A simplified demonstration prototype of a World Research Database on agricultural machinery

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Why a database prototype ?

A demonstration prototype of a possible *World Research Database* (*WRDB*) on agricultural machinery was implemented

Aim of the demo is to stimulate Members' discussion and suggestions about :

- *WRDB* structure and functions (**what** information should be retrieved ? at what level of detail ?)
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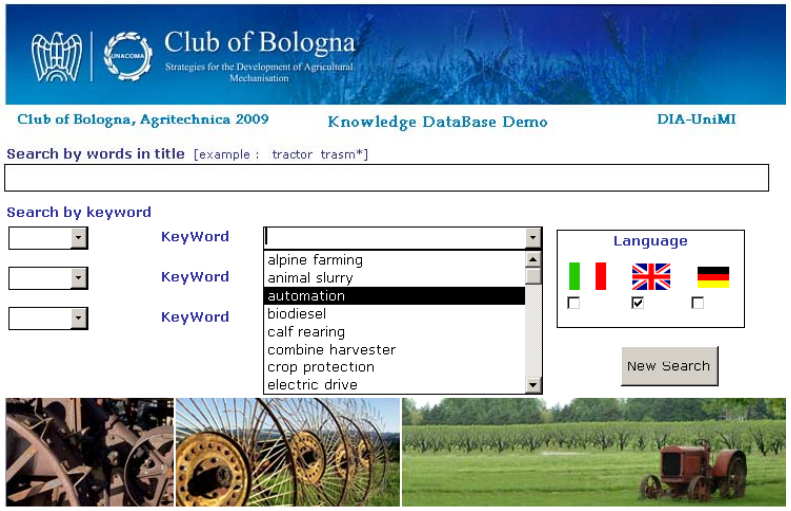
Basic features: be online

A *World Research Database* on agricultural machinery should **be online,** to allow:

- to access the information from anywhere
- to input information from anywhere
- to administrate the DB from anywhere



Basic features: effective inputs

Basic needs to manage worldwide information inputs:

- **guided inputs by simplified input forms**

  use of mandatory fields, maximum field length (but possibility to annex additional material) to obtain *concise, comprehensive, communicative and focussed* information

TITOLO	Injektionsdüngung mit Hochdruckwasserstrahl
TITOLOEn	Fundamental Studies on Injection Fertilizing with a High Pressure Water Jet
KeyWord1	düngung
KeyWord2	wirtschaftsdünger
KeyWord3	
RESPONSABILE	Hans-Heinrich Harms
ISTITUZIONE	Technische Universitat Braunschweig
INDIRIZZO	Institut für Landmaschinen und Fluidtechnik - Braunschweig
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DATA	2007
SummaryEng	Under agronomical aspects, injection fertilizing offers many advantages. However, the mechanical techniques of injection fertilizing which are currently available have some disadvantages in field use. At the Institute of Agricultural Machinery and Fluid Power of the Technical University of Braunschweig/Germany, fundamental studies on the possibility of injection fertilizing with a high-pressure water jet are being carried out. Tests are being made on a stationary test rig with a high
Summary	Die Injektionsdüngung bietet pflanzenbaulich sehr viel Vorteile. Bisher verfügbare mechanische

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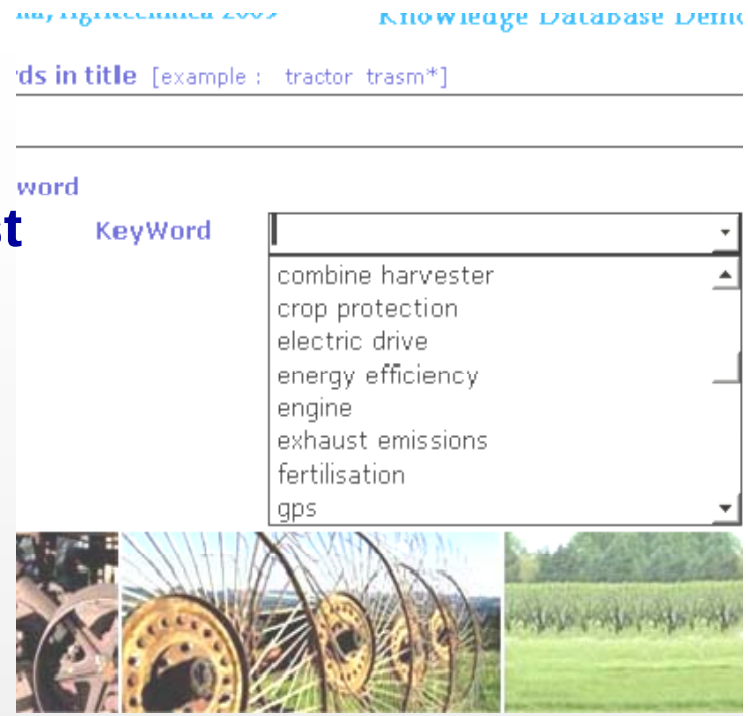
  use of mandatory keywords from a closed list to obtain *organised, easily retrievable* information.
  Keywords additions to the list should be administrated



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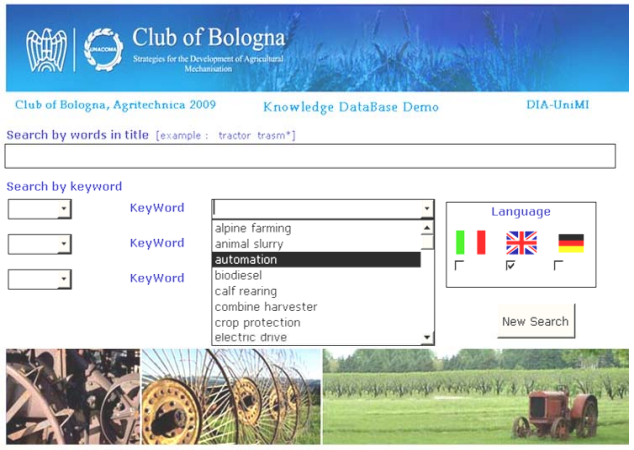

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- **authoritative validation of inputs prior publication**

Inputs should be authoritatively reviewed to guarantee the quality of the information.
Club of Bologna Members could contribute to this aim.

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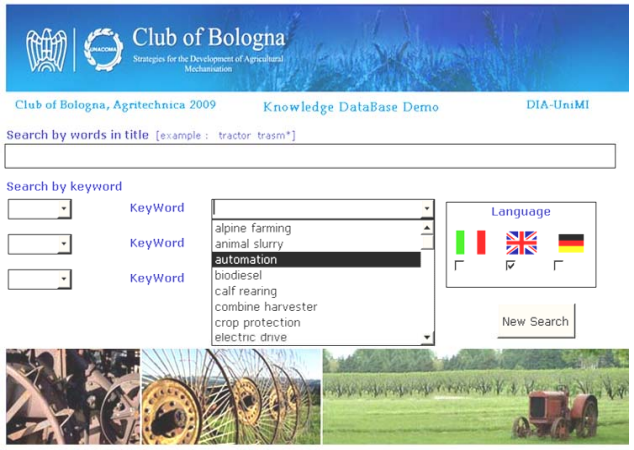

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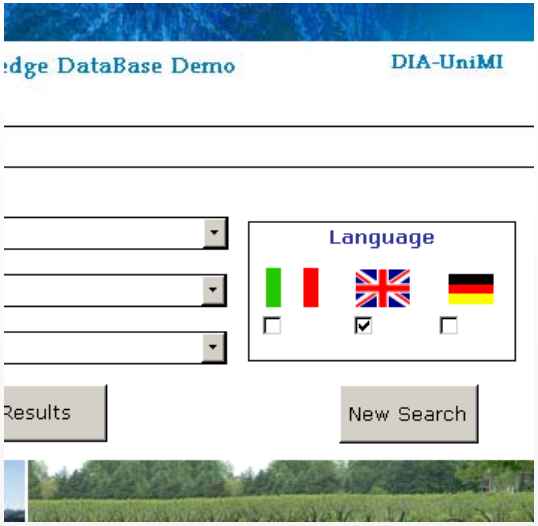
- **invitation of selected inputs**

  Club of Bologna Members could stimulate research institutions to provide selected inputs about *knowledge* and *results* transferable to industry

Basic features: multilanguage

Essential inputs must be in English (Title, Summary, Main results…) to guarantee access to worldwide information (and by a worldwide user)



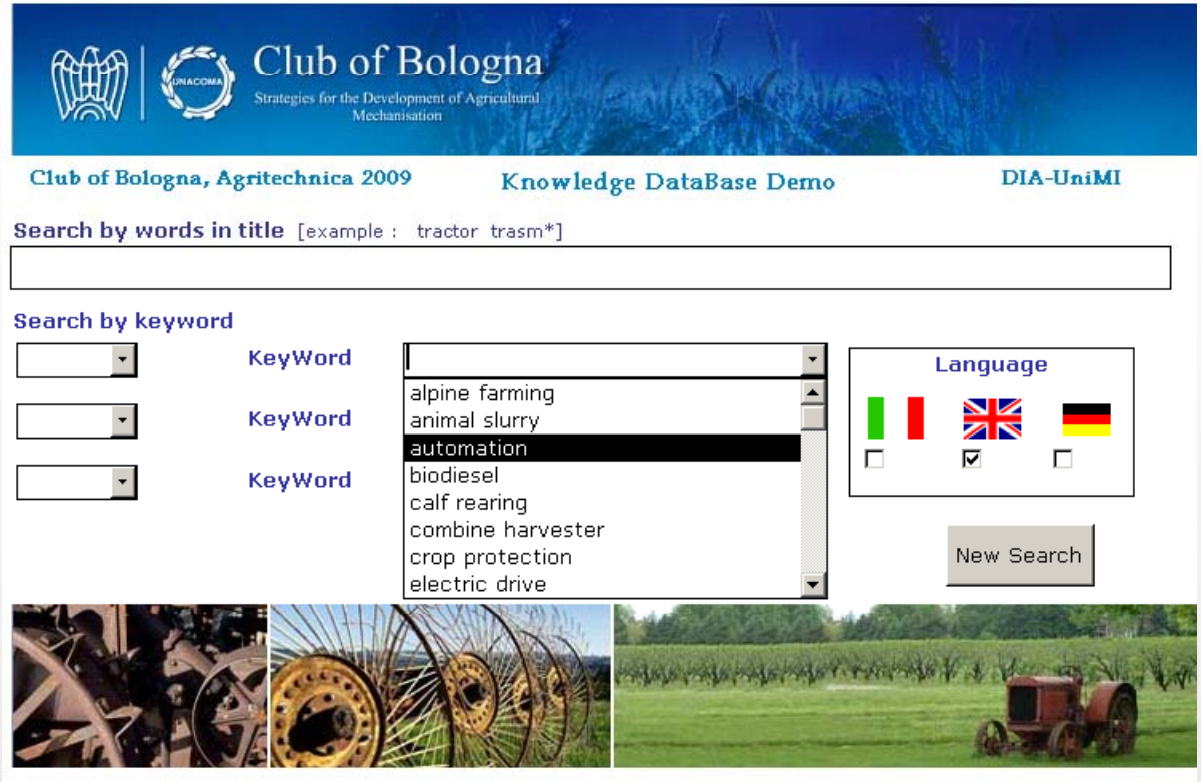
Inputs in native languages could be crucial in encouraging the dissemination of the DB among non English-speaking users

For a more confident information navigation, keywords should be translated in users' native languages.

With a modularity-based design, translated keywords lists can be added at any time to expand WRDB usability to other languages

A small demo

Let's go through a couple of examples with the help of a simple prototype



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