

# ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2012

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Name of library or equivalent national-level organization:

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## 1. General Overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

The reconstruction, rehabilitation and adaptation works on the Library's main building ground floor comprising around 500m<sup>2</sup> were completed in 2011. Apart from the intended construction works, new power supply facilities have been installed, as well as the equipment for the new computer, telephone, fire systems, and video surveillance. A room for technical purposes including centralized video surveillance and monitoring and firefighting equipment has been established with the aim to provide security to library holdings and facilities, and undisturbed operations of the information system.

The Ministry of Culture provided additional budget for the installation of central air conditioning system in the attic of the main building, and for additional works required for the air conditioning system installation.

In December 2011 the following libraries adopted the advanced COBISS3/Holdings module: The University Library in Podgorica, The Library of the Faculty for Political Sciences in Podgorica, The Library of the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, the Library of the Podgorica Faculty of Law, the Library of the Maritime Faculty in Kotor, the Library of the Faculty of Philosophy in Nikšić, the Library of the Podgorica

Faculty of Medicine, and the Library of the Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences and Mathematics in Podgorica.

In order to avoid the possibility of losing information stored in local databases that might occur due to frequent server failures, all **26** local databases maintained by libraries – members of the library information system were transferred and stored on the server of the COBISS Centre of Montenegro hosted by the National Library (NLM).

In compliance with the new Law on Culture, the Government of Montenegro adopted the Decision on the Appointment of the Library Council consisting of five members, to replace the previous Management Board.

The National Library of Montenegro "Djurdje Crnojevic" initiated the procedure with the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., applying for the assignment of the international language code for the Montenegrin language. The official request supported by a comprehensively filled in application form has been presented to the ISO 639-2 Registration Authority. NLM prepared the request form in collaboration with the Institute for the Montenegrin Language and Literature and the Ministry of Education and Sport.

Data on the Montenegrin publishers for 2010 required by PIID (Publishers' International ISBN Directory) have been created and submitted to the International ISBN Headquarters in London, and will be included in the newly published annual edition of PIID.

As regards education and professional development of librarians, the Regional project of postgraduate studies in librarianship, which has been organized by the Ljubljana Faculty of Philosophy, was attended by two librarians from NLM who obtained their master's degree with excellent results.

The Library organized the professional/state exam in librarianship in October 2011. Total number of **11** candidates successfully passed the exam.

Within its publishing program, the Library published *Bijeli gavran*, a novel by Borislav Jovanović, *Bio-bibliography* of Čedomir Bogićević, *Bio-bibliography of Dragan Radulović*, *Serdarev grob*, a collection of short stories by Novak Kilibarda, *Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994. Vol. II, book 2. Periodical Publications: 1985-1994* compiled by Dragica Vojinović, *Njegoš i Hrvati* co-published with Matica crnogorska and the Association of Montenegrins in Croatia, while the

title *Dr Čedomir Bogićević : bio-bibliography*, authored by Milorad T. Milović and Vera Tatar has been co-published with the Montenegrin Association of Lawyers.

A triple volume of *Bibliografski vjesnik* (Bibliographic Herald) for 2010 was published just before the end of the year.

Among its electronic editions, the Library published: *The Montenegrin Bibliography: monographs: 2007 and 2008*; the *Montenegrin Bibliography: contributions in serials and collected works: 2009 and 2010*.

The National Library convened book exhibitions entitled: *Medals of the United States History 1776-1876* in July 2011; *The Russian Book in the National Library* on the occasion of the 300-year-long Montenegro-Russia relations and the Days of the Russian Spiritual Culture in Montenegro; and the *Bibliophilic Editions* from the Library's most valuable collections.

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

In 2011 the Ministry of Culture adopted a series of six by-laws: the Rulebook on content and method of keeping the register of libraries; the Rulebook on procedure, timelines and method of collections inventory check-up; the Rulebook on measures for the protection and preservation of library collections; the Rulebook on types, content and method of keeping inventories of library material and library documentation; the Rulebook on detailed requirements and manner of execution of the parent institution's responsibilities; and the Rulebook on detailed requirements for performing library services.

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

On the basis of the agreement on the exchange of legal deposit copies with the National Library of Serbia and the Matica srpska Library, in 2011 NLM acquired around 8,000 books 14,500 issues of newspapers

and journals. Special collections have been enriched by 91 CDs, 18 maps, 5 atlases, 102 postcards, and 9 DVDs.

On legal deposit received from the Montenegrin publishers, the library received: 678 book titles (3,390 copies), 235 journal titles (1,175 copies) and 211 newspaper titles (1,055 copies) and 5 daily newspapers (complete volumes). Through other forms of acquisition, the library received 392 book titles (548 copies). The most valuable acquisitions are book donations received from: the Government of Montenegro, the Ministry of Education and Sport, the Institute for the Montenegrin Language and Literature, the Maritime Faculty Library, the Library of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, painter Dimitrije Popović, etc.; purchase of books for the 'Montenegrina' collection and microfilms containing "Glas Crnogorca" (21 volumes published between 1893 and 1913) from the British Library, London.

On 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2011 the union (cooperative) database of Montenegrin libraries COBIB.CG contained **251,456** bibliographic records, whereas the local NLM database contained **159,610** bibliographic records.

The number of requests filed by the Montenegrin publishers for CIP, ISBN assignment and inclusion in the ISBN database and barcode creation was slightly less than the number in the previous year – 1,090 requests. A total of 9,488 bibliographic records created for monographs were entered in the Library's online catalog in 2011.

There were **80** staff members employed by the National Library as of 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2011.

The total budget of the National Library (to cover regular activities and special purposes) amounted to € **1,084,782.10**.

#### **4. New developments in creating and building collections.**

The Center for microfilming and digitalization of microfilms conducted microfilming of old Montenegrin periodical titles: "Prosvjeta" – 4 volumes, "Zapisi" – 14 volumes, "Alapača", "Bilten omladine", "Bilten petodnevnog takmičenja povodom proslave 1. maja", "Bocche di Cattaro". The Center produced 45 microfilms of the material held in the old Montenegrin periodical collection.

The final preparations for the launching of the DIGITAL LIBRARY OF MONTENEGRO are under way. In 2011 a total number of **3,500** scans were created for this gateway.

The complete edition of the "Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994" (32 volumes) has been scanned resulting in **20,919** scans altogether, intended to be made available in the digital form on the Library's website and accessible to users at the beginning of 2012.

A CD-ROM is being prepared to present the digitized content of "Glas Crnogorca", the most significant Montenegrin newspaper published from 1873 to 1941. The CD-ROM should be released at the beginning of 2012.

## 5. New developments in **managing collections**

This year was marked by relocation of special collection and their storage in the reconstructed premises on the Library's first floor. The Collection of Music, Maps and Geographic Collection with the Collection of Postcards, and Art and Graphic Collection have been transferred. Dislocation of the Collection of Manuscripts started towards the end of the year. These collections comprise: 489 atlases, 2,522 maps, around 36,000 postcards, 19,000 units of audio-visual material (records, sound cassettes, CDs, DVDs, video tapes...) and some 8,000 items of printed music.

Works on the reorganization of the storage of so-called Museum Department continued in 2011. Total number of 298 shelf marks (titles) has been reviewed, and around 2,100 volumes of Montenegrin newspapers have been relocated.

With the aim to make more efficient use of the existing central storage area, which covers some 4,500m<sup>2</sup>, NLM has been participating in the Public Works program since 2009, organized by the Montenegrin Employment Agency. During the six-month program **11,479** units of library material were reviewed, dusted and placed on the appropriate shelves.

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

COBIB.CG – the union catalog of the Montenegrin libraries was searched **83,597** times, while CNBCT – the National Library's online catalog had **30,620** searches. COLIB.CG – database of Montenegrin libraries had 4,240 searches. From the Basic holdings and the

"Montenegrina" collection 6,344 books, 2,094 newspaper items and 2,181 journal items were borrowed. All the material was placed back to their shelf locations. From the Collection of Old and Rare Book 98 items were borrowed by library users.

The Library users were presented with approx. 10,000 catalog, bibliographic and other information (retrieved from COBISS, the Internet or given by phone).

The Interlibrary Loan Service responded to 111 requests, while 864 publications were loaned to various Montenegrin libraries.

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

The Annual program for the protection and preservation of cultural heritage 2012 was drafted in cooperation with the Cultural Heritage Administration and the Center for Conservation of Montenegro. Within the framework of this program, the National Library submitted 8 individual projects aimed at the preservation of the most valuable library material held in its collections. The implementation of these projects is envisaged to be completed by the end of 2012.

Promotion of works published by the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts held in Dubrovnik, featured titles published within the editions "Monographs", "Contributions to the Demographic History of Dubrovnik and Surroundings" and in the journal "Annals", in April 2011.

Visit to the Association of Librarians of Slovenia, May 2011.