

Type index of Slovenian folktales, animal tales and fables in European context

The system of European folk and fairy tales started by Finish folklorist Antti Aarne *Verzeichnis der Märchentypen* in 1910, and was revisited by American scholar Stith Thompson *Motif index of folk-literature* in 1928 and 1961 with acronym AaTh. The Hans Jorg Uther *The Types of International folk and fairy tales type* in 2004 and 2011 (ATU - Aarne / Thompson / Uther) is third revision of the Aarne-Thompson Tale Type Index. The catalogue based on classification on animal, magic, religious and realistic tales and analysis of 40.000 folk and fairy tales type. Preliminary work of the classification of Slovenian folk and fairy tales has begun in the 1950s with the beginning of the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology determined by Slovenian folklorist Milko Maticetov. This first book in series of *The Index of Slovenian Folktales*.

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