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Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Zadar, Croatia offers the following programmes and activities related to the research and education in digital libraries:

(1) **MASTER GRADUATE LEVEL:** Joint Master Program in the field of information sciences **Written Heritage in a Digital Environment** prepared and executed by the Department of Information Sciences, Faculty of Philosophy J. J. Strossmayer, Osijek and Department of Library and Information Science, University of Zadar, Croatia with the Department of Cultural Heritage and Performing Arts, the Section of Librarianship, Parma, Italy (started in 2008/2009)

The programme is established with the aim of offering a coherent program that would be interesting and attractive to students from European countries that plan to preserve national and cultural heritage as well as countries' singularities. The program also takes into account relevant strategic goals of Croatian and Italian higher education systems as well as of the legal framework in both countries that laid foundations or asks for a new scheme of program organisation at higher education institutions. The departments believe that systematisation of interdisciplinary program in the area of digitization of written heritage is of vital importance for the successful participation of three universities in the processes of implementation of Bologna principles in higher education. The program therefore aims to offer students from other fields of knowledge, after successful completion of their undergraduate programs, possibility to acquire knowledge and skills necessary for competent and successful digitization projects in the fields in which they received their MA.

(2) **DOCTORAL POSTGRADUATE LEVEL:** Postgraduate scientific Study Programme in Social Sciences **Knowledge Society and Information Transfer**, interdisciplinary doctoral study organized in co-operation with partners at the University J. J. Strossmayer in Osijek, Croatia, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ and UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA and the University in Ljubljana, Slovenia (started in 2009/2010)

The programme's objective is to offer the participants the necessary knowledge and skills connected with interdisciplinary organized courses of study that deal with the origin, organization, preservation and usage of written heritage, especially in regard to the influence of new technology on the development of knowledge society and the

transfer of information, encourage critical thinking and provide prerequisites for a successful and responsible scientific work in the field of information sciences in line with the highest professional and ethical standards in the scientific work. This programme is based upon three assumptions:

- expressed social need to explore written heritage, its origin, organization, preservation and usage as part of the social memory; in this regard it follows priorities in scientific research (especially in regard to Croatian and Slovenian identity);

- need for systematic exploration of citizens' information needs and habits in modern society with a goal to contribute towards strengthening of the role of national cultures in the development of global and especially European information infrastructure

- need for systematic exploration of publishing and bookselling as well as assuring the basic framework for advanced study of the problems and phenomena connected with lifelong learning and management of educational information systems

(3) CONFERENCES, SUMMER SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS

Department of Information Sciences, University of Zadar, as a main initiator of the new programme, has developed a fertile co-operation with reputable university teachers within the **International Conference Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA)** which, by the help of the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, has taken place at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik every year since 2000. Co-directors of LIDA are professors Tefko Saracevic (Rutgers) and Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić (Zadar), and each year the third co-director is chosen according to the main themes. Website at: <http://web.ffos.hr/lida/>

Summer School in the Study of Old Books, Zadar, 28 September - 2 October 2009: The main goal of the Summer School in the Study of Old Books was to acquaint participants with the most recent developments and newly emerged concepts in the fields of: historical method and epistemology, old book research and bibliography, bibliographic information organization and its relation to the archival context, conservation and preservation; and to provide practical introduction to old books collection management with contemporary approaches to digitization. The Summer School also aimed to provide participants with insight into current research of old books and manuscripts, and to raise their awareness of rich and technologically advanced research information sources such as European Hand Press Book Database, and the Portal for cross-searching catalogues of European manuscript materials. The Summer School in the Study of Old Books targeted doctoral students and recent doctoral graduates studying in the fields of: history of book, library and information sciences, archival studies, and cultural heritage studies. It also targeted the university faculty, researchers and practitioners working in memory institutions in the fields related to the topics of the School. Website available at: ozk.unizd.hr/ssob/

Summer School in the Study of Historical Manuscripts, Zadar, 26-30 September 2011: The Summer School in the Study of Historical Manuscripts is, in its concept and organization, the continuation of and complementary to the Summer School in the Study of Old Books that was held in Zadar in 2009. The main organizer of this School is Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Zadar, while the co-organizers are University of Zagreb, Faculty of Philosophy, History Department and Karl-Franzens-University of Graz, Vestigia – Manuscript Research Centre, Austria. The main goal of the Summer School is to acquaint participants with the most recent developments and newly emerged concepts in the fields of: historical method and epistemology, research in historical manuscripts; bibliographic information organization and its relation to the archival context; conservation and preservation; and to provide practical introduction to historical collection management with contemporary approaches to digitization. The Summer School in the Study of Historical Manuscripts targets Croatian and international PhD students studying the fields of: history of book and historical manuscripts, library and information sciences, archival studies, preservation and conservation studies, and cultural heritage studies.

Seminar Archives, Libraries, Museums: Possibilities of Co-operation Within the Global Information Environment (annual seminars since 1998). The Seminar came out of the idea that there was a need for libraries to open up toward related institutions so that the user could get as complete, precise and professional answer as possible to his question through a singular, coherent approach to various information sources. The information technology which is available today makes the realization of this idea possible. Website available at: public.carnet.hr/akm/