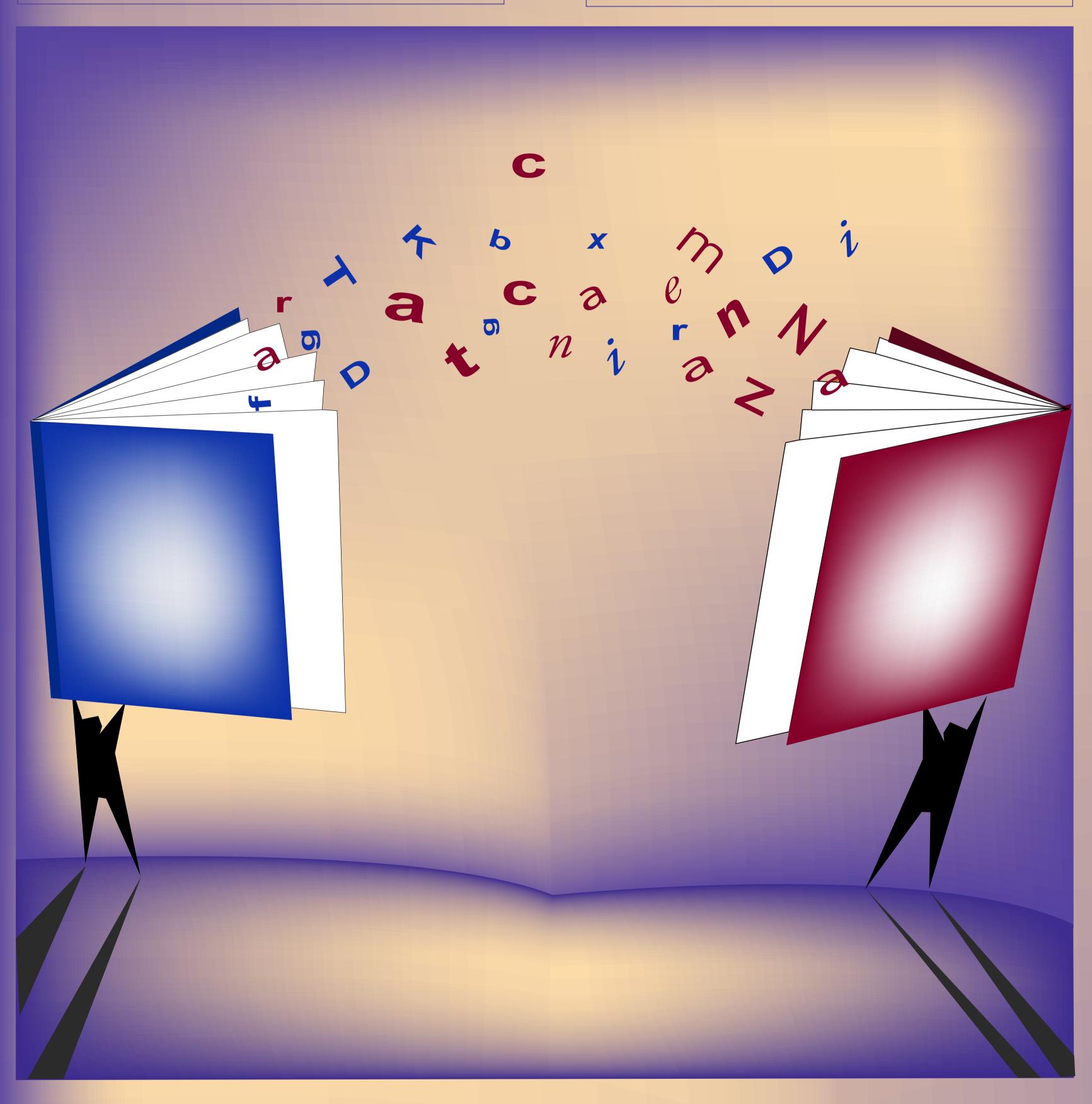


## Methods

The identification of the existing publications generated an archive of over 400 documents, most of which are available at the ISS Library; the archive includes also bibliographic records of translations identified by this Centre thanks to suggestions from the Italian publishers, and not held by the ISS Library.

The database, hosted on a SQLSERV-ER 2000 RDBMS, includes different types of publications such as:

- monographs;
- sections of monographs;
- issues of periodicals;
- journal articles;
- serial volumes.



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## Results

The result is a web application that for the first time allows the retrieval of the WHO Italian translations. The application, available online, is characterized by:

- multiple fields search capability (for both the original documents and the translations);
- subject approach in addition to the traditional access keys: all archived documents were classified using the Italian translation of the List of Journals Indexed in Index Medicus produced by the ISS Documentation Service;
- regular updating;
- free access without any registration;
- user-friendly consultation interfaces;
- W3C standard accessibility.



