

International
Encyclopedia
Meetup 2020

Encyclopedia of Modern Ukraine

National encyclopedia of Ukraine (20-21 centuries), written in Ukrainian. Paper volumes since 2001. Online since 2014 (website in beta and does not use any special encyclopedia platform software).

Not yet completed: only articles from A to N.

Published and owned by the state non-profit Institute of Encyclopedic Research, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, since 2001.

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Articles online: 61,400

Staff: 10

Active affiliated topic experts: 30-40 per a volume

Authors: 6,800

Visitors per month: 157,100 (avg. in 2020) (pop. 42 mill)

Annual budget: €85,000 (100% state support)

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NEWS SINCE LAST YEAR

Paper encyclopedia

A new volume has been prepared and published (22th, for letter N). It includes 2,300 articles, 2,100 illustrations, and 4 maps. Print run - 4,000 copies (for state libraries, Universities of Ukraine).

Online encyclopedia

All articles and illustrations of new volume has been added to online version of the encyclopedia.

About 1,000 articles have been updated (mostly biographical articles).

Encyclopedia studies

In this year, editorial staff and other research associates of the institution have been engaged in scholarly work aimed generally at the issues of the need and ways of systematic encyclopedia usage in the education system of Ukraine. In this sense, the experience of European countries is been studied.

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PANDEMIC

All staff worked from home in period from mid-March to end-May (statewide lockdown time). Currently at the office.

During the lockdown, the activity of the authors was lower and the activity of the readers was significantly higher.

Numbers of readers exploded in March, April, May (record in May: 319,000 unique visitors) when month traffic was doubled in comparing with the previous year.

Today, a second wave of pandemic affects no exploding of readers (during the autumn, Ukraine is not under lockdown).

Related to the pandemic

In the field of scholarly work, we studied a COVID-19 topic coverage in Ukrainian and Europe online encyclopedias (as of 2020 March). The study results:

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