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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002:

The Slovak National Library (SNL) considers the previous year to be a successful one. In accordance with the Library Act, the agreement between the Matica slovenska and the SNL was prepared as a basis for finishing the delimitation of state chosen possession. The SNL realized a lot of changes in accordance with the Law on Public Service ie organizational and persone. The preparation for the project on Information system has started safely.

The most significant strategic task, the Library automation and networking program, was prepared by the SNL and submitted to and approved by the Slovak government. On the basis of the SNL initiative the Slovak government approved the Program on preservation, stabilization and conservation of traditional media of information.

The SNL improved the access to internet for library users and staff which enables better cooperation between libraries within the framework of the Project on uniform library software for years 2003 and 2004 including the project on Slovak Virtual Library.

The SNL was successful in acquiring electronic information resources, EBSCO for Slovakia. This task will remain one the most important priorities for next few years.

Three research workplaces, the Restoration and Conservation Department, the National Bibliography Department and the National Biographic Department were accredited in 2002 with national importance. Thanks to this fact, the SNL will be able to receive extra financial means from the state budget, from the chapter determined for science and research.

The former Conference Hall was reconstructed to a modern one with 140 seats , some of them with connections to the computer network. The Hall will serve for various scientific, professional, cultural and educational events. In the space of the former Database centre the Computer classroom was built. There are located 17 computers with connection to internet and 30 another seats for seminars. The classroom will serve as an educational place for further professional education of librarians within the Slovak library system.

In 2002 the SNL organized a lot of scientific, professional, educational and methodical seminars for example the *International seminar CASLIN 2002*.

The SNL has significantly participated at the opening of a new study field at the Philosophical faculty of Žilinská university – Library and Information Science and first 25 students have started studying there.

In fall 2002 the SNL as the administrator of the Union catalogue has started running the Union catalogue of monographic publications which will serve the purposes of shared cataloguing and ILL within the Slovak library system. The union catalogue runs under the ALEPH500 system and the records are prepared in UNIMARC format.

2002 STATISTICAL SURVEY:

Holdings – number of items (total)	4 437 611
Additions	38 698
Decrease – newspapers	5 462
Users enrolled	18 995
Visitors	56 507
Loans	136 524
Publications – number of issues	31
Staff – occupied positions	287
Expenditures (SK million)	92.647
(i.e. EUR million)	2.199
Capital investment (SK million)	35.191
(i.e. EUR million)	0.835

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