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*Unresolved Issues in Expert Work of Serbian Archivists*

*Summary*

Archivism is an auxiliary historic and social science dealing with the study and promotion of the methodology of expert work in the archivist profession. It is divided into four branches: pure archivism, the archivist technique, the history of archivism and archive services and regulations on archive services and archives. Organization and processing of archive material enables its use for scientific and practical purposes.

There are a lot of deficiencies in the archive work of Serbian archives. Part of the archive material is yet to be organized and this presents one of the priority missions of archivists. It is necessary to follow the achievements of contemporary archivism in the world regarding electronic processing of data and digitalization of documents.

Domestic and international seminars on various topics, as well as archivist magazines, hold an important place in promoting expert knowledge of archivists. Once well known magazines like *Archivism* and *The Archive Review* have closed down, but a considerable number of new ones has appeared, as *The Archive* issued by the Archive of Serbia and Montenegro. Nearly all of these magazines follow closely both archivism and historiography.

Creation of contemporary archive in Serbia is a long term process requiring overall efforts of all participants and follow up of archivist developments in the world.