

# **SLOVENIA**

**NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2003 – 2004**

The National and University Library (NUL) is a public institution founded by the Republic of Slovenia. The NUL is the Slovenian national library, the central 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 2003, the NUL received 407,673 items of various types of library materials, among them 368,637 legal deposit copies.

The NUL collections were increased by 20,101 books and by 56,802 items of serial publications, by 3,065 units of AV materials, 512 units of printed music and by 2,501 items of cartographic and pictorial materials.

The Library and its services were visited by 188,034 users. In 2003, 4,480 new users were registered in the Library (4,593 in 2002 which is a 2 % decrease). All registered users totalled 12,911 (a 2 % increase).

In 2003, 53,266 referral questions were answered and 61,712 pieces of information were given by NUL departments. 361,407 units of library materials were borrowed: 214,984 items were lent out and 146,423 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. 100,667 microfilm copies were made.

The library also carries out preservation and restoration of library materials representing an important part of cultural heritage. In this area, the library participates in the EU projects like PAPYLUM, INKCOR and in the project CULTURE 2000. The national project for the development of a technical prototype of a laser system for paper restoration initiated by NUL is of equal importance. However, in the field of cultural heritage preservation, special stress is directed into collecting and archiving Slovenian electronic serial publications and web pages. NUL is a partner in two projects of archiving Slovenian electronic publications: "Methodology of collecting and archiving Slovenian publications published on the Internet" and "Creating and analysing the database of Slovenian digitalized and electronic publications of national importance". NUL also was involved in the project "Books in print in Slovenia".

### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

NUL was appointed the National ISBN, ISMN and ISSN Centre and was also involved in other activities in the field of librarianship, and cooperated with different institutions and organizations: OCLC, ELAG, CENL, GABRIEL, ECPA, ITR, etc.

In 2003 NUL was visited by several individuals and groups from abroad. In the field of international exchange successful cooperation with the Czech National Library was being carried out, and in 2002 six of our librarians visited their national library in Prague.

## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

Important recent projects of NUL include:

Participation in the LEAF project - building an international bibliographic database of newer manuscripts — author entries for manuscript material, digitisation of materials from the Cartographic and Pictorial Collection (a database of portrait photographs of famous Slovenians was created and made accessible on the Internet).

Maps of the Slovenian territory from 1522 to 1871, translation of the UDC - Master Reference File, and the projects on preservation and archiving also took place, which have already been mentioned.

In 2003 the online version of the Slovenian general list of subject headings was published in print and electronic version.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

NUL carries out informal professional education, including training and qualification process of Slovenian library workers. In 2003, 1,732 librarians attended courses for continuous professional education and training and the NUL organised and performed professional exams. In 2003, 98 librarians passed these exams while 48 librarians gained higher professional qualifications.

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