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The research communication and information centre as a link among information, people and ideas

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ABSTRACT

Vilnius University is an active participant in all matters relating to the formation of national research policy aiming at consolidation of science and business and striving to create an environment for integrated science, studies and business, which would be competitive and based on new technologies. The aim of integration is to promote communication between researchers and business enterprises from Lithuania and foreign countries for development of advanced technologies and products in the newly established integrated science and business valleys. Scholarly Communication and Information Centre (SCIC) is the first structure in *Saulėtekis Valley*. This project is led and developed by Vilnius University. At the same time it will become the second structure of Vilnius University Library. Both structures with accumulated information resources, library staff and activities will make one structurally undivided subdivision of Vilnius University – Vilnius University Library.

The guiding principles which were used to create SCIC:

- o *Functionality*: open stacks, maximum use of available space, new technology-based services;
- o *Openness*: SCIC will be open twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week;
- o *Flexibility*: easily transformed premises and furniture, flexible and friendly attitude towards users;
- o *Rationality*: accumulation of all resources on specific topics in one place;
- o *Economy*: cost-effective micro-climate and security system;
- o *Aesthetics*: unique architecture, the structure harmoniously fits in natural environment.

SCIC will offer traditional library services (information resources of various types and formats for borrowing or for reading in the reading rooms) alongside modern package of services: academic and business communities will be provided with updates on new scientific production, a new position of subject or personal information specialist will be introduced, provision of information and consultations for the researchers on open access, institutional repository and bibliometrical analysis will be organized.

SCIC environment stimulating learning, various zones meeting the needs of users, group work rooms, workshop spaces equipped with new technologies – all these facilities in the first place will be available for the young people's learning. Those looking for peace and quiet place for work and coming to study for a longer period will be provided with cabins for individual work and silent zones. Even young parents will have special cosy areas designed for them so they could come with their children and read books suitable for their age together.

A **person** is the main player in the library – such attitude motivates to create an environment, where everyone – a person who comes to the centre, works here and finds facilities and services meeting his or her expectations – would feel comfortable. Cosy recreation zones assigned for relaxation and communication, free and friendly atmosphere, versatile and competent staff will help to create pleasant and homely atmosphere. The prospects for SCIC to become a cultural centre at Saulėtekis Valley are quite positive. Exhibition halls, **café**, bookshop, library square with cultural events taking place in here should add to the creation of traditions in this part of scientific and academic world and Vilnius city.