

THE SLOVAK NATIONAL LIBRARY
(SLOVENSKÁ NÁRODNÁ KNIŽNICA)

COUNTRY REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NATIONAL LIBRARIES – CDNL

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Name of Country: Slovakia

Name of Library: Slovak National Library

Form of management: state budget organisation

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1.General overview of recent major developments

Introductory word from the General Director Dr.Katarína Krištofová

„Annual report of the Slovak National Library for the year 2014 offers a summary of the results of its activity in the previous year and the indicators of filling the tasks set out by the law.

The year 2014 was marked by an intensive realization of the National project Digital Library and Digital Archive for the Slovak National Library. Its activities connected to the mass digitisation of the written cultural heritage related to Slovak region or peoples shift the National library towards digital future. Among the main milestones of the year 2014 in this regard belong the launch and rapid progress of the construction works in reconstructing the deposits of the Slovak National Library and in modernizing the building of the digitization and conservation centre of the SNL in Vrútky and full completion of the technological infrastructure of the mass digitization. Another major achievements in 2014 are mainly providing access to the most precious documents from the collections of the SNL in the prestigious World Digital Library run by the Congress Library in Washington and UNESCO, organizing the 20th year of the international workshop CASLIN that was honoured by the presence of the president of the most influential librarian federation IFLA, Ms. Sinikka Sipilä, launch of the new webportal of the SNL, or valuable

works published by the SNL within its publication activity, such as the monumental Incunabula, Catechesis Stöckelii or Biography Calendarium and Personal bibliography of Ľudovít Štúr.“

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

The SNL main activities are defined in the Library Act no. 183/2000 and in the Memorandum of the SNL. The SNL was established on July 1, 2000 after the separation from the Matica Slovenská. The headquarters is in Martin. The Literary Museum and the Slavic Museum of A. S. Puškin in Brodzany form an inseparable part of the SNL.

The Slovak National Library is a top state cultural, information and educational institution that fulfills the tasks set out by the Library Act no. 183/2000 and its constitutive charter.

The Slovak National Library is a state budget organisation. The main source of financing its activity is the state budget, whereas a significant proportion of funds was gained from extrabudgetary resources, especially from the non-repayable grant for the implementation of National Project Digital Library and Digital Archives.

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

Collections	5 038 117
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Circulations	177 971
Users + visitors	11 019 + 39 026
Conservation + restoration	1 880 books, 48 010 documents, i.e. 839 items
Staff	364
Budget	5,7 mil. €

4. New developments in creating and building collections

Library collections are built via library budget and an extra budget allocated by the Ministry of Culture on the base of submitted priority projects. The SNL prepares a project on Acquisitions of Library Materials every year. The Ministry of culture approved financial means assigned for the year 2014 for this purpose in the sum of 47 000€. The Library funds of the Slovak National Library were complemented by the usual acquisition means: legal deposit, domestic purchase, foreign purchase, gifts, international exchange.

The SNL cooperated with 143 active exchange partners all over the world and contacts were established with one new partner. 811 units were acquired by foreign purchase, represented mostly by encyclopaedic, dictionary and library publications as well as titles from the Czech production. 823 titles - predominantly foreign Slovak-subject documents were gained through international exchange of documents. 1287 library items were sent to the foreign partners.

The Purchasing and pricing committee for the book collections of the SNL met three times in 2014 and decided on purchase of 982 documents (293 book documents, one musical document, six maps, 682 postcards) and 21 editions of serial publications. Chinese

Ambassador in the Slovak Republic Mr. Pchan Weifang donated two facsimile editions of the original masterpiece of the classical Chinese literature Cao Xueqin's novel Hung Lou Meng, along with other 67 book items.

The total growth of the National Library's Collections in 2014 was 28 461 units (periodical and non-periodical documents).

5. New developments in providing access to collections

Within the strategic priority „Connecting users with the content“ pilot phase of the portal www.snk.sk was launched, being a modern way of presentation of the SNL in the virtual space. Publication of chosen works digitized within the national project was met with exceptionally positive response. The SNK consolidated and strengthened its presence on the most significant social networks which are an important communication channel with its users.

The SNL became a member of the World Digital Library (WDL) in 2013 and started providing access to the most precious documents from the history of mankind. It is an important step in the field of presentation of the Slovak cultural heritage on a global scale. This trend had continued in the year 2014 and the next 30 digitized rare objects from the collections of the SNL were added to the WDL.

Within the trend of modernization of the library services pre-registration of the readers via the Library Information System VIRTUA was implemented and enabled readers to request a loan from the SNL funds prior to obtaining the library card. In order to simplify search and access to the collections available solutions of the so called discovery systems were fully tested and evaluated.

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

The Slovak National Library was an active member of many international organizations: IFLA, CENL, CDNL, CERL, IAML, ICOM, ISBN and ISMN.

The SNL actively participated at the activities of the Conference of the Directors of the National Libraries (CENL), International Federation of the Library Associations (IFLA), Czech and Slovak Library Information Network (CASLIN) and partner libraries abroad. The Slovak National Library was organizing the 20th international workshop CASLIN 2014 in the premises of the Chateau Appony in Oponice on September 16 – 20, 2014 and hosting Ms. Sinnika Sipilä, the president of IFLA. At the same time the SNL was actively participating on the building of TEL and Europeana through the mentioned projects Europeana 1914-1918 (as a part of Europeana Awareness Project) and Europeana Collections 1914-1918.