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1. General review of major events of the last year

During 2012 the Presidential Library was engaged into the development of its collections and provision of the access to its resources, as well as into educational, exhibition and scientific activities, and publishing of various printed editions.

One of the main areas of educational activities of the library is the series of video lectures «Knowledge about Russia». In 2012, the series was focused on the anniversary dates of the Russian history: the 1150th anniversary of the birth of Russian statehood, the 400th anniversary of overcoming the Troubles, the 200th anniversary of the victory in the Patriotic War of 1812, etc.

The Presidential Library organized and hosted the annual contest for students in history and social science "Russia in the electronic world." The number of participants of the first round has reached 3500 people, which is 17% higher than in 2011.

More than 450 people from 33 countries took part in the III international photo contest «Foreign View».

In 2012 the library has hosted 59 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 38 events, to hold 22 live webcasts and 32 videoconferences.

In particular, during the year 29 scientific and educational events attended by about 4500 participants were organized. The main events were the international conference "The Right to Access Information: Possibilities and Limitations in Digital Environment", "The Current Stage of the Reform of the Judicial System: Electronic Justice" and "People - The Source of Power: from Rurik to Internet Democracy."

The materials of the first mentioned conference were included into the collection of scholarly works, which continued the series "Electronic Legislation". Active work on the integration of information resources in the electronic libraries was carried on. The third issue of the "Electronic Library" series is devoted to this topic. In addition, in 2012, a number of collected works, which included the materials of scientific conferences and round tables held in the Presidential Library, was published.

236 titles of publishing products, with the total print-run of 40 300 copies, were prepared for printing. The printed products were placed on the library's website under "Editions" section and enriched the digital thematic collections. Some of the materials are free to copy in PDF.

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 2012 the electronic

holdings were replenished by the materials received from 82 partners, including 30 libraries, 6 archives, 5 museums, 7 universities, 3 public organizations and funds.

In 2012 the agreements on collaboration of the Presidential Library with the State Social and Political Library of Russia and Saint-Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts, as well as with a number of regional libraries and educational institutions, were signed. Within the framework of the scientific activities the Presidential Library continued to work on the adaptation of international standards for the description of archival materials, conducted workshops, organized off-site training seminars.

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 Administrative Directorate of 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, 2009 «On legal deposit copy of documents».

In the 2012 Presidential Library has been awarded a diploma by the Administrative Directorate of the President of the Russian Federation "For the fruitful work on the implementation of information technology in librarianship of Russia and the creation of nationwide repository of information resources".

The Presidential Library was also 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.

In 2012, the provision of the information and analytical services for the Administration of the President and the Government of the Russian Federation continued.

"The War of 1812 and the Wartime Childhood of a Boy" project was launched on the website "Russian President – To the Citizens of School Age" under "What's New" section. In the framework of the development of the website, the elaboration of the new version of "The Mysteries of Kremlin" section continued. The work began on the draft of the "Executive Power" section, which materials will fully disclose the functions of this branch of the Russian state power.

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

In 2012, more than 3 500 visitors were able to explore the historical building of the Synod, where the library is situated, and the results of its reconstruction, as well as thematic exhibitions that regularly take place in the library. The number of users of the website has exceeded 543 thousand.

The Electronic Reading Room (ERR) of the Presidential library in St. Petersburg is equipped with 60 work places. The overall amount of work places in the remote reading rooms

in various educational and cultural institutions in Russia, including the branch in Tyumen region, is 262.

During the year, 4 747 visitors and guests of the Presidential Library were offered 329 presentations of the resources and functional capabilities of the information system of the Presidential Library. 844 users of the ERR in St. Petersburg were consulted on bibliographic issues.

The electronic holdings were enriched by over 70 000 of new documents; over 46 000 documents have been catalogued. In 2012 8 321 103 scans were uploaded into the information system, thus, the total volume of the database at the end of 2012 amounted to 24 181 870 scans.

By the end of 2012 the total number of documents in the holdings was 225 000; more than 82 000 were presented on the website for public access. Over 200 news, as well as 200 historical essays were published in the "Day in history" section.

Total number of staff of the library is 331 persons.

4. New developments in creating and building collections

In the 2012 the Presidential Library continued to form its thematic collections, which substantially facilitated user access to the resource and served as a means of navigation. 34 new digital collections comprising 7 500 documents were presented on the website.

The largest was the collection "Russian people" comprising documents, comprehensively and consistently revealing this concept. People are represented as a source of power, a population, an ethnic group, a society, as a driving force of history. A special attention is given to the biographical materials on the prominent people of Russian history and culture. The core of the collection consists of digital copies of official documents, statistical data, photos, newsreels, scientific and popular scientific monographs, dissertations and abstracts, periodicals, museum and archival objects. The collection includes more than three thousand documents, and will be constantly updated.

In 2012 Russia celebrated the 1150th anniversary of birth of Russian statehood. The collection devoted to this event includes the materials reflecting the issues of formation and development of the Old Russian state. Important place in the collection belongs to the texts of ancient written sources. The most valuable of these is the Laurentian Chronicle – the oldest extant chronicle lists, which includes not only the "Primary Chronicle," but also a number of documents on the history of the Old Russian state, not known from other sources. Digital copy of this unique document was provided for inclusion into the collection by the holder of the original – the National Library of Russia.

The year of 2012 marked the 200th anniversary of one of the most significant events of the Russian history – the Patriotic War of 1812. The collection comprising more than 800 items, introduces studies, official and archival documents, cartographic, graphic and multimedia materials from the electronic holdings of the Presidential Library. Particular attention is given to the memoirs and official documents reflecting the people's contribution to the defense of the Fatherland. Especially for the collection, digital copies of portraits of the heroes of the war of 1812, provided by the State Hermitage Museum, were included into the electronic holdings of the library.

In 2012, Russia for the first time hosted "The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)" Forum. XXIV annual meeting of the leaders of APEC countries took place in Vladivostok, 1–8 September. To mark the event the Presidential Library has developed a special digital collection, including the materials that reflect the relations between the APEC and the Russian Federation, which has been a member of the APEC since 1998, as well as the history of international relations in the Asia-Pacific region. The presented resources disclose the basic topics of the collection: "The Development of the Region by the Russians," "Multilateral Regional Structures and Russia," "Russia's Relations with the Countries of the Region." The initial scope of the collection, which is expected to increase in the future, is more than 600 items.

A significant attention was paid to the enlargement of the holdings of audiovisual materials, especially produced by the library itself. In the past year, the library's website regularly posted the materials prepared in the framework of video lectures of the Presidential Library which cover certain historic personalities, events, memorable dates, and subjects. The holdings also included video recordings of the addresses delivered at the conferences and forums held in the library, videos about the events, promotion reels of digital collections, exhibitions and educational projects.

In 2012 audio materials in the holdings were represented by more than 400 sound reels provided by the radio station "Nashe Radio". These materials, that make up the cycles "Our geography" and "Russia Team ", tell about the territory of our country and the diversity of the peoples living in it. All the video materials can be found in the "Multimedia" section on the website of the Presidential Library, while the sound reels are available for the users in the electronic reading room.

5. New developments in provision of access to collections

In 2012, the Presidential Library continued to further develop the network of remote reading rooms, including those using the collective remote access facility based on digital signature certificates. In various regions of Russia 14 organizations were connected to the library resources, including the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Siberian Federal University (Krasnoyarsk), Pacific National University (Khabarovsk), Altai State University (Barnaul), Academy of Management and Economics (St. Petersburg).

In addition to the nine existing centers of access to the resources of the Presidential Library, new ones were opened in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture under Rossotrudnichestvo abroad: in London (UK), in Kishinev (Moldova), and in Bethlehem (Palestine). Russian President Vladimir Putin visited the electronic reading room of the Presidential Library during the opening ceremony of the Russian Cultural Center in Palestine.

In 2012, in addition to the resources from the Presidential Library's holdings, permanent or trial access to 12 external resources was provided. Among them are the databases of integrators of academic periodicals and media, legal information and retrieval systems of various producers, as well as humanities-oriented digital library systems.

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

In 2012 the Presidential Library has organized and participated in more than 30 international events. The delegation of the Presidential Library has participated in the work of such international forums as the Russian-German forum "St. Petersburg Dialogue" in Moscow, as well as in the international conferences in Canada, the U.S., China, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Ukraine.

In 2012, two memorandums with foreign partners were signed: a memorandum with the National Library of China and a memorandum with Berlin State Library – Prussian Cultural Heritage. Consultations and negotiations on cooperation with international libraries, archives, and cultural centers of Japan, Azerbaijan, Finland, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine were held.

As a part of the practice of translating international standards into Russian language a permission to translate and publish on the Internet of the scientific publication titled "Cataloguing Cultural Objects: A Guide to Describing Cultural Works and Their Images" (CCO) was received.

Throughout the year, the interaction with the centers of access to the information resources of the Presidential Library in Rossotrudnichestvo centers abroad, opened in 2010-2011, was sequentially developing. The specialists of the Presidential Library prepared a number of collections timed to the activities carried out in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture. Visitors to the Centers can also take part in video lectures on the history of Russia.