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LE RÔLE DE LA DOCUMENTATION DANS LA RECHERCHE

(Part Played by Information in Research Work)

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For an information (documentation) system to be efficient the following premises should stand at the basis of its elaboration: 1) Information is concomitantly both unique and multiple. Information is multiple due to the multiple number of sources to be used. Proceeding from various sources and then re-distributed under various forms according to needs, information is unique, in the sense that the system of information must allow the various items of information to be confronted, regrouped, compared and synthesized by identical processing procedure and itemizing. 2) Information must be an antenna directed towards a possible future. Current information is more important than retrospective documentary information. 3) The documentarist should work in perfect symbiosis with the innovator. The documentarist should have direct connections with the user and submit suggestions to him, while the latter should specify his requirements. 4) The information service should be a meeting point where all the persons taking part in innovations gather.