

Scientific Information and Its Use –

**Research Results Based on the
Analysis of Master Theses Defended
During 2003-2004**

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**Poster presentation focuses on
analyzing and researching a
particular situation of
information seeking and the use
of information**

The need of our research was elicited by the problem that Estonian Academic Libraries have bought on-line databases but the need and use for them as not been clarified

The aim of this research was to analyze the use of online databases provided by Estonian academic libraries based on the defended master theses in 2 universities in Tallinn during the last two years (2003-2004)

The main goal was to find out how many times the authors of the master theses referred to the sources available in the databases and how much of the newest scientific information they used

The on-line databases have been available since 1998 and now the Estonian Academic Libraries offer access to 50 databases

**The results of the research show
that the use of online databases
in TU and TTU in last two years
defended master theses
was very low**

You are welcome to our stand!