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Field research and digital archiving at "C. Brăiloiu" Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, at the beginning of the 21st century [**]

Field research at the beginning of the 21st century entails certain theoretical and practical changes mainly due to the development of recording technology. Currently, almost all materials gathered during a field campaign (audio, video or photo) are recorded in digital formats. Therefore, the old collecting and archiving principles have changed while adjusting to the new conditions. Consequently, the present field data should be related to the uniform and complex research approach which has already been settled.

The present article offers a model of electronic catalogue, temporary data base and an example of "proper" archiving system which represents the temporary fund of digital files. These two types of elements are perfectly concordant. The electronic catalogue we are presenting here is being tested at "Constantin Brăiloiu" Institute of Ethnography and Folklore and represents the preliminary phase for the Institute's Consistent Data Base which is to comprise the new recordings together with the ones done so far. The temporary fund of digital files represents a fragment of the Institute's Digital Archive which will host all the digital recordings in the Institute's Archive (original digital recordings and digital copies of older analogue materials). The digital files fund related to the electronic catalogue is conceived as a uniform multimedia fund with three types of documents: audio, photo and video.

The new technological conditions require setting some general principles for gathering the material and, particularly, establishing the methodology for field research and archiving. These are a few suggestions and rules for organizing field and archiving work for producing some rich folklore collections relevant, well-organized and well-preserved. Although we are referring here to the current work procedures within our Institute, these remarks can also apply to other institutions facing similar problems.