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New Legal Deposit Law

The National Library had a legal deposit law dated from 1907. This law was long overdue since it did not reflect all types of documents to be deposited nor created a mechanism for recovering material not deposited nor penalties for editors that did not comply with the law. The new law number 10.994 of December 2004 has come into force since January 2005 and foresees the creation of instruments to apply penalties for no compliance.

Revised Statutes of National Library Foundation

New statutes were approved in 2004, which enlarged the scope of the National Library Foundation under which the National Library operates by creating new services such as the Research and Studies Department and enlarging the scope and funding of the National System of Public Libraries to include creation of small public libraries and to promote reading habits.

It also changed the previous National Institute of Book by a Department of Edition and Publishing, which is responsible for publications and book policy.

The Library remained with the Departments of Technical Processing and Access and Reading which constitute the National Library per se, within the Foundation.

The new structure is still being implemented and certain areas have progressed more than others.

The enlarged National System for Public Libraries

Within the new scope of the System is the creation of public libraries in municipalities in Brazil that do not have a public library. These libraries will start with a limited collection of 2.500 books and computer and video equipment. They are established with agreements with the municipalities, which will be responsible for their maintenance. More 160 libraries were created this year to add to the 4.420 libraries in existence, which are not sufficient for the entire country.

Training of personnel was also one item of programming and it was offered in several cities around Brazil on reading skills, creative writing and organizational skills for small libraries.

Expansion of Virtual Libraries

The project of Virtual Libraries has continued and several projects came to fruition with web sites such as the Slave Project for UNESCO, The Miguel de Cervantes Virtual Library Brazilian Collection, the Joint

project with the Library of Congress on Frontiers – Comparing cultures and the Historical Map collection from xix to xviii centuries.

These projects had been mentioned in previous reports and now are finalized and constitute special information in our WEB site.

The WEB site received around one million hits per month during 2004.

Creation of Regional Center for Preservation (IFLA/PAC/LAC

An agreement was signed with IFLA/PAC to enlarge the network of centers to give more close assistance to the different countries of Latin American and the Caribbean. As a result, several new centers were created to cover the neighboring countries so that the Center located in Rio de Janeiro, and financed by the National Library, will provide technical assistance and training to Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay. Others Centers were created in Chile, Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago to enlarge the network started with started with the Venezuela Regional Center for Preservation. In 2004, courses and technical assistance were provided to Bolivia and Paraguay, besides the national courses on preservation that are dictated in several cities, within Brazil.

New Book Law

A Book Law number 10.753 of October 2003 was promulgated to reflect the concerns of publisher's market and reading habits. Incentives for publishing are foreseen as well as a National Plan of Reading, which is on the making and should be approved before end 2005. This law is now on the process of validation and a very wide consultation is been done to engage all parts of society and specialists on this consultation to publish the instruments of its validation.

This Book law has established ISBN as necessary by law and the register of the authors intellectual production in the copyright register, both services provided and under the responsibility of the National Library.

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