
SLOVAKIA

SLOVAK NATIONAL LIBRARY
DR DUŠAN KATUŠČÁK - DIRECTOR GENERAL

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HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION

The 'new' history of the Slovak National Library has started on 1 July, 2000 when the new Library Act has become effective. The Act was approved by the Slovak Parliament in May 2000. According to this Act the Slovak National Library (SNL) has separated from its 'mother' institution Matica Slovenska and is constituted as an autonomous legal body with full competencies and responsibilities of such an organization. The SNL is a state budgetary organization administered by the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic.

The Director-General was selected through the standard competitive selection process and appointed to the position by the Minister of the Slovak Republic. The SNL is the leading library within the Slovak Library system.

The SNL is the National Bibliographic Agency and publishes the national bibliography on a regular basis both in printed and electronic versions. It also acts as the ISBN National Agency for the Slovak Republic, maintains the union catalogue of books and prepares the national authority files.

COOPERATION

The SNL cooperates with libraries in Slovakia and abroad. It takes part in the international CASLIN Project (Czech and Slovak Library and Information Network) and coordinates the Slovak part of the project. The SNL was included in the UNESCO project-memory of the World by preparing the digitised version of the unique document *Bratislavská antifonár*. It cooperated in the preparation of the Multilingual Dictionary of Library Terminology, the coordinator of which was NUK Slovenia).

The SNL is the centre for standardisation of library processes as well as for the restoration and conservation of old and rare books. The National Microfilming Preservation Program is well advanced.

The SNL concludes agreements on bilateral cooperation with national libraries of V4 countries (research of history of book culture)

MEMBERSHIP

The Slovak National Library is a member of IFLA, CENL, ICAU, FID, ICOM and IAML

2001 Statistical Survey

Holding-Number of Items Total	4 406 375
Addition	22 004
Decrease	0
Users enrolled	16 7800
Visitors	42 316
Loans	154 750

Publications-number of issue	29
Staff (FTE)	286
Expenditure (SK million)	79.911
(EUR million)	*1.846
Capital investment (SK million)	5.655
(EUR million)	*0.137

Annual mean exhchange rate in 2001

1 EUR=SKK 43,30