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Toponymic Websites in Hungary*

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Below, attention is drawn to two websites, one of them offering limited access to the Gazetteer-Database of Hungary (FNT), maintained by the Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing (FÖMI, Budapest), and the other provides information on names and data of localities of Hungary.

1. <http://fish.fomi.hu/angolfish/> (click on FNT)

Gazetteer of Hungary (FNT)

The dataset contains the names of settlements, parts of settlements, of landscapes, nature conservation areas, relief and hydrography, names of important sights (ruin, look out tower etc.) as well the names of the most important objects of traffic. It contains 39 types of geographical names.

One record of name determines the position of the geographical object by the name of the county and settlement in which the object exist as well as by its EOV(Uniform National projection System) and/or geographical co-ordinates. The record of name contains the type of the name (hill, lake, cave etc., altogether 39 types), the versions of the name, the source of the name and its source. Other attributes are the number of the inhabitants, height etc.

By its content the database is structured by settlements, which means, that a geographical object – extending over more than one settlement – can be found as many times as the number of the settlements. By logic the structure of the database consists of records of name, there is no hierarchy between the records.

In the website by clicking on the inscription „Browse in the Gazetteer” you may get answer in which settlement the sought feature is in. For that the name itself, the feature type and the county name it is situated in have to be typed in. Unfortunately this limited browse possibility requires some knowledge of Hungarian (of the feature types). Further plans will have the system in English, too.

2. http://helynevtar.ksh.hu/index.php3?c_lang=en&sid=1080019422891693918&tract=2

The Detailed Gazetteer of the Republic of Hungary

The Detailed Gazetteer of the Republic of Hungary is a repository of names and data of localities of Hungary, which contains the administrative rank, level (type) of administration, the county it belongs to, as well as important changes in regional structuring as of the 1st of January 2003.

The administrative names indicated - as far as the counties, the capital, the districts of the capital, the towns of county rank, the towns, the large villages and villages - are the same as those in the Administrative Register of the Settlements of the Republic of Hungary, written according to the Hungarian spelling rules. The names of the parts of the settlements (other inner areas, outskirts) do not belong to this circle. The latter - according to the agreement on inter-ministerial level - are shown in the Gazetteer by taking into account the Hungarian spelling rules, the local idioms and the principles of the uniform publication as well.

The Gazetteer may contain minority names if (and only if) the name appears on the roadside nameplate, too. These names are written in the Gazetteer in the form of the nameplate in general, with some cases, where - according to the proposal of respective linguistic expert - the spelling rules of the minority name in question are taken into consideration.