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Institute for Croatian Language and Linguistics and its role in developing the modern Croatian language

The *Institute for Croatian Language and Linguistics* is the main national scientific institution for research of the Croatian language and linguistics in general. It was founded in 1948 within the framework of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. It has been an independent scientific institution since 1996, and long-term projects of strategic importance to Croatian philology are carried out under its auspices. The role and mission of the *Institute for Croatian Language and Linguistics* is scientific research in the humanities within the field of philology. This work includes the systematic scientific study of the Croatian language (all Croatian idioms in the past and the present, including all socio-culturally stratified idioms and language styles) and the creation of foundational lexicographic works and other linguistic reference materials for the Croatian language and Linguistics.

The Institute realises its main task in cooperation with universities, scientific institutes, state bodies, and other similar institutions both in Croatia and abroad. The Institute's wide-ranging activities and prominent role in society, its established contractual cooperation with the majority of Croatian universities and relevant individual schools, and its foundation of regional branches has made it the central national scientific institution for the study of the Croatian language, its historical development, and its organic idioms. It is also the central institution for the cultivation of the Croatian standard language, making it an institution that is involved in the active shaping of Croatian linguistic policy.

In the past few years, the Institute has placed a strong focus on the publishing and release of free internet content in the form of internet resources. Some of the most important of these are:

riznica.ihjj.hr – Croatian Language Corpus

pravopis.hr – Croatian orthography

bolje.hr – Croatian is Better! – how to better express the common and ever more pervasive Anglicisms present in the Croatian language

struna.ihjj.hr – Croatian scientific and professional terminology database

jezicni-savjetnik.hr – language advice database

hrvatski.hr – portal for the study of the Croatian language suited to schoolchildren

matura.ihjj.hr – study guide for the Croatian language section of the secondary school exit exam (*matura*)

(soon) gramatika.hr – A school grammar of the Croatian language