

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2014

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

The National Library of Montenegro applied for additional financial aid from the capital budget for the Cetinje - Capital of Culture Program 2014, and received a sum needed for further building reconstruction works and library park landscaping amounting to € 483,801.55.

The National Library of Montenegro "Đurđe Crnojević" provided the project design documents for the restoration and rehabilitation of the building which houses the national collection and other special and old collections (former French Embassy building in Cetinje), and for its adaptation to accommodate the future Museum of Book, worth 30,000 EUR. The author of the project task (ToR) is Mrs. Jelena Đurović, Library Director. The National Library provided the budget required for the development of project documents from the donation of the Task Force on Culture and Society of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCCTFCS), an organization founded by the European Commission and the Council of Europe to promote cooperation regarding the protection of cultural heritage in South East Europe, to which the National Library applied last year within the Ljubljana Process II: Rehabilitating our Common Heritage.

Regarding the completion of activities scheduled within the Virtual Library Project, they were strengthened in 2014 with the aim to carry out extensive training of Montenegrin librarians for the use of COBISS 3 platform.

This period was also marked by the contract of full membership in the COBISS.CG system signed with the Library of the Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica.

At the request of the National Library, the Government of Montenegro approved the funds earmarked for the licenses of all the libraries members of COBISS.CG for 2014, ensuring in that way a sustainable development of the Montenegrin library and information system on this platform.

The central event organized by the National Library in 2014 was the celebration of the 520th Anniversary of the Printing of Octoechos First Voice, the first Cyrillic book in South East Europe. To mark this special occasion the National Library of Montenegro organized several

programs aimed at promoting and valorization of this unique event in the history and culture of Montenegro.

The National Library celebrated this grandiose moment in the history of printing, literature and national history in general, by a program which featured the Solemn Academy and the Exhibition of Graphic Portfolio "Octoechos 1494-2014" created by our world-famous painter Dimitrije Popović.

The bibliophilic edition of this portfolio released in 100 copies signed by the author was the most important publishing venture in 2014.

Over the year 2014 the following segments of the current national bibliography in electronic form were released: Montenegrin Bibliography: monographs: 2004; Montenegrin Bibliography: monographs: 2011; Montenegrin Bibliography: contributions published in serials and collections of papers: 2013.

In addition to that, the Library published the Catalog of the Octoechos Graphic Portfolio; Bio-Bibliography of Marija Adžić; Library's report for 2013 in .pdf available on the website; French Embassy: a guide; Bibliography of Serials 1995-2010; two issues of library journal Bibliographic Herald, No. 3/2013 and No. 1-2-3/2014.

Twenty-one public libraries and the University Library of Montenegro were visited throughout the year. The Central Parent Service kept records, statistics and reports on the current state of all libraries in Montenegro.

Furthermore, the National Library "Đurđe Crnojević" made valuable donations to all public libraries in the country as well as certain other foreign and home institutions: 3,849 copies of books (Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994; Portraits; Library's Special Editions) and 2,315 issues of serials (Bibliographic Herald and other titles).

The National Library responded to the open competition of the UNESCO's Participation Programme for 2014-2015 with its literacy program, which was approved by the UNESCO's General Directorate and a grant amounting to US\$ 25,800 has been assigned to the project entitled: "Information and Media Literacy – Strategy and Training". Experts and representatives from several ministries participate in this interdepartmental project: ministries of culture, education, information society and telecommunications, together with librarians from selected public and school libraries.

The National Library of Montenegro "Đurđe Crnojević" applied for the financial support offered by the Ministry of Culture as part of the Program for the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in 2014, submitting several projects worth € 105,000. For these purposes the sum of € 42,000 has been approved. The following projects, among others, have been completed: Conservation and restoration of damaged periodicals; Production of leather and semi-leather book binding for old periodicals; Digitization of books important for the Montenegrin cultural history; Publication of bilingual monograph of the "Italian Embassy in Cetinje"; Technical and technological equipment for the Conservation and Restoration Laboratory; Book acquisition through purchase; Education and additional training of library professionals.

2. The reporting **library's relationship to government**, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations.

Three sessions of the Library Council were held in 2014: the Constitutive session of the new composition of the Council was held on 20 Jan. 2014; at the second session on 17 Feb. 2014 the Library's Report for 2013 and the Program for 2014 were adopted; whereas at the third session held on 22 Dec. 2014 the Price list for library services for the following year was adopted, the Rulebook on authors honoraria of the Central National Library "Đurđe Crnojević" – Cetinje, No. 02-555 dated 11 April 2005 was made ineffective, and the Proposal of the Rulebook on Internal Organization and Job Description of the National Library was withdrawn for revision.

3. **Key facts and figures** (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc).

In 2014 the National Library of Montenegro "Đurđe Crnojević" enriched its collections with some 4,000 different titles in numerous copies, out of that number there are 3,051 monographic titles. Large amount of the material has been acquired on legal deposit, gift and purchase, while more than 1,000 new titles of books, journals and online editions have been added to the Library's collections through exchange with other libraries and universities from abroad.

Significantly higher number of legal deposit copies than the year before arrived to the National Library thanks to systematic claims for missing copies. Legal deposit scheme provided 1,343 book titles (in 5,387 copies) from Montenegrin publishers in 2014.

The National Library received 793 books from 132 individual donors and 66 institutional donors. A gift of exceptional value received in 2014 is the monumental graphic art collection "Iconotheca Valvasoriana" presented to the National Library of Montenegro by former President of Slovenia Milan Kučan on behalf of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. It is a facsimile-bibliophilic edition of prints and drawings collected by Janez Vajkard Valvasor (1641-1693), a nobleman, scientist, ethnographer and drawer from Slovenia, which comprise 17 volumes featuring 7,752 graphics, aquarelles and drawings.

Table 1 Acquisitions through gift

Type of publication	Number of titles (copies)
Books	793 titles (1059)
Serials (journals)	200 issues
Geographic maps	13 (59)
Postcards	13 (76)

As a result of very high postal expenses, during the first half of 2014 exchange was maintained only with certain libraries that were given priority: libraries from the region, esp. from ex-YU republics, the British Library, Institut für Ost und Südost Europa – Regensburg, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Library of Congress, Slovanska knižnica – Praha and a few others.

Table 2 Foreign exchange in 2014

Received		Sent	
Books	365	Books	238
Serials	384	Serials	137

At the International Podgorica Book Fair, the Library purchased the titles listed as desiderata. The books purchased at the fair, 73 titles, have been included to complete the "Montenegrina" collection. In addition, three books have been purchased for the Collection of Old and Rare Books: "Molitvenik za umobolne" (Book of prayers for mentally ill) dated to the end of 15th or the beginning of 16th century; "Četvorjevanđelje" (the Four Gospels) from the second half of the 17th century; "Psaltir" (the Book of Psalms) printed in 1790.

The total number of new bibliographic records created in the electronic catalog over the year is 6,956; out of that number, 5,138 are records describing monographs. The local National Library's database contained **204,750** records on 31st of December, 2014.

Table 3 Cataloging of library items in electronic catalog

Bibliographic processing of items	Number of records
Cataloging	2189
Classification	2189
Subject heading	2180
Deriving records from COBISS.NET	348
Deriving records from COBISS.NET (current accession)	3272
Holdings note	2804
Initial record	433

Table 4 Creation of CIP records in 2014

Type of publication	Number of records
Monographs	1092
Music CD	7
CDR	8
Printed music	5
Geographic maps	3
Serials	30

Total number of CIP	1145
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Table 5 Registration of publishers in ISBN and ISSN database in 2014

Number of publishers entered in the ISBN database	91
Assignment of ISBN	1110
Barcode creation	1011
Number of ISSN assigned to print serials	33
Number of ISSN assigned to online serials	18

There were **82** staff members employed by the National Library at the end of 2014.

The total budget of the National amounted to € 1,110,603.44 €.

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

In 2014 the National Library "Đurđe Crnojević" organized presentations of its major project under the title "Petar I Petrović Njegoš" Digital Collection, developed to mark the occasion of the 200th birth anniversary of this great poet, philosopher and ruler, in many Montenegrin cities but also abroad, at the SEEDI Conference of Digitization of Scientific and Cultural Heritage. The national TV service TVCG satellite program broadcast a 30-minute presentation of this project within its series on cultural heritage, during which the authors of the project employed in the National Library explained the phases in the development of the portal.

In 2014 the collection of works on Njegoš was enriched by the "Njegoš Bibliography", which consists of over 34,000 bibliographic entries and was published by the Institute for the Montenegrin Language and Literature at the end of 2013.

5. New developments in managing collections.

In the year 2014 a total number of 1211 desiderata were registered, indicating the number of titles missing in the national "Montenegrina" collection. Certain titles have been acquired already. The remaining missing titles are included as desiderata in the Library's online catalog.

Table 6 Legal deposit copies obtained by notices of claim

Type of publication	Number of titles	Number of copies
Books	593 titles (168 exhibition catalogs)	1510 copies

Journals	90	370 issues (1550 copies)
Newspapers	85	1376 issues (4128 copies)

Through the "Public Work" program and with the participation of library staff, the activities of the "Reorganization of General Holdings of Books and Serials" continued in the main storage area in 2014.

6. New developments in providing **access to collections**.

In 2014 the union catalog of the Montenegrin libraries COBIB.CG available on <http://vbcg.vbcg.me> was searched 106,103 times, while NBCG – the National Library's online catalog had 38,223 searches. COLIB.CG – database of Montenegrin libraries had 1,607 searches.

During 2014 the National Library posted 63 current events under the "news" section. The website www.cnb.me had 73,123 visits over the year 2014.

Circulation figures showed no significant difference between the year 2014 and the previous one.

Table 7 Usage of library items

Circulation of library items	
Books	4 500 810 Montenegrina in the General Holdings
Journals	2323 issues
Newspapers	2023 issues 25 issues of Montenegrina in the General Holdings
Pieces of information provided to library users (bibliographic, catalog, COBISS data and other)	5920
Information supplied by email or over the phone	606
Photocopies made upon users requests	
	17,739 photocopies pages A4 + 50 photocopies pages A3
Number of scans made on users requests	832

Table 8 Circulation of library items in the Museum Department

Number of users	21
Number of visits by users	30
Number of items issued to users, returned and placed back on the shelves	

- Books	328
- Journals	38 issues
- Newspapers	160 issues
- Boxes of archival material from legacy collections	14 boxes from the collection of Dr P. Šoć; Register of archival material of Dr P. Šoć Legacy
- Boxes containing photographs	178
- Pieces of information	
Photocopied pages	60

The Digital Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994 Project is a very important online source which offers over 230,000 bibliographic entries and is made available on a separate portal www.nbcg-digitalnabibliografija.me. Statistical data reflecting the number of users interested in the material presented within the Digital Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994 show significant increase. Total number of 3,118 visits to this site was registered in 2014.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums).

The National Library of Montenegro maintained international cooperation with major library associations: IFLA, LIBER, CDNL, CENL, ISBN, ISSN, UNESCO and alike. It worked hard to meet the responsibilities undertaken within the TEL (The European Library) and EUROPEANA projects through the participation in the Working Groups (Contact Group and Technical Group).

In addition, the Library continued to participate actively in the regional COBISS.NET project, compilation of Index Translationum database, and in other forms of cooperation with national libraries worldwide (exchange of publications, experiences and experts) and in the region, with which agreements of collaboration had been signed: National Library of Serbia, National Library of the Czech Republic, National and University Library of Macedonia, etc. Cooperation involves exchange of books, journals and newspapers, electronic resources and other material, as well as interlibrary loan in compliance with IFLA program for universal accessibility of publications, with facilitated payment procedure.