EXPERIENCE WITH UDC UPDATES:
THE SLOVENIAN PERSPECTIVE

Introduction
• In Slovenia, most bibliographic records in the COBISS.SI contain UDC numbers.
• The Commission for Cataloguing in COBISS.SI proposed the implementation of a controlled list of UDC notations for field 675<<> that would be mandatory in the process of cataloguing. In 1996, a controlled list of 761 UDC numbers was compiled and implemented.
• All the library materials, such as monographs, serials, articles, etc., are classified using the uniform 675<<> list (COMARC/B format for bibliographic information, 2008).
• In this way a minimum controlled classification level has been implemented.
• Occasionally, UDC codes in this widely used list have been extended and edited. This was especially the case when the new translations of the UDC into Slovenian were published, based on releases of the UDC Master Reference File in 2001, 2006 and 2011.
• Currently, the UDC summary list contains 1,051 UDC codes.

The aim of the work
• Our research is one of the steps to the better understanding of the effects of the UDCMRF changes on the content of the standardized UDC scheme.

The study area

Results
• The number of UDC notations has increased over the years.
• The most significant increase took place in 2006, when librarians gained access to the Slovenian translation of the complete UDC MRF01 containing nearly 55,000 main UDC numbers, rather than 11,000 UDC numbers that were available in the old printed abridged UDC edition. As a result, the list of UDC numbers appearing in the field 675<<> of the bibliographic record has increased by 28%.
• Later, due to the further expansion of UDC MRF06 and UDC MRF11 content, and following the suggestions of librarians, the increase continued. Today, the list includes 38 % more UDC numbers than at the beginning.
• The number of UDC notations in class 2 has increased by 300 % since the beginning due to the revision of class 2.

Conclusions
• The poster shows the development and the use of the classification UDC summary for field 675<<> of bibliographic records in the COBISS.SI over the past 18 years. Although the number of notations in the classification controlled list has not increased so dramatically, the management and maintenance of the UDC summary had to be set up to cope with continuous changes.

Future perspectives
• Traditional library catalogues will be increasingly adapted to the requirements of the Semantic Web. Most importantly, it is expected that UDC controlled list may play an important role in the process of integration of the traditional COMARC data into a linked data environment.