

## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2005

<b>Name of Country :</b> Austria
<b>Name of Library :</b> Austrian National Library
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The emphasis of the activities in 2004/05 was on the major building and renovation projects, on the areas of safety, digitalization, long-term preservation of electronic media, and in addition a total evaluation of the state of conservation of the holdings.

The Austrian National Library finished the third year of its legal autonomy with a positive financial balance. Turnover sales and other income from services performed by ANL were added to by extra takings in the area of donations and sponsorship to give a total of EUR 2.528.000 (EUR 2.465.000 in 2003). The basic annual grant paid by the federal government was, as in the previous years, EUR 20.602.000.

### Buildings

The adaptation of Palais Mollard for the Department of Music, the Globe Museum, and the Esperanto Museum of the ANL will be completed in 2005. The project is being financed by money from the Federal Ministry for the Economy.

The project of modernising and renovating the whole public area of the library at Heldenplatz started 2002 was continued in 2004. It included the renovation of the Main and the Newspapers Reading Rooms including the installation of a new lift and a readers' lounge.

### Digital Library

The establishment of our own three-person team, „Digital Media“ brought about an organisational anchoring of that important new area of work. Apart from the development of routine work procedures for digital media – including online media – the most central part of the work of the new team is that of long-term preservation.

The conversion of all catalogues of the ANL into web-based databases will be finished by the end of 2005.

On 1st May 2004 the new digital picture catalogue, „Bildarchiv Austria“, was put online. 50.000 pictures of historical significance from the holdings of the Picture Archives of ANL and three other institutions are therefore available for online access for scientific research and also for commercial and editorial utilisation.

The virtual newspaper reading room opened in August 2003, ANNO (AustriaN Newspapers Online), was continuously extended in the year now reported on by about 50.000 newspaper pages per month. By the end of 2004 there were already included more than 100.000 editions of newspapers with over 2 million pages. On top of that the project was broadened in a new content direction. As from 8th September 2004 historical Austrian parliamentary bills from 1849 till 1940 have also been made available online in the framework of the project.

### Acquisitions

The total number of acquisitions was 85.032 in 2004 (in 2003 it was 80.918). Of those 53.814 were volumes of printed material.

Among the most important new acquisitions of the special collections there was the purchase of four important manuscripts of Ludwig Wittgenstein, that of the complete archives of the Austrian twelve-tone pioneer Josef Matthias Hauer (Department of Music); the photographic estate of Ferdinand Schmutzer (Picture Archives), the estate of the important philosopher of culture and author Günther Andres.

### Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

In the Hall of State there were a total of four expositions, among them from May onward the major presentation of Austrian literature of the 20th century, „Die Teile und das Ganze“, arranged by the Literary Archives of the ANL. Another important exposition was launched in the Hall of State in December: „Looted Books. The ANL Faces Up to its National Socialist Past“. The main exposition of 2005 carries the title „The Young Republic. Everyday Scenes from Austria 1945 – 1955“.

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