

CROATIA

THE NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ZAGREB

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LIBRARY ORGANISATION

A substantial change of library organisation has been initiated mostly due to budget cuts. The new organisation consists of seven departments which is believed to provide more efficient operation. The Library, which has a history of four hundred years, still holds its dual function of the National Library and University Library.

There are 302 library employees. 41.7% of them hold university diploma and some of them a postgraduate and doctoral degree.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS

The library building which opened 7 years ago suffered no additional reconstructions.

ACQUISITION

Due to the regulations of the Library Law from 1997 and its article on legal deposit the National and University Library received 3,876 book titles and purchased 115 titles. The library collection has been enriched by 1,515 Croatian serial titles and 200 newspaper titles.

The legal deposit of special publications including dissertations and master thesis, Croatian official publications and ephemera consisted of 8,262 units. Non-book material received due to legal deposit consisted of 2,748 units.

According to the Statement of Practice for the Voluntary Deposit of Electronic Publications, by the Conference of European National Librarians/Federation of European Publishers (CENL/FEP). and in order to promote and foster good relations with electronic publishers the Library has organised the Round Table on Electronic Publications and Their Deposit, Archiving and Usage. Good relations established with publishers resulted in the Guidelines on the deposit of electronic publications, whose integral part consists of draft contract and technical specification for submission of publications. The text is published on the Library homepage URL: <http://www.nsk.hr>.

The Library manuscript collection is enriched by the valuable bequest of the famous Croatian writer Miroslav Krleža, after expiration of copyright, 20 years after his death.

The Rare Books Collection was enriched by some outstanding acquisitions: a Missale, dating from 14th c. and the testament of Petar Hektorović, from 1554.

Special efforts were focused on the acquisition of Croatian books published outside Croatia, books and serials as well.

The Reading room collection on the open access is enlarged by the 3,143 new books.

The first consortium licence agreement for access to electronic full texts has been signed by the University of Zagreb and three other universities in Croatia.

Considerable results are gained in exchange program with 50 libraries.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The Library compiles National Current Bibliographies in three series: A- books; B- Articles and C- Serials. The major work on retrospective bibliography of books is focused on additions to bibliography from 1835-1940 and the Guidelines and rules for retrospective bibliography from the beginning to 1835.

As the national bibliographic centre the Library hosts the ISBN, ISMN and ISSN International Agencies, participating in the UBC Program.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

The integrated library system CROLIST was developed by the National and University Library and the UNIBIS Company, Zagreb, is used as a cooperative cataloguing platform for 20 other libraries in the country.

In the retrospective conversion of the catalogue which was continued in April only 3 367 bibliographic units were converted, but this task was followed by the revision of the closed stack.

The subject catalogue department was active in preparation of Handbook for Subject Cataloguing in NUL, and in addition the preparation of UDC Croatian edition (social and humanistic sciences) is expected to be finished soon.

DIGITISATION

In the pilot project of digitisation carried out during four weeks, 10 codexes and 23 rare books from Manuscript and Rare Books Collection, 7 maps from 16th and 17th century and manuscript map from 19th century has been digitised. Altogether, 4,000 image pages had been digitised (average in 200 dpi).

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Cleaning and disinfections as preventive preservation techniques were applied to old Croatian newspapers and were considerably more effective than in previous years. Various curative methods including restoration were applied on books and periodicals as well as manuscripts. Beside the main activities in preservation of Library's own collections counselling services on a smaller scale had been provided for other libraries. Library is engaged in preservation project financially supported by foreign governments representative in Croatia.

The National Collection is stored in closed stacks, but can be used in reading rooms.

USER SERVICES

Library is open 72 hours a week and it had 14 777 registered users, mainly students of the Zagreb University. User services are organised on seven floors in three reading rooms which provide open access to more than 90,000 books with circulation of circa. 100,000 books.

From closed stack the users borrowed 125,323 books.

In the report period, 414,534 users visited the reading rooms or were using various information services (including online or local). Four special collections (Manuscripts and Rare Books, Printed Music, Prints and Drawings, and Maps) provide their own storage facilities and reading rooms for their users.

Information sources include OPAC, Cooperative Catalogue, more than 240 databases on CDROM, DIALOG host, ISI and OVID databases, eIFL Direct, and fulltext databases. Webpages www.nsk.hr, were enriched by 329 new html pages. The site with daily average of 2,000 visits is awarded LibrarySpot recommended site. Intranet of the Library is a gateway-based access to local electronic publication or services. The site has many internal documents and images covering circa. 1,300 documents.

The Library is responsible for provision of interlibrary loans, both national and international.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Librarians conducted series of courses and training seminars mainly for cooperative cataloguing.

More than once a month various lectures on specific topics were organised in the seminar hall. By the end of the year the organisational preparations for establishing of the Training Centre for Continuing Education of Librarians with 44 courses were completed.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Library is a notable place in the capital Zagreb for organisation of various cultural events, round table discussions, exhibitions or concerts.

Exhibitions are organised in cooperation with foreign embassies or cultural centers in Zagreb.

MAJOR EXHIBITIONS:

- *Light in Wilderness*, exhibition of photographs of Tauna Kohonen (Finland) accompanied by book exhibition from library's collection.
- *Forschen in Deutschland*, poster exhibition with book exhibitions from Goethe Institute
- *Marko Marulić in the National and University Library*, in celebration of 550 years of the birth of the writer- " Father of Croatian Literature "
- *Herzliche Gruesse*-multimedia exhibition with Goethe Institute in Zagreb
- *Remembrance on 125th birth anniversary of Vladimir and 110th birth anniversary of Juraj Stahuljak*-exhibition of printed music from Music Collection
- *Handbuch deutscher historische Buchbestände in Europa*- book presentation and exhibition of books by Georg Olms
- *Celebration of 450th birth anniversary of Faust Vrančić, Croatian inventor, philosopher and writer*
- *One century of Croatian books written and published by emigrants (1900-2000)*, a book exhibition
- *Two centuries of Croatian-Swedish translations* in cooperation with Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden from Zagreb and the Swedish Institute from Stockholm.
- *Expressionism in Croatian Literature and Art* in cooperation with Zagreb Public Libraries

EVENTS:

- Presentation of the book "The Electronic Book" by Daniela Živković, PhD
- *Round Table discussion on Miroslav Krleža*, a great Croatian writer, on occasion of twenty years of his death and the expiration of copyright of his bequest of manuscripts in the Library.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

The Library is gradually increasing its national and international cooperative initiatives. Internationally it is an active member of CENL, of Oesterreichische Ost-und Suedosteuropa Institute in Vienna, of various IFLA Committees and Round tables. A considerable number of librarians are active participants at the national and international cultural events and conferences and some has been on international grants abroad (USA and France).

The Library successfully organised two international events:

- 1 *E-Serials in Libraries* in cooperation with the University Library, Bratislava and with the support of the ISSN Centre, Paris, University Library Karl Franzens from Graz, Austria and financially supported by the Oesterreische Ost-und Suedostinstitute from Vienna.
- 2 *CROINFO2001* - International Conference in cooperation with Pliva Pharmaceutical Firm, Zagreb in Dubrovnik dealing with knowledge management in information environment.

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