

ESTONIA

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ESTONIA

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GOVERNANCE

The Supervisory Board of the National Library of Estonia (NLE) approved the Library's new Statutes, the development plan for 2002-2010, and the development projects and IT development plan for 2002-2006.

The *Riigikogu* (Parliament) passed the Act Amending the National Library of Estonia Act.

STANDARDS

The translation and editing of the standards EVS-ISO 2108:2002 (Information and Documentation. International Standard Book Number) and EVS-ISO 3297:2002 (Information and Documentation. International Standard Serial Number) was an undertaking of national importance, being the first step in library standardisation.

The NLE joined the system of the International Standard Music Number, being now the seat of 3 national agencies - ISBN, ISSN and ISMN.

The library successfully launched the programme for converting MARC 21 entries into ISSN entries, enabling the dispatch of entries to the International ISSN Centre in Paris via the Internet.

The UNIDROIT was the 12th international organisation entitling the NLE to receive its publications free of charge.

RE CATALOGUING AND CONVERSION PROJECTS

In 2002 the re-cataloguing of journals and newspapers of limited circulation published in Estonian as well as newspapers published in Estonia during 1941-1997 was completed. The conversion of the map collection database into the electronic catalogue and the conversion of the entries of books published in Estonia during 1945-1991 were also completed.

REFERENCE SERVICES IMPROVED

Following its long-term objective of developing specialised information services, the NLE renovated its former Reference Reading Room into a new Social Sciences Reading Room which now provides a wider range of services and enables the readers to use open access depository, the first in Estonia.

WEB SITE REDEVELOPMENT

The NLE's web page was renewed, and now includes an e-library which consists of several links:

- the link of **e-services** enables to submit enquiries in the field of the Humanities and social sciences, to find and pre-order documents from the National Library's collections and via inter-library loan, to prolong the loan period, to order ISSN, ISBN and ISMN, and to subscribe for NLE publications;
- **ISE** - an internet-based bibliographic database of articles compiled by the NLE on the basis of over 80 newspapers, 100 journals and collections of articles published in Estonia in the field of the Humanities and social sciences;
- **the subject gateway** - a systematised and subject-indexed directory enabling to find web pages, databases, electronic texts and electronic periodicals in the field of the Humanities and social sciences, and a selection of libraries and their catalogues;
- the collection of **Estonian online publications**, comprising the links of electronic newspapers, journals and monographs;
- the **National Library's on-line publications**;
- **digitised collections** - materials from the NLE collections which have been digitised under exhibition and publishing projects.

PUBLICATIONS

Publishing highlights included "Libraries and Librarianship in Newly Independent Estonia" and the electronic Library Glossary, the latter including 2,600 terms and accessible via the library's web page. The series of the Estonian National Bibliography "Estonian Official Publications" was published electronically for the first time.

EXHIBITIONS

Three hundred and thirty five book and art exhibitions were organised by the NLE in 2002.

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