

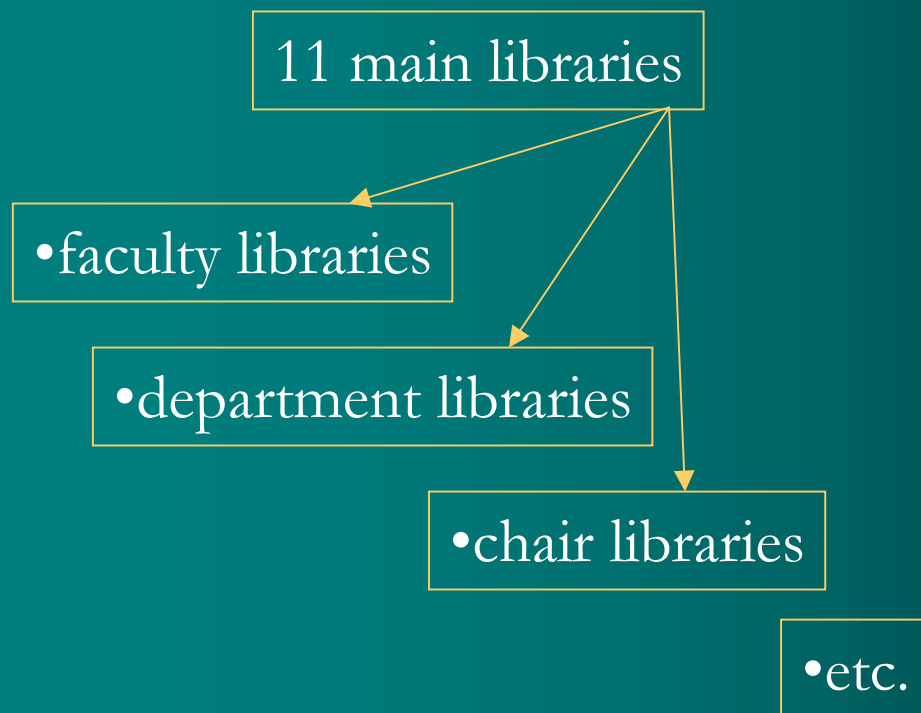
COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN POLAND

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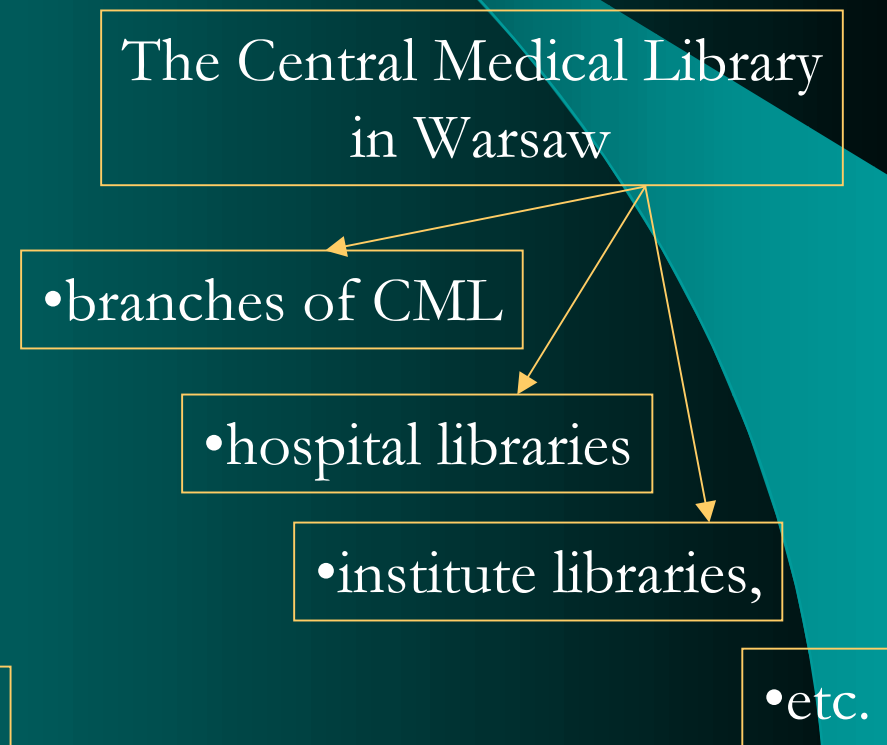
Main Library of Karol Marcinkowski
University of Medical Sciences
Poznan, POLAND

Medical libraries in Poland

Academic libraries at
11 medical schools
(university levels)



Non-academic libraries



Aims of academic medical libraries

Aims of academic libraries are regulated by the Act of Higher Education. Libraries are obligated to meet needs in three main areas:

- Research
- Didactic
- Services

Problem conferences

In the beginning of the 80. an idea of yearly medical libraries conferences was born. The conferences were to analyze and solve the problems, unify procedures and search for new forms of co-operation.

The first conference, dedicated to exchange of information on holdings, took place in Gdansk at December 6., 1981.

Problem conferences

The conferences were dedicated to:

- interlibrary loan,
- department libraries,
- bibliography,
- medical information,
- interrelation between main and branch libraries,
- library instruction,
- special collections,
- cooperation in collection and access to scientific medical information,
- research activities of library issues,
- didactic at main libraries,
- consortia,
- fields of library collaboration,
- services based on wide area computer networks
- electronic systems of document distribution

The present year subject will be:
electronic systems of document distribution

Coordination team

1981-1987 – Agreement of Main Library
Directors of Medical Academies

1988-1997 – Interlibrary Coordination
Committee of Medical Libraries

1998 – Executive Board of Directors
of Medical Academy Libraries

Common workshops and seminars

1988 – Seminar on Electronic Information

1990 – Interlibrary Loan Department Meeting

1992 – Workshop of access to CD-ROM databases through local area network

1992 – Automation of the Central Catalog Training

1997 – Seminar on Systems of Electronic Science Information

Yearly since 1999 – Medical Internet Conferences

2000 – SUBITO workshop

2000 - 2001 – NUKat (the National Universal Central Catalog) seminars

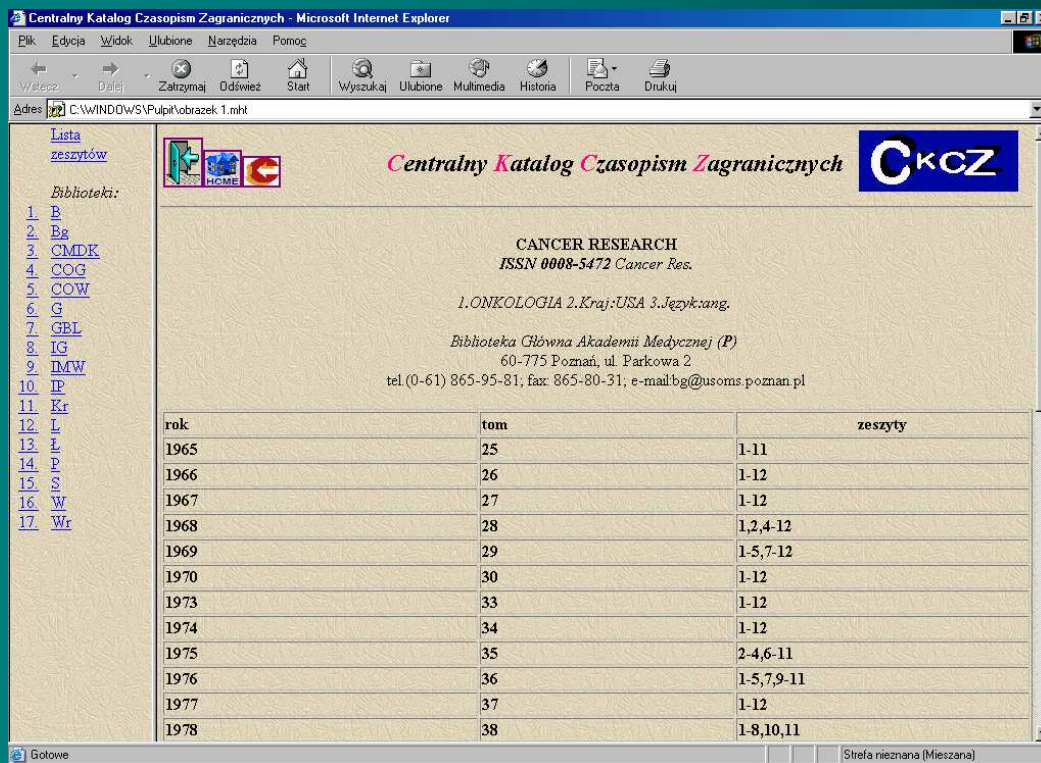
2001 – MeSH workshops

2001 - 2002 – training on doc@med system

Common achievements of Polish medical libraries

- Unification of rules of interlibrary loan
- Coordination in periodicals subscription
- Common didactic programs

Central journal catalogs



Centralny Katalog Czasopism Zagranicznych

CANCER RESEARCH
ISSN 0008-5472 *Cancer Res.*
1. ONKOLOGIA 2. Kraj: USA 3. Język: ang.
Biblioteka Główna Akademii Medycznej (P)
60-775 Poznań, ul. Parkowa 2
tel. (0-61) 865-95-81; fax: 865-80-31; e-mail: bg@usoms.poznan.pl

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1966	26	1-12
1967	27	1-12
1968	28	1,2,4-12
1969	29	1-5,7-12
1970	30	1-12
1973	33	1-12
1974	34	1-12
1975	35	2-4,6-11
1976	36	1-5,7,9-11
1977	37	1-12
1978	38	1-8,10,11

- lists of subscribed titles by the Central Medical Library
- two volumes of Central Catalog of Periodicals from Western countries dated 1975-1983 and 1984-1986 prepared by the Main Library of Medical Academy in Białystok
- the Main Library of University of Medical Sciences in Poznań published foreign journal catalog for years 1990-1992
- central catalog in electronic form available via the Internet

http://195.187.98.4/cgi-bin/wspd_cgi.sh/WService=wsbroker2/wc_opac.w

Computerization of science information services

Automating Polish medical libraries has been started in computerizing science information systems. At the initial stage the efforts were headed towards

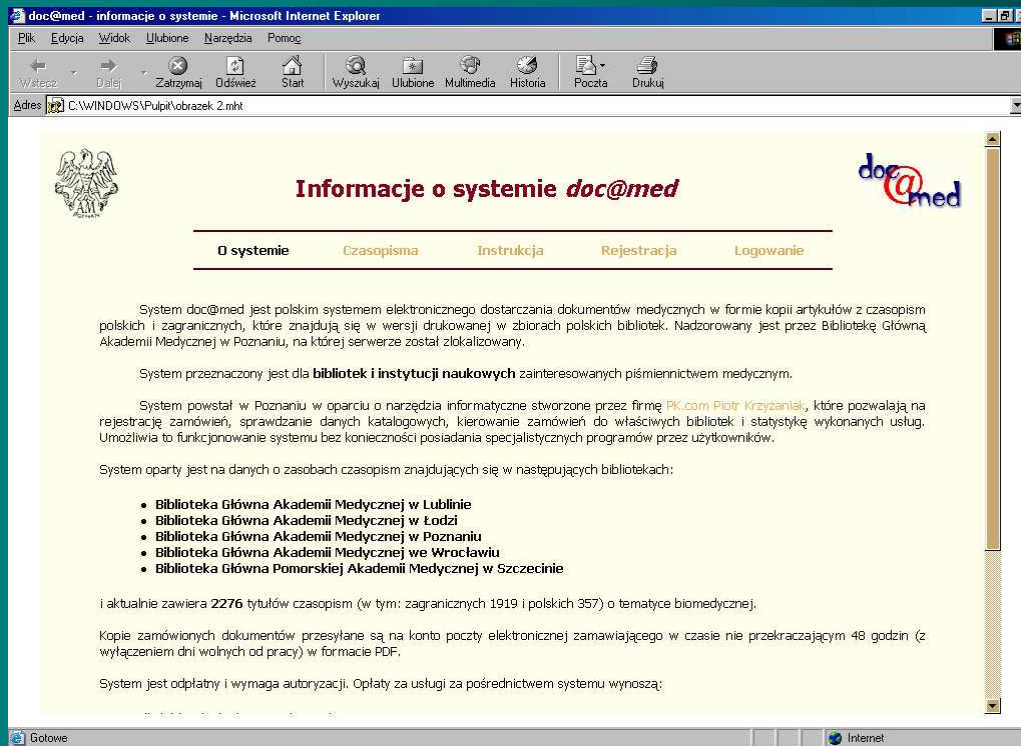
- provision of basic bibliographic databases
- as well as electronic periodical catalogs
- building of own information sources e.g. library holdings and bibliography of Polish medical publications
- cataloging and linking to valuable sources of medical information

In 1996 the first library published its WWW pages over the Internet. They are used to present general information, on-line catalogs, lists of new acquisitions, subscription lists, news, services and catalogs of links to relevant electronic information sources.

doc@med

- electronic document delivery service based on the stocks of Polish medical libraries.

The system enables supply of electronic form of journal articles. At the present, the catalog of available journals consists of over 2200 titles from 5 libraries. The catalog is automatically searched, then the order is generated and sent to the appropriate library. After the article is scanned into a PDF file, it is sent to the ordering library or straight to the patron. Orders are to be delivered within 48 hours.



<http://www2.bg.am.poznan.pl:8585/o.php>

Consortium of medical libraries

- it was created to purchase EMBASE bibliographic database.

Medical libraries are also part of many other consortia organized in Poland:

**to access full-text
electronic journals**

(Academic Press IDEAL,
Springer LINK, Elsevier
Science Direct, Blackwell
SYNERGY, Eifl Direct)

**to licence to
databases** (Current
Contents, Science
Citation Index)

**to implement library
automation systems:**
HORIZON (Poznan,
Lodz), Aleph (Katowice,
Szczecin, Bialystok),
VTLS (Kraków), TINLIB
(Bydgoszcz)

Bibliographic databases

The Central Medical Library

Polish Medical Bibliography

academic libraries

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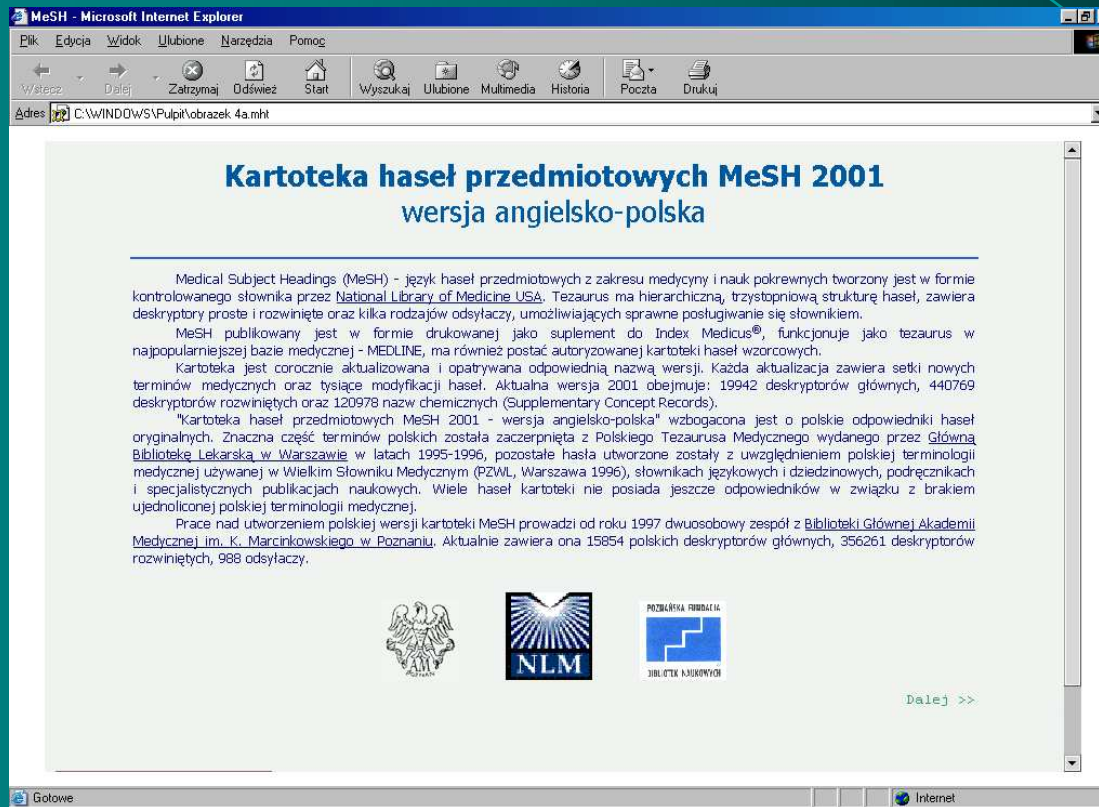
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<http://test.bg.am.poznan.pl/bazy/publikacje/>

Implementation of integrated electronic library systems

Automation of library procedures in different academic medical libraries has started since 1997. Libraries experienced in USMARC format or automation of library procedures have shared their knowledge with the other ones. There were organized presentations, consultations, and workshops in Lodz, Poznan and Wroclaw.

MeSH



The nowadays challenge of the medical libraries is to create electronic version of Polish-English MeSH authority file, universal to any library system.

<http://test.bg.am.poznan.pl/mesh/>

Collaboration with foreign libraries

- Visits to foreign libraries
- Interlibrary loans (SUBITO, bilateral free exchange with partner libraries of copies and doublets)
- Participation in EAHIL conferences and activities
- Workshops and visits organized for librarians from Eastern Europe

Journal of medical libraries



Bulletin of the Central Medical Library has gained character of an organ of medical libraries. The editorial board consists of the directors of all academic libraries. In the bulletin historical works as well as present events in librarianship and science information are discussed. Conference proceedings and other meetings of medical libraries are published on the regular basis.