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KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATIONS TRENDS IN METALLURGY SUBFIELDS WITHIN STANDARDIZATION PLATFORM

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Abstract: The paper presents an original approach to ranking/clustering of standardized subfields presented on examples of innovation trends in metallurgy. A multi-criteria statistical analysis of knowledge database units was applied in the paper. A number of objectives have been realized on innovation pathways, both globally (ISO) and locally (SRPS – standard designation in Serbia), and initial hypotheses in PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) methodology have been confirmed. Based on standardized quantities and values of knowledge database units, ranking/clustering indices were checked within standardized metallurgy subfields. Web-applications for analysis and singling out of samples from the entire Web-population (local (SRPS) and global (ISO) standardization) served as software support to statistical methodology. Original regression equations with accompanying indices of quantity, knowledge database values and ranking, given on examples within the field of metallurgy were developed. Study results aim at a more sensitive ranking of all classified fields of human endeavor, from the standpoint of innovation frequency.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 What problem does the paper look at?

The paper deals with the development of methodology for ranking/clustering of standardized areas of human endeavor shown on examples of knowledge innovation in metallurgy. A comparative multi-criteria analysis was applied, and international (ISO) and local (SRPS, [1]) knowledge database units were valued in metallurgy subfields. Innovation trends and knowledge pathways were defined using regression equations. The importance of both local and global knowledge innovation was examined in all metallurgy subfields. Based on *International Classification of Standards* (ICS), metallurgy belongs to area 77 (ICS-1 = 77, classification level I) encompassing 10 subfields on classification level II (ICS-2 = 11.xyz, [2]):

- 77.020 Production of metals
- 77.040 Testing of metals
- 77.060 Corrosion of metals
- 77.080 Ferrous metals
- 77.100 Ferroalloys
- 77.120 Non-ferrous metals
- 77.140 Iron and steel products
- 77.150 Products of non-ferrous metals
- 77.160 Powder metallurgy
- 77.180 Equipment for the metallurgical industry.

Among the total of 40 standardized areas of human endeavor, the studied metallurgy field occupies positions from 6 to 12. The criteria are based on quantities and values (based on the studies 2012.01 and 2013.01), on both SRPS and ISO standardization platforms. However, it is frequency of standards publishing at the local level that appears to be a problematic issue, as only 299 SRPS units in 2011 were published. This innovations trend followed in 2012 with only 279 new SRPS units.

The issues of tracking knowledge and innovations trends as well as gaining access to original standardized database units are of utmost importance. According to [3], 'Quality is free' philosophy was employed in the past century. Nowadays, standards are extremely costly. The issues of leadership, *knowledge management* [4], *integrated promising innovation management and change management* [5] are becoming increasingly important.

1.2 The study objectives and initial hypotheses

The initial hypotheses of the study, which are important for other fields and subfields of human endeavor, are based on the presented problematics, and the analyzed knowledge and innovations trends in the field of metallurgy, as well as on the projected goals (PDCA methodology).

P) The analyses enable developing and selection of real regression equations by means of explicit mathematical relations – using trend lines so as to enable predicting and planning resources for the future knowledge innovation.

D) It is possible to define comparative indices of innovation quantity, as well as value indices and ranking criteria for each subfield and the area as a whole, whereby defining methodology of ranking/clustering of standardized fields or subfields is the final objective.

C) It is possible to identify clear correlations among innovations trends (including time index for checking – Check) in both time and space: global towards local (ISO towards SRPS), on standardization platform.

A) It is possible to identify the relationship between continuous (daily, weekly, monthly and yearly) and discontinuous (cumulative) knowledge innovation on the one hand, and the advancement of education on the other.

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND FRAMEWORK

The PDCA, statistical methodology for dynamic analyses and deductive–inductive reasoning methods were used for predicting the future development and innovation of the pragmatic framework. Methodologically, statistical indices were formed for the comparison of ISO–SRPS relations in the field of metallurgy (ICS-1 = 77) with other fields of human endeavor, including Quantity indices (Iq), value indices (Iv) and ranking index (Iqv).

Quantity indices (Iq), defined and determined for both ISO and SRPS, refer to the following: Samples (Iqs), Published standards (Iqp), standards under development (Iqu), standards withdrawn from use (Iqw), Deleted projects (Iqd), Innovations in various stages of development (Iqi = Iqu₂₀₁₂) – for the entire previous calendar year.

Value indices (Iv) are correlated with quantity indices, whereby the results are graphically presented both cumulatively and by trends, within the majority of 10 *metallurgy* subfields, shown by figures

