

CROATIA

THE NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ZAGREB

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LIBRARY ORGANISATION

National and University Library is 400 years old , and holds the dual function of the National library and University Library. The Library is governed by the Library Board, consisting of nine representatives from both the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology the Library. At the head of the Library is General Director. A new organisation consists of seven departments, which will provide more efficient service. There are 302 full time library employees, of whom 42% (128 employees) hold graduate and postgraduate qualifications.

ACQUISITION

Since 1997 , under the regulations of the Library Law and legal deposit , the National and University Library received 4,955 book titles, 174 electronic books, and purchased additionally 3,158 titles of Croatian books. The library collection has been enriched by 1,624 Croatian serial titles, 205 newspaper titles, and 170 electronic serial publications.

The Library Acquisition Committee, purchased 1,502 foreign books, 640 journals and 140 electronic publications and coordinated the acquisition of foreign books and materials. The Rare Books Collection was enriched by some outstanding acquisitions.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The Library compiles the National Current Bibliographies in three series: A - books; B - Articles and C - Serials. In 2002, the Library published the National Bibliography - Series A - books on CD-ROM. Simultaneously with the print edition, the Library publishes the online version of National Current Bibliographies, which can be found at <http://www.nsk.hr/opac-crolist/crolist.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

The integrated library system CROLIST, developed by the National and University Library and the UNIBIS Company, Zagreb, is used as a cooperative cataloguing platform for 30 other libraries in the country. In cooperation with CARNet (Croatian Academic Research Network), the Library prepares the implementation of wireless technology.

DIGITISATION

In the past year 10 codexes and 23 rare books, 7 maps from the 16th and 17th century and manuscript map from 19th century have been digitised in a pilot project. The digitised material can be found through the Library WebPAC.

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Cleaning and disinfecting as preventive preservation techniques were applied to old Croatian newspapers and were considerably more effective than in previous years. Beside the main activities in preservation of Library's own collections counselling services on a smaller scale had been provided for other libraries, from which the complete fund of the parish library in Skradin (circa 4,500 volumes) has been restored.

USER SERVICES

The Library is open 72 hours a week and it had 16,180 newly registered users, mainly students of the Zagreb University. Bibliographic and reference services including electronic resources are provided by the Central Reference Service. Subject specialists in reading rooms with open access provide assistance in subject database searches. International Permanent Exhibition of Publications and four special collections (Rare Books and manuscripts, Printed Music, Prints and Drawings and Maps collection) provide additional and more specialised user services. At 2002, more than 400,000 users visited the reading rooms or were using various information services. The Library loaned 192,903 items this year. The Library is responsible for provision of interlibrary loan. The Library supplied 720 loans in Croatia and 180 loans abroad. More than 2,000 visitors had an organised library visit tour.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The National and University Library is maintaining training activities at a high level. The Library's Training Center provided continuing education for its employees and also for all librarians in Croatia.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITION

The Library is a notable place in the capital Zagreb for organisation of various cultural events, round table discussions, exhibitions or concerts. Many of exhibitions are organised in cooperation with foreign embassies or cultural centres in Zagreb. At 2002, the Library organized 13 exhibitions, several book presentations and 10 concerts. These events are increasingly popular with the public.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

The Library is gradually increasing its national and international cooperative initiatives. The Library is an active member of CENL, of Oesterreichische Ost-und Suedosteuropa Institute in Vienna, of various IFLA Committees. The Library takes part in international programmes, ISBN, ISMN and ISSN, regularly attending the annual conferences. At 2002, the Library successfully organised 27th International ISSN Directorial Meeting.

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