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1. General review of major events of the last year

During 2011 the Presidential Library was engaged in the development of its collections and provision of the access to its resources, as well as in educational, exhibition and scientific activities, and publishing of various printed editions. In 2011 a project of the “Knowledge about Russia” video lecture hall was created, and the first events of it, dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the birth of the great Russian scientist Mikhail Lomonosov, were held. The Presidential library has held the 2nd international photo contest “Foreign view” and has organized the 2nd all-Russian contest in the history of the country “Russia in digital world: school competition”. The library has hosted 54 professional and socially significant events attended by over 10 000 people. The usage of the information technologies made it possible to organize television broadcasts of 34 events, to hold 30 live webcasts and 27 videoconferences.

The international conferences “Access to the normative legal information in the electronic environment” and “State power in the information society” held in April and September 2011 became the principal scientific events of the year. The materials of the first conference were included into the collection of scholarly works that opened the “Electronic Legislation” series.

Active work on the integration of information resources in the electronic libraries was continued. The second issue of the collection of the “Electronic Library” series was devoted to this topic. The problems of formation of the electronic holdings of the libraries, museums and archives were discussed at the 2nd scientific conference “Cultural Heritage: the integration of the resources in digital environment”.

202 titles of publishing products, with the total print-run of 40 333 copies, were prepared for printing. A special section “Publications”, where the issued printed products of the library are presented, was organized on the multimedia portal. A part of the publications is available for free copying in the PDF format.

400 people from nearly 30 states took part in the photo contest “Foreign View”.

The basis of the development of the electronic holdings of the Presidential Library is the integration of the resources of libraries, archives and museums. In 2011 the electronic holdings were replenished by the materials received from 67 institutions of culture and education and private individuals. In 2011 the agreements on collaboration of the Presidential Library with the State Public Historical Library of Russia and the State Archive of Russia, as well as the agreement on partnership and collaboration between three national libraries of the Russian Federation – the Presidential Library, the Russian State Library and the Russian National Library, were signed. Within the framework of the scientific activities the Presidential Library, in cooperation with the leading Russian libraries and archives, continued the work on creation of the national format for description of the archival materials. The necessity of the development of

the national format for description of the archival materials is determined by the integrated nature of the electronic holdings of the Presidential library, including both library and archival materials. A special section where the materials and the documents, related to the development of the format of presentation of archival materials in the automated systems, are presented, was organized on the portal of the library. Specialists of the Presidential Library translated into Russian and issued three international standards in the field of archival description - ISAAD (G), International Standard of Archival Description, ISAAR (CPF), International Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families), and the EAD, Encoded Archival Description. Three Russian translations of standards can be found on the portal of the Presidential Library in the "Publications" section in the public domain.

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.

Federal State Budgetary Establishment "The Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library" carries out its activities on the basis of the Charter approved in the new edition by the Governmental Order of the Russian Federation dated December, 28th, 2011 №1189. The Presidential Library was founded by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Establishment is created in accordance with the Order of the President of the Russian Federation dated June, 18th, 2007 №326 «On Creation of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library» and the order of the President of the Russian Federation dated November, 5th, 2008 №1615. The Presidential Library is under the jurisdiction of the Management department under the President of the Russian Federation.

The basic normative-legal act, regulating the work of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library and determining its status as the National library, is the Federal law «On Librarianship» dated December, 29th, 1994 №78-FZ.

Submission of the legal deposit copy of the electronic editions to the Presidential Library is stipulated by the Federal law №77-FZ dated December, 29th, 1994 «On legal deposit copy of documents».

Development of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library as the national information portal is stipulated by the "Major areas of activity of the Russian Federation government until the year of 2012" approved by the Russian Federation Government instruction of November, 17th, 2008 N 1663.

The Presidential Library participates in the meetings of the working groups of the Public Committee for promoting the development of libraries in Russia.

The Presidential Library was awarded a diploma "For the implementation of innovative technologies in the sphere of education and diffusion of the scientific knowledge" by the State Duma Committee for Science and High Technology.

Within the information-analytical activities more than 99 000 materials for the site of the President of the Russian Federation were analyzed; 60 000 comments were selected; more than 50 reviews were formed. New sections of the site "The President of Russia – to the School-Age Citizens": "The Presidential Library", "River – 4", "What is Opposition and What Is It Necessary For" were launched.

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

In 2011 there were offered 253 tours of the library and exhibitions, the number of users including remote ones amounted to 363 000.

The Electronic Reading Room (ERR) is equipped with 60 work places.

There were given 242 presentations of electronic resources and 114 tours around the EER with demonstration of potential of the Presidential Library Information system. 1300 ERR users were consulted on bibliographic issues.

The number of documents published on the portal is 28 735.

The electronic holdings include over 36 600 documents, over 38 000 have been catalogued. 6 207 000 scans were added to the holdings.

There was published 2010 news, 203 new and 522 edited historical essays.

Total number of staff: 331 persons.

4. New developments in creating and building collections

In 2011 28 new thematic collections (of which 3 multilevel) were presented on the portal of the Presidential Library. The total amount of documents is 9500.

One of the major projects of the year was the «State Power» collection which timed to the Knowledge Day. At the initial stage the collection included over

4 800 digital documents: official and archival documents, scientific, popular and educational editions, analytical materials, photos and newsreels, audio and visual materials, documentaries. The presented materials characterized the specific features of state power in Russia in different historical periods, the juridical basis of its activity and present-day tendencies of its development. Especially singled out are the documents reflecting the idea of digital state. At the initial stage 25 Russian and foreign organizations contributed to the collection development.

As informational support to the state jubilee celebrations Presidential Library created collections: “Open Space” devoted to the 50th Jubilee of Yury Gagarin space flight and “Mikhail Lomonosov –300th Birthday Anniversary”. Within the year specialists of the Presidential Library continued to develop the collections

“Memory of the Great Victory” and “Constitution – the Basic Law”.

A lot of attention was paid to the development of the Presidential Library holdings by adding audio and visual materials. In the year 2011 4 video-excursions, 28 official and professional video-reports, 5 documentaries, a few dozens of digital newsreels fragments were presented on the portal of the Presidential Library.

5. New developments in provision of access to collections

In 2011 the Presidential Library opened 8 Remote Electronic Reading Rooms and Centers of access to the resources of the Presidential Library. In order to provide full access to all resources of the library for remote users, Electronic Digital Signature (EDS) facility enabling its holders to make queries in order to browse the materials available in the library’s Electronic Reading Room but not accessible from the library’s portal, special software was developed and tested.

In 2011 as a part of services available to the readers of the Electronic Reading Room, the library provided diagnostic access to more than 10 external on-line databases.

6. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national Institutions

In 2011 the Presidential Library as a full member participated in sessions of five international organizations. Its representatives attended international conferences, seminars, exhibitions in 13 foreign countries.

Important Co-operation documents (agreements and memorandums) were signed with the national libraries of Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Ukraine, Czech Republic and the Bavarian State Library (Germany).

In 2011 the Presidential Library opened Remote Electronic Reading Rooms in Baku (Azerbaijan), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Helsinki (Finland), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Rome (Italy) and Madrid (Spain).

The Presidential Library has attended the Russian-German Forum “St. Petersburg dialogue” in [Wolfsburg](#) and Russian-Korean Forum of civil societies “Dialogue: Russia – Republic of Korea” in Saint-Petersburg.