

EVOLUTION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LODZ DURING 2002 – 2007 - THE REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND FAILURES

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University of Lodz is one of the greatest public university in Poland. Changing environment forces the authorities of the university to undertake new challenges and to adopt to market situation. It is obvious that such a university of the likes of the University of Lodz in order to manage bigger and bigger quantity of information must introduce better and better technological solutions, in particular, advanced information systems so that the standards of efficiency are gradually increased.

University of Lodz being a large organization with sixty years of university tradition possess many not so up to date organization systems, which should be changed in order to satisfy new standards. The university has also many old small information systems which have been working for 30 years now.

The aim of the talk is to present the range of changes in information systems at our university beginning since 2002 year till today. These changes are described on several levels beginning with replacement of old applications with the new ones or by and large with step by step replacement of the old solutions with modern ones. We will also indicate a very important issue of the necessary changes in consciousness of users – the user must be convinced that new does not mean much more difficult. We will discuss our road map for the future as well as the reasons of our failures which also happened here at our university.

To bring the process of putting into practice the information systems at the university to an end we need still several years which we will also explain. However we believe that the list of our successes which we have had up to now as well methods with which these were achieved proves to be interesting to a wider audience.