

Wielki słownik języka polskiego (The Great Polish Dictionary) – the conception and methods of preparation

The aim of the paper is to present a huge lexicographic work carried out in Poland currently, i.e. *The Great Polish Dictionary (Wielki słownik języka polskiego - WSJP)*. There are two major purposes of this undertaking: 1) to give exhaustive description of all lexical units of Polish, from the end of the Second World War till now; 2) to apply great achievements of modern Polish theoretical linguistics (particularly semantics and grammar) to make the effective, adequate and user-friendly lexicographic description. The dictionary will be available only in electronic version (probably by the Internet) and electronically prepared by linguists from the Institute of Polish Language of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Krakow, in cooperation with contributors from other Polish research centers. The project is supported by Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education in 2007-2012.

Our presentation consists of the following parts:

- 1) theoretical framework of the dictionary;
- 2) the advantages of the electronic method of preparation;
- 3) an outline of a macro- and microstructure of the dictionary;
- 4) preliminary information about the structure of the dictionary database and user interface;
- 5) the schedule of the project and perspectives for the future.