Czech Medical Literature Citation Index

Marie Votípková – Jana Hercová – Eva Weichetová
National Medical Library, Prague
Milan Špála
Charles University, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Prague
Czech Republic

Introduction

Czech citation index is the principal result of the research project "Information Characteristics of the Development of Medical Science and Research" supported by the Internal Grant Agency of Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.

Definitions of important terms

Citation – a document (A) mentions or refers to another document (B)

Citation index - an alphabetic list of entries cited in references from footnotes or bibliographies of a source article arranged by first author

Cited journal – a science journal cited in Czech citation index database. The journal is not necessarily a source journal covered in citation index.

Starting points

- Inspiration by Science Citation Index (Eugene Garfield 1963)
- Web of Science a Czech consortial licence available since 2000
- A computerized registrative National Medical Bibliography (Bibliographia medica čechoslovaca - BMČ) maintained since 1977

Method of proccessing

Structure of the citation index derives from the structure of National Medical Bibliography database (BMČ), it uses the same software and it is a part of its current technological process.

Three journal titles have been selected as models:

- 1. Vnitřní lékařství (Internal Medicine) two complete volumes (1999,2000)
- 2. Folia biologica 2000
- 3. Bratislavské lékařské listy (Bratislava Medical Papers) 2000.

A demoversion contains 15 362 bibliographic records

Database structure Subbase 1 – Citation index (CI)

- <u>Citing records</u> source records of the articles in selected journals which have been processed in the National Medical Bibliography
- <u>Cited records</u> records of cited literature (many of them are the records processed in the National Medical Bibliography)
- <u>Linking data elements</u> there are two types of them: <u>record identifiers</u> (added as manual work) and <u>linkage between citing entry and cited entry</u> (derived automatically by the system).

Database structure Subbase 2 – Citation index factors (CIF)

- Records of Czech and Slovak medical journals exported from OPAC
- <u>Statistic data on citation behavior</u> of authors who publish in Czech and Slovak medical journals number of articles, number of citations, impact factor, immediacy index

Calculation of impact factor (IF) and immediate index (IMI)

Both factors are calculated the same way as in Journal Citation Reports by ISI:

$$IF = \frac{\text{total number of articles that were published by a given journal in the years } (X-1) + (X-2)}{\text{number of citations to that journal in the year } X}$$

$$IMI = \frac{\text{number of published articles published in the year } X}{\text{number of citations in the year } X}$$

Pitfalls of the data processing

- Huge amount of input data
- Surprising variety of citation rules application in bibliographic citations published in selected journals
- Difficulties in searching and removing of duplicate entries

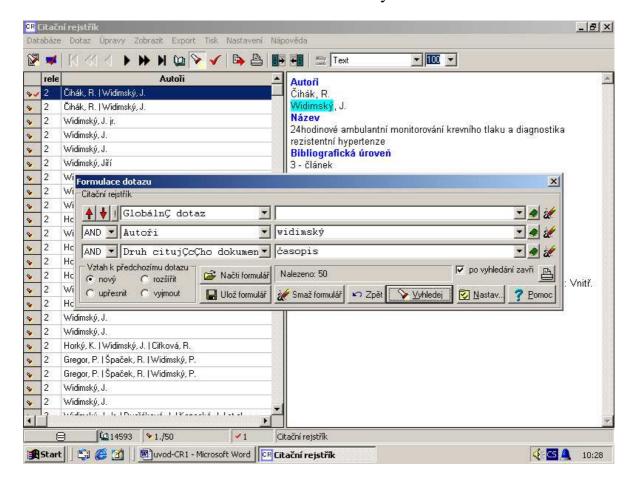
- Creation of linking data elements
- Need of searching and adding important missing data elements in citations
- Time consuming final edition and supervision of all entries

Searching options of CI

- Which articles of an author were cited?
- Find the relevant articles in which were the articles of an author cited.
- Who cited the author in the year 1999?
- Was the author cited in the year 1999 in any of the selected journal?

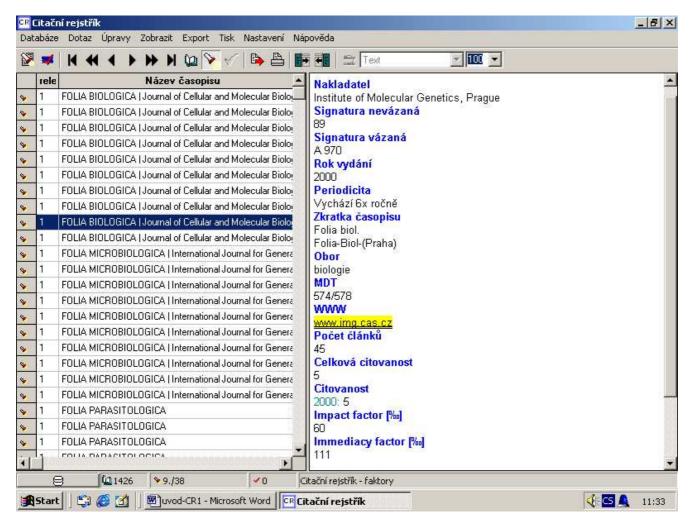
Example 1

Which articles of the author Widimský have been cited?

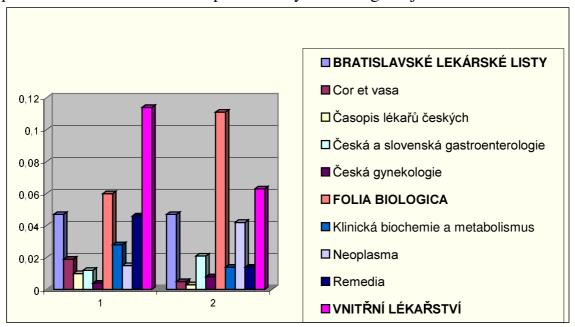


Example 2

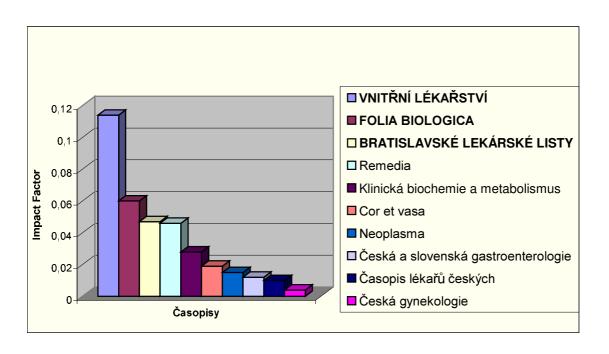
Folia biologica journal listing impact factors (IF) and immediacy index(IMI)



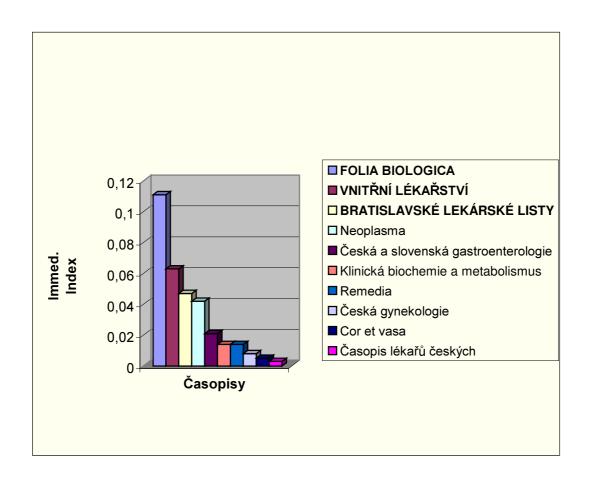
Graph 1- **Impact factor and Immediacy Index** from the database "Czech Citation Index – Factors" according model journals for 10 selected journals processed in BMČ – listed alphabetically according the journal title



Graph 2 - **Impact Factor** from the database "Citation Index – Factors" according model journals for 10 selected journals processed in BMČ



Graph 3 - **Immediacy Index**_ from the database "Citation Index – Factors" according to the model journals for 10 selected journals processed in BMČ



Conclusions and recommendations

- Utilization of Vancouver Group recommendations (Uniform Requirements for Manuscript Submitted to Biomedical Journals) only when citing
- Utilize the format XML in input data processing which enable quicker and easier maintenance of the database CI
- Merging of database of National Medical Bibliography (BMČ) and Czech Medical Literature Citation Index database
- Compatibility with or Linkage to principal databases of the Council for Science and Research (Central Register of Research and Development Projects supported

by state administration and Database for Evaluation of Accomplished Results and their Reflection in Publication Activities).

- Adoption of unified requirements for submitting manuscripts in cooperation with editors of Czech medical journals
- Definition of scientometric outputs of the database CI

Contact addresses

 PhDr. Marie Votípková, Head of Bibliographic and Cataloguing Department, National Medical Library, Prague

tel.: 00420 2 9633 5929, e-mail: votipkov@nlk.anet.cz

Mgr. Jana Hercová, Head of Search Department, National Medical Library, Prague tel.: 00420 2 9633 5918, e-mail: hercova@nlk.anet.cz

• Doc. MUDr. Milan Špála, Search Department, Institute of Scientific Information, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague

tel.: 00420 2 2496 5670, e-mail: milan.spala@lf1.cuni.cz