

SLOVENIA

NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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The National and University Library (NUL) is a public institution founded by the Republic of Slovenia. The NUL is the Slovenian national library, the principal library of the Ljubljana university, the state parent library for the centre for the development of librarianship and, in accordance with the definition of IFLA, also the Slovenian Central scientific library.

ACQUISITION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS AND USERS SERVICES

In 2002, NUL received 438, 071 items of various library materials, among them 376, 107 legal deposit copies.

NUL collections were increased by 22,731 books and by 57, 773 items of serial publications, by 2.000 units of AV materials, and by 2.000 items of cartographic and pictorial materials.

The Library and its services were visited by 193,091 users. In 2002 4,593 new users were registered in the Library (3.824 in 2001 which is a 20 % increase). All registered users were 12,684 (a 16 % increase).

In 2002, by NUL departments 55,797 referral questions were answered and 66,245 information given. 337,255 units of library material were borrowed: 197,362 items were lent out and 139,893 items used in the reading rooms.

MICROFILMING AND RESTORATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Microfilming of the oldest newspapers and those with high frequency of use was continued, as well as microfilming of current newspapers. 108, 489 microfilm copies were made.

The library also carries out preservation and restoration of library materials as an important part of cultural heritage. In this area, the library participates in the projects of the European Union PAPYLUM, INKCOR and the project CULTURE 2000. Our own project for the development of a technical prototype for a laser system for paper restoration is of equal importance. However, special stress in the field of cultural heritage preservation is directed into collecting and archiving of Slovenian electronic serial publications and web pages.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Besides Slovenian agencies for ISBN and ISMN and ISSN Centre, Slovenia NUL also participated in other international projects: OCLC, ELAG, CENL, GABRIEL, ECPA. ITR.

In 2002 NUL was visited by several individuals and groups from abroad. In the field of international exchange successful cooperation with the Czech National library is being carried out, and in 2002 our librarians visited their national library.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Important recent projects include:

Participation in the LEAF project - building an international bibliographic database of newer manuscripts – author entries for manuscript material, digitization of materials from the Cartographic and Pictorial Collection (portrait photographs of famous Slovenians).

Maps of the Slovenian territory from 1522 to 1871), translation of the UDC - Master Reference File, Multilingual dictionary of library terminology (in 2002, print and Internet version of English-Slovenian dictionary was published in Ljubljana), the already mentioned projects on material preservation and archiving.

In 2002 the Slovenian general list of subject headings was published and a general on-line list of subject headings have been available since October.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NUL carries out expert education, training and qualification of all library workers. In 2002 1, 253 librarians attended courses for additional and permanent training and organized qualifying examinations. 39 professional titles were granted.

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