

In the Name of Allah, The Compassionate, The Merciful

The Supreme Leader of Iran:

- The element "research" must be considered everywhere as a principle in all activities.
- If there is no research and investigation, then the result would be just standing in a place, being stuck in a rut, and remaining unaware of the world around you.
- Research, study, and being informed and aware of the facts, sciences and scientific status of the world, are some of the necessary elements for Islamic Seminary.

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History

The Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management (RCIDIM) is the result of more than 25 years of Islamic research and study, information management and knowledge studies in modern technologies, which was finally recognized with the official order of board of trustees at Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary in 2017, since the establishment of Thesaurus Unit in 1993 and after its integration with Information Deputyship in 2005.

Objectives

- Analysis of the subjects and determination of the type of their relations with each other in epistemic body of Islamic sciences.
- Creating a unique policy in the field of information organization and management at Islamic Information and Knowledge Management Centers.
- Localization of information systems based on Islamic sciences features and related fields.
- Documentation of Islamic sciences terms.
- Contribution to the development in the field of research with an ontological look at the structural pyramid of Islamic sciences and the geography of its subjects.

Research Departments

RCIDIM is active in the fields of knowledge management and organization, categorization, dissemination and exchanging the information and Islamic resources through the three departments including the Department for Compilation of Knowledge Structures, Department for Organizing Information and Islamic Documents, and Department for Information Dissemination and Knowledge Exchanging.

a) Department for Compilation of Knowledge Structures

- Compiling and updating the thesauruses of Islamic sciences in order to categorize and organize Islamic sciences through using national and international experience.
- Compiling the Ontology of Islamic sciences
- Compiling the dictionaries based on the Islamic sciences thesauruses.
- Designing and creating the systems of storing and retrieving Islamic sciences information
- Supporting and developing information databases and Islamic knowledge management websites in other centers.

b) Department for Organizing Information and Documents

- Conducting research and updating principles and rules of organizing information based on the controlled languages.
- Controlled indexing based on the references and relations of existing thesauruses to store and retrieve Islamic science resources.
- Preparing and classifying Islamic documents and works in library and electronic environments.
- Categorizing library resources, including traditional and electronic, and converting traditional libraries into electronic formats in order to have quick and comfortable access to publishing backups.
- Updating the minor library categorizations including interdisciplinary sciences.

C. Department for Information Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange

- Conducting study and research on dissemination platforms and transferring information and documents through using the latest technologies of the day.
- Designing, creating, developing, and supporting the internet websites and Islamic information networks.
- Designing and creating continuous and discontinuous information databases in the fields of Islamic sciences.
- Managing and creating various services, and providing the appropriate facilities to exchange information and documents for the information centers and research and knowledge studies centers.
- Electronic publishing on a variety of media such as CDs, wikis and the web.
- Supporting the research by providing the possibility of identifying and selecting the needed useful information in the field of Islamic sciences.

Works and Products

a) Written Works

- An introduction to the principles of the thesaurus of Islamic sciences, 1997.
- The thesaurus of Qur'anic sciences, 1998.
- The thesaurus of Islamic philosophy (two volumes), 2000.
- The thesaurus of Usul Fiqh (principles of Islamic jurisprudence), 2000.
- The thesaurus of Logics, 2002.
- The thesaurus of Islamic theology, 2003.
- The thesaurus of Islamic Ethics, 2007.
- Manhaj Tadwin Mo'jam Mostalahat al-Olum al-Islamiyah (the compilation method of thesaurus of Islamic sciences), 2007.
- The dictionary of Usul Fiqh, 2010.
- The thesaurus of consumption pattern reforms, (2010).
- The thesaurus of hadith sciences, 2011.
- A collection of papers for the National Conference on Thesaurus and Its Applications in Electronic Environment, 2012.
- The dictionary of Qur'anic Sciences, 2015.
- The thesaurus of Islamic Jurisprudence, 2018.

Completed and Ongoing Works

- The Thesaurus of hadith narrators.
- The Thesaurus of new theological problems.
- The Thesaurus of specialized criminal law.
- The Thesaurus of general criminal law.
- The Thesaurus of religions.
- The Thesaurus of Qur'anic sciences, 2nd edition.

b) Indexing the Islamic Information and Documents

- Thematic-compound index of Islamic resources
- Thematic-compound index of collection of works
- Thematic-compound index of the end of the book

B. Digital Works

- [The System for Islamic Information Sciences Management](#)

This system is the first online environment for Islamic Information Sciences Management, based on the thesaurus, which its aim is to manage, organize, and retrieve information in the fields related to knowledge for Islamic Sciences. Designing, implementing, and developing the System for Information Sciences Management, considering the latest content and technological standards of the day, has been accomplished by the efforts of experts in the fields of Islamic sciences and information technology at the Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management.

The System provides search and retrieval of the terminology communication network and all organized information related to it.

- [Some of the Features of the System](#)

- Multi-user interface
- Multi-organization
- Multilingual
- Multirole
- High Security
- High scalable
- Management dashboards and analytical reports on all systems
- System variability
- A specialized context to organize information based on the thesaurus
- Having a multi-thesaurus management
- Changing the rules of information control when recording or editing information
- Approval of information records process
- High security using cryptographic algorithms
- Identifying similar information records
- Integration of information records
- A variety of linear, statistical and graphical reports on various departments
- Providing service for various software
- Specialized panel
- Various levels of access
- Defining hierarchical roles and delegating authority
- Centralized search engine to retrieve information in different sections
- Integrated information display related to a term including term details, term tree, glossary, profile and resources
- Storing all users' activities in the database and analyzing users' behavior
- Having a system for evaluating the performance of individuals and information
<https://thesaurus.isca.ac.ir/>
- Specialized website for displaying Imam Musa Sadr's works
<http://www.imammoussasadr.ir/>
- Website for knowledge management <http://kms.isca.ac.ir/>

▪ **The Website for Verses and Narrations**

The Website for Verses and Narrations has been designed and implemented for two objectives including extracting and providing the list of verses and narration of various resources in fields of Islamic sciences as well as identifying the situation of verses in the Qur'an and narrations in narrative resources.

- This system is capable of searching for verses with different spellings and with or without I'rab (the final vowel of an Arabic word).
- To get more information you can visit the website at <http://vf.isca.ac.ir>.

• **Digital Library**

The software for Digital Library of Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary has been prepared and provided, as the first comprehensive integrated software for library, center of digital documents and archive in Iran, with a new approach in the field of library and information software based on the international standards especially Z39/50, UNIMARC and OAI.

• **Features**

- 27000 Books
- 4000 Persian papers
- 1860 manuscripts
- 42000 university theses
- 13000 Islamic Seminary theses
- 9500 theses from Islamic countries
- Creating relations between different records (relation between papers of a journal and its audio resources)
- Storing information in the standard form of UNIMARC
- Providing international languages (UNICODE)
- Bookmarking the records based on the standard of ISBD
- Creating and managing various types of resources including books, papers, theses and research projects
- Centralized bibliographic information management of library resources and materials
- Storing various types of documents in different fonts and languages based on the standard form of UNIMARC in document database.
- Multilingual thesauruses support and their management
- Relations and references management in documents and thesauruses system
- Supporting standard formats such as ISO2709, UNIMARC, XML, Dublin Core, MODS
- Note taking in textual resources
- Personal library with the ability to group, take notes, tag, and search.

• **More Information at:**

dl.isca.ac.ir

• **Digital Library in Social Networks**

Eitaa Messenger: eitaa.com/dl_islamicdoc_com

Soroush Messenger: sapp.ir/dl_islamicdoc_com

- **software**

Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management has also been conducting activities in production of different desktop software. Some of the software and applications are, Motahar, Khatib, the specialized software for Usul Fiqh, and al-Tamhid.

It is worth noting that the content of these software and applications is available through the System for Islamic Sciences Information Management at:

Thesaurus.isca.ac.ir

- **The Encyclopedia of Islamic Sciences**

- **The Wiki of Usul Fiqh, 6000 terms.**
- **The Wiki of Fiqh, 5000 terms.**
- **The Wiki of Qur'anic Sciences, 10000 terms.**
- **The Wiki of glossary, 40000 names of famous people.**
- **The Wiki of Ayatollah Motahari's works, over 10000 terms.**
- **The Wiki of Mahdiism Knowledge.**

wiki.isca.ac.ir

The Electronic Journal of Islamic Knowledge Management

Despite the efforts that have been made in Islamic Seminaries to organize the Islamic information and knowledge management, there still exists many gaps in this field. As a founder and pioneer in compiling the comprehensive thesaurus of Islamic sciences and fundamental achievements in this arena, the Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management has put "the Electronic Journal of Islamic Knowledge Management" in his plans for information dissemination and transmission, publishing the findings of research projects and sharing the experiences in the form of scientific papers on Islamic Knowledge management and related fields.

- **Areas Covered by the Journal**

- Information management and knowledge studies
- Data mining in Islamic knowledge
- Network of Islamic sciences terms and words

- **Objectives and Visions**

- Promoting the level of knowledge and research in the field of Islamic knowledge management.
- Identifying and publishing the ideas and plans of experts on Islamic knowledge management.
- Contributing to the introduction of Islamic knowledge management and examining its novel methods in the scientific level at home (Iran) and abroad.
- Contributing to provide context in order to produce science in the field of Islamic knowledge management.
- Specialized introduction to the achievements related to Islamic knowledge management.
- Culturalization of using the research works of the center and similar centers in the field of Islamic knowledge management.
- Creating an appropriate context to exchange the scientific findings in the field of Islamic documents and information management in virtual environment.
- Contributing to facilitate knowledge transfer in the field of Islamic sciences information management.
- Promoting and deepening the solid and purposeful system in the field of Islamic knowledge and sciences management.
- Contributing to the cultural systematization and Islamic sciences categorization.
- This journal was published, with license number of 93/28091 from the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, on Feb 2, 2013. jikm.isca.ac.ir

- **Ongoing Research Projects**

In line with carrying out the assigned mission and problem-based research, the Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management cooperates with the Intellectual-Cultural Centers of Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary.

- **Thesaurus and Dictionary**

- Compiling and producing content for the thesaurus of law.
- Compiling the thesaurus of mysticism.
- Compiling the thesaurus of education.
- Compiling the thesaurus of history and conduct of Ahlulbayt (peace be upon them).
- Compiling the dictionary of philosophy.
- Compiling, producing, and enriching the thesaurus of glossary.
- Compiling the thesaurus of Islamic Arts.

- **Dissemination of Information and Knowledge**

- Cataloging the digital library references and theses.
- Issues related to the specialized system of Islamic Sciences Wiki.
- Issues related to the digital library.
- Producing the content for the book "the conceptual ontology of Islamic sciences".

- **Organizing Information and Documents**

- a) The thematic-Compound indexes of Islamic resources**

- The thematic-compound indexing of the specialized fields of Islamic sciences including Usul Fiqh, Qur'anic sciences, Islamic theology, new theology, Islamic ethics, Mahdiism knowledge.
- The thematic indexing of the end of the books published in Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy (ISCA): over 130 books of Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy Publications have been indexing since 2016.

- b) The Brief Thematic Indexing of Islamic Resources**

- Qur'anic Sciences, Usul Fiqh, Islamic theology, Islamic ethics, Islamic jurisprudence, Hadith and Philosophy sciences.

- c) The Brief Thematic Indexing of Islamic and Seminary Theses**

9500 university theses and 6000 Islamic seminary theses have been thematically indexed.

- d) The Projects based on Central Letters of Recommendation**

The database and documents for jurisprudence of arts, the database for lifestyle, the database for divorce, and the database for written works related to honesty, the thematic-compound for indexing of the book "Javahir al-Kalam" and producing content for the book "a study on approaches for information retrieval of Islamic sciences".

Cooperation with Research Centers

The center has concluded national and international agreements in the form of scientific memorandum of understandings with 35 research institutes and research centers and as the only thesaurus producer in Iran, it has contributed greatly to the transfer of its experiences and to the culturalization of thesaurus production. Many centers use the advice of research center's experts to produce their own thesauruses.

Conferences, Meetings and Critical Sessions

Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management has been holding many scientific meetings, critical sessions, and conferences since 1992, in order to culturalize and familiarize the researchers and scholars with use of thesaurus and other research center's activities. The most important ones are:

- **Conferences**

- The National Conference on Thesaurus and Its Applications in Electronic Environment, 2007.
- The Conference on Semantic Systems and Knowledge Production in Digital Library, 2011.

- **Critical Sessions**

- The Critical Session on the Project of Islamic Sciences Ontology
- The Critical Session on Thesaurus and Its Conversion into an Ontology
- The Critical Session on the Thesaurus of Islamic Ethics
- The Critical Session on Islamic Sciences Information Management
- The Critical Session on Presentation of Knowledge as a Service (thesaurus as a service)
- The Critical Session on Examination of the Standards of Organizing Information in Library Database of Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary
- The Critical Session on Exhibition of Islamic Sciences Information in the Research Center for Islamic Documents and Information Management

- **Specialized Meetings**

- The Specialized Meeting on Islamic Revolution and Developing the Thesauruses of Islamic Sciences
- The Specialized Meeting on Islamic Revolution and Development of Islamic Sciences
- The Specialized Meeting on Islamic Revolution and Development of Human Sciences
- The Specialized Meeting on New Methods of Indexing
- The Specialized Meeting on Knowledge-based Approaches to the Organization of Theology
- The Specialized Meeting on Application of Thesaurus in Web Environment
- The Specialized Meeting on the Critique of the Thesaurus of Usul Fiqh
- The Specialized Meeting on Examination of "Macro-project of Sciences Categorization"
- The Specialized Meeting on Methodology of Religion Studies and Thesaurus
- The Specialized Meeting on New Approach in Indexing of Islamic Ethics Resources Based On Thesaurus
- The Specialized Meeting on New Standards of Information Organization (FRBR) and Related Models

- The Specialized Meeting in line with Explaining the Statement of the Second Phase of the Revolution
- The Promotional Session on Scientometrics, Challenges and Solutions in Realization of the Statement of the Second Phase of the Revolution
- The Promotional Session on Presentation and Critique of Scientific Ideas for Using Modern Technologies of Information Management

Research Center's Presence at Exhibitions

One of the activities of the research center is to attend various exhibitions such as Elecomp, Research Week, the Holy Qur'an, and GITEX to promote and present works and products.

- **GITEX Exhibition**

RCIDIM, as the representative for Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy participates in this exhibition and presents the latest ISCA's achievements in the fields of digital publishing, knowledge management, data mining and other research projects in this exhibition.

- **The Exhibition for Research and Technology Achievements of Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary**

This exhibition is held annually as the greatest research event in which RCIDIM presents its latest research and technological achievements to the researchers.

- **Tehran International Book Fair**

The research center, in addition to presenting digital library, puts the system for Islamic sciences information management and other technological products on display for the lovers.

- **The Holy Qur'an International Exhibition**

Each year in Ramadan month, RCIDIM puts its written and digital works related to Qur'anic sciences on display in the Holy Qur'an International Exhibition, which is held at Grand Musalla Mosque of Tehran.

- **Tehran International Exhibition of Elecomp (Electronics, computer and E-commerce)**

RCIDIM as the representative for Research Deputyship of Islamic Propagation Office of Qom Seminary participates in Tehran International Exhibition of Elecomp and in addition to presenting the technological products provides the context for cooperation and collaboration with other centers and institutes.

Honors

- UNESCO Certificate of Appreciation for the encyclopedia of Islamic Sciences produced by the research center, 2000.
- The best Islamic center in the field of information management
- Selected book in the 13th round of Season Book Festival Reward (Dictionary of Usul Fiqh), 2010.
- Iranian Library and Information Science Association's appreciation of the Islamic Information and Documents Center, 2011.
- Iranian Seminary Year Book Festival (the thesaurus of Hadith sciences), 2012.
- Selected work in the National Conference on Promoting the Quality of Works, Products, and Cultural Activities (Dictionary of Usul Fiqh), 2013.
- The best website in the year for the section of Information and Content at the sixth Web Iran Festival, 2013.
- Iranian Seminary Year Book Festival (dictionary of Qur'anic Sciences), 2016.
- Selected work in the National Conference on Promoting the Quality of Works, Products, and Cultural Activities (Dictionary of Qur'anic Sciences), 2017.
- The System for Islamic Sciences Information Management chosen as the top technology at the sixth Exhibition of Research, Technology Achievements, and Techmart, 2018.

Description

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