

# IRAN

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2002 – 2003**

### **THE BUILDING**

The new building (98000m<sup>2</sup>) will soon be completely equipped & furnished. A committee consisting of some outstanding Iranian architects, internal decorators, and librarians of the National Library have been working for the last 2 years on layout plans and the design of the various items of library furniture. Hopefully we shall move into it by December 2003.

### **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

Meanwhile the Acquisition Department is working hard to purchase as many relevant books and periodicals as possible from abroad. Almost \$800,000 has been spent so far. Senior staff of the library has carefully selected all items.

Altogether, last year about 250,000 volumes of books reached the library either through exchange, depositary law, or by acquisition.

To this should be added about 2000 items of audio visual material, which have been deposited to us through the newly approved Depositary law of audio visual materials. The exchange department has received 224,563 items and has sent out 85,000 items as exchange or gift.

### **PROCESSING**

The Processing Department is also working hard to get the books and other items, both new and those in the backlog, catalogued and classified and prepared for shelving in the new building. Last year about 75,000 titles were processed, and more than 140,000 volumes were prepared for shelf.

### **CIP**

Cataloguing in publication is one of the most successful achievements of the library. Last year 25,471 titles obtained CIP of which 1245 titles were reprints. Almost 90% of new Iranian publications are fully catalogued before publication.

### **RESEARCH**

The long awaited revision and compilation of *Islamic Philosophy* in the Library of Congress Classification was finished and sent to the print house.

Revision and cumulation of the *Name authority list* which consists of nearly 82,000 main entries has been finished and is accessible both as database and hard copy. The latter has been proof-read and will soon be published.

Indexing of articles amount to 51, 200 entries. Processing and indexing of photographs and slides are carried out. So far about 14, 700 items have been processed.

Research is being carried out on the revision and compilation of Iran Higher Education Section of the Library of Congress Classification.

The project of Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences in Persian is at hand. The first volume was published in late 2002. Research and editorial work for the compilation of the second volume is being carried on.

IRANMARC a basic project based on Uni-MARC which was being carried out by a national committee under the auspices of the National Library was eventually finished and the manual was printed last year.

The continuous research project of production of new authorized *Persian subject headings*, goes on as usual. The first supplement to the 3rd edition published in 2002, consisting of new topics and subdivisions plus some changes was prepared for publication and is now at the press.

Last year another basic research project of the Library was successfully produced. The *Persian Cultural Thesaurus* in 3 languages: Persian, English, and Arabic. It consists of approximately 15, 349 entries.

The Classified list of *National Bibliography* pertaining to 2002 was published as usual on CD format.

*Directory of Iranian Periodicals and Newspapers*, 2002, was compiled and published (hard copy only) and 2003 edition is now at the press.

Four issues of *Faslname-ye Ketab*, the quarterly journal of the National Library of Iran was published in 2002.

Towards the construction of standards for different type of libraries, last year the following standards were published:

- Standards for Prison Library Services
- Standards for Iranian University Libraries
- Standards for Iranian Special Libraries

The compilation of *Directory of University and Special Libraries* of Iran has been finished and is now being printed.

Several other basic books and references have also been written, edited and updated or translated. To name a few:

- Dewey Decimal Classification: Iranian Literature, which has been fully updated according to Dewey 21st, plus special changes and addition since second edition (1998)
- Translation of Selected Papers of IFLA 66th, 2000.
- Iranian Bibliography of Braille and Talking Books (2002)

- Indexing Rules based on ISO994-1969
- Dewey Decimal Classification: Islam 4th edition (2002)

### **MANUSCRIPT DEPARTMENTS**

In the year 2002, 500 titles of precious manuscripts were added to the collection. The total number of National Library's Manuscripts amounts to 15, 273 volumes.

Last year 300 volumes of manuscripts were catalogued according to library's new format based on AACR2 (rev.) with authorized subject headings, and name authority. Codicology section is also fully described. Some 2, 630 patch works were also indexed.

Numbers 18 and 19 of the *Catalogue of the Manuscripts* in the National Library of Iran were published in 2002, each containing 300 manuscripts.

### **ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND**

Following up on the activities of the N.L. relating to the blind, an electronic library has been set up in the library, which will serve the blind. Braille keyboard and other peripheral equipment are provided, and access to the Internet and a few services are available as well.

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