

CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES (CDNL)

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COUNTRY NAME: **Czechia**

LIBRARY NAME: **Narodni knihovna Ceske Republiky / National
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2002 statistical survey:

	2002	2001
Holdings - number of items (total)	5 964 704	5 898 094
Addition	66 827	73 246
Decrease	217	3 338
Users enrolled	53 395	46 035
Catalogued items	78 459	80 764
Visitors	563 793	785 544
Loans	547 838	656 267
Publications – number of issues	94	92
Staff - occupied positions (FTE)	442	444
Expenditures (CZK million)	237.658	245.883
(i.e. EUR million)	*7488	*7.221
Capital investment (CZK million)	16 545	10.491
(i.e. EUR million)	*0.521	*0.308
*Annual mean exchange rate	1 EUR = 31.74 CZK	1 EUR = 34.05 CZK

Major developments, activities, achievements in 2002:

Extra funds were available for 17 Government both long-term and annual Research & Technology Development projects, and in addition 12 projects in the framework of the Government grant program called *Public Information Services of Libraries* within the areas such as digital library, uniform information gateway for heterogeneous

resources, national union catalogue, retrospective conversion of catalogues, access to foreign electronic resources, integration and archiving of on-line documents, access to analytical information material (articles), national name authority file, development of subject authority file equivalent to UDC system of notations, advanced training of librarians, etc. - see: http://www.nkp.cz/start/knihcin/pp_en.html

Both of the official National programs made good progress, again: *Memoriae Mundi Series Bohemica* (digital access to rare library materials) - see: <http://digit.nkp.cz>, and *Digitisation of Preservation Microfilm* (component part of the hybrid approach to preservation of and access to acid paper documents, mostly newspapers and journals; filming for preservation, digitisation for access) – see: <http://www.cdh.nkp.cz>

Czech NL participated in the European Register of Microform Masters Consortium – EROMM, and European project such as MASTER (creating shared catalogue of medieval manuscripts), PULMAN (support of development of public libraries), Improved Damage Assessment of Parchment – IDAP, Visual Contextualization of Digital Content – VICODI, etc.

A new Library Act under the title *Law on Libraries and Terms of Operating Public Library and Information Services* effective from 1 January 2002 - see the English version on http://www.nkp.cz/o_knihovnach/English/ZakonAng257.htm. As regards Czech NL, the Library Act assigns to it central role and tasks within the system of libraries, ranging from coordination, technical, information, educational, analytical, research, standardisation, methodological and advisory responsibilities to such agendas as national union catalogue, national bibliography, negotiation with collective administrators of copyright on behalf of libraries, etc.

The main seat of the Library was seriously affected by tremendous floods in August 2002, so after one month of regular summer break the Library had to close down for four other weeks. In spite of that, the Library immediately assumed the coordination of the help and expert assistance in recovering damages caused by floods to book collections of about fifty other Czech libraries - see:

<http://www.nkp.cz/fondy/English/floods.htm>

For more information see the Czech National Library Annual Report 2002 on http://www.nkp.cz/PublicRel/English/Annual_Reports.htm