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MULTILINGUAL CULINARY LEXICON

Abstract: The article presents the **Multilingual Culinary Lexicon** – an online repertory for looking up information related to food, cooking and culinary matters in twenty five languages. A Culinary Lexicon has been developed for Bulgarian, and based on the relations of equivalence with English it has been connected with 23 languages for which (lexical-)semantic networks are available. This resulted in an online Multilingual Culinary Lexicon which contains synonyms, translation equivalents, (for some languages) definitions and examples, and for some synonym sets (synsets) – the respective ingredients. The synsets in Bulgarian were supplied with explanatory definitions, grammatical and stylistic labels, and examples in a similar way as in the regular explanatory dictionaries. The Bulgarian Culinary Lexicon comprises 3,222 synsets which contain 5,338 synonyms. The article offers an overview of the way the Multilingual Culinary Lexicon is being developed with a special focus on the additional lexicographic information it contains in comparison with the (Princeton) WordNet.

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