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PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS OF UNIVERSITY REPOSITORIES BY THE BIGGEST PROJECTS REGISTERED IN DIGITAL LIBRARIES FEDERATION[1]

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ABSTRACT: **Objective -** The aim of the research was to discover how and to what extent the projects registered in Digital Library Federation (DLF), regardless of their names and official declarations, perform various functions of university digital repositories. **Research method – **The research was conducted in December 2012 and March 2013. It covered 21 out of the 50 largest ones (in terms of the number of objects stored) registered in DLF and created or co-created by the universities. The projects' websites were searched for any information regarding the way repository functions were performed. The content of their collections were analysed and internal search engines were used to find specific materials. **Results and conclusions -** With the exception of research data curation and formal publication of

original texts, some efforts to perform the majority of the functions of university digital repositories could be noticed in each project taken here into consideration. Apart from two projects named as "Repositories", such attempts are very limited and seem to be spontaneous rather than performed in accordance with any consistent strategy. Although the approach oriented on collecting useful documents from various sources (typical for libraries) dominates over the approach based on gathering first of all the output of a given university (characteristic for institutional repositories), a very interesting potential of joining those two approaches within individual enterprises could be noticed.

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THE LIBRARY OF POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SCIENTIFIC CENTER IN VIENNA

ABSTRACT: **Objective -** The author focuses on the collections and activity of the Library of Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Vienna. She attempts to characterize the Library holdings and the role of Polish research library located abroad as a center promoting Polish science, history and culture in Austria and supporting contacts of Polish and Austrian researchers. **Research methods -** The author researched the Library collections and activity in person during her internship in 2012. **Results and conclusions** - The author analyzes the Library holdings, including the collection donated by Otton Forst-Battaglia, an outstanding Vienna historian and specialist in Polish studies, and pays particular attention to the publications discussing Polish history, culture and literature and relationships between Poland and Austria. She also describes various activities performed by the Library (conferences, symposia, exhibitions, research projects) as well as its research and promotion projects and its publications (series and journals).

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SELECTED METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF RESEARCH ON THE LIFECYCLE OF SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

ABSTRACT: **Objective –** The author presents the concept of *half-life* index calculation and evaluates its usefulness in various areas of science studies and library studies. **Research method** – The paper is based on the literature analysis and key issues of *half-life* index calculation are illustrated with sample data prepared on the basis of original concepts presented in the literature. **Results and conclusions** – Most often *half-life* index is used in

science studies to research various branches of science as well as to design the typology of scholarly literature based on the period during which the knowledge included in the literature becomes outdated and to modify already existing scientific journals impact factors. The index in question appears to be less useful in library collection management.

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DUTIES AND COMPETENCIES OF INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS.
THE EMPLOYER'S POINT OF VIEW

ABSTRACT: **Objective** - The updated classification of professions and specializations published by Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy lists new professions related to information processing: information and media reports analyzer, website traffic analyzer, information broker, web portal content manager and information management specialist, lacking, however, more detailed description of those professions. The author intends to discuss information professionals' duties and competencies required by their employers. **Research method** – The paper is based on the analysis of 41 job offers posted from 2005 to 2013 on human resources recruiting websites. The research covered job branches defined by the employers, job descriptions and requirements set for employees. **Results** - The analysis shows that employers who represent varied businesses need highly qualified professionals knowledgeable about information processing issues, information technologies used in information processing, advertising and marketing, journalism and social sciences. **Conclusions -** The classification discussed here does not exhaust the list of information professions as technological evolution continues to produce the need for specialists in new professions related to information processing. The dynamic development of information technologies asks for versatile information workers and sets specific requirements to the system of education, the latter being unsatisfactory as regards answering the needs of employers active in the field of information retrieval and processing.