

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

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Organisation and administration

As stated in last year's report to CDNL the implementation of a new organisational model was started in April 2004. The objectives were, among other things, to concentrate more on the main tasks of the Library and to further develop and organise our services of disseminating knowledge and culture in a wider sense.

Now, when the new organisation has been established, we are facing the expectations of society and our users who are constantly increasing their skills in digital access, but they are also expecting more individual and customised services from us. Our vision "The National Library shall secure the past for the future by taking care of and strengthening the nation's memory" implies that also challenging tasks of social importance are facing us. We shall focus on strategy and see to it that resources are used and priorities are made in such a way that we shall attain our goals.

Buildings

On June 7th this year, the library building, which has been totally rebuilt and renovated, was officially handed over to the Minister for Church and Cultural Affairs who again passed the key on to the National Librarian, in a ceremony at the "new" Library. During the summer collections and staff will move back into the Library. On August 15th the Library will be officially opened by His Majesty King Harald. Among others, all CDNL members will be invited to attend the ceremony and a special performance inside the Library. Outside the building a reception for 3.000 IFLA delegates and others will be organised where the guests may follow the ceremony inside on screen.

Norway 1905-2005

This year Norway commemorates the peaceful secession from the 90 years long union with Sweden which took place in 1905. In cooperation with among others the National Library of Sweden, and the Public Record Office in both Sweden and Norway, a website has been established "1905. Norway, Sweden & the union", see www.nb.no/baser/1905/ which also includes an English version.

Legal deposit of digital documents

Since summer 2003, the National library of Norway is a partner in the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). One of the main objectives of IIPC is to develop an integrated set of tools to facilitate legal deposit of Internet documents. Further, at the end of 2004, the library's own project on legal deposit of digital documents (Paradigma) was concluded.

In 2005 we will use the results from the Paradigma project, together with the preliminary results from IIPC, to start legal deposit of digital documents in some areas on a more regular basis. During this year we will focus on harvesting the ".no" domain as completely as possible. Later, we will expand the harvesting to include relevant sites in other domains (e.g. .com, .net and .org). We can already conclude that the number of URLs in the Norwegian domain is much higher than expected. We had hoped to be able to harvest approximately 10 million of the 25 million files we expected to exist in the .no domain. However, we have currently harvested more than 28 mill. URLs, and the harvester has until now discovered a total of 67 mill. URLs. Our current estimate is that we will discover and harvest in the range of 100 mill. URLs.

In addition to the Internet harvesting, we have developed tools and methodology for automated legal deposit of broadcasted radio during 2004. This include the agreement for a common metadata-scheme between the National Library and the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), as well as an XML-based protocol for the metadata transfer from NRK to the National Library. In addition, routines for the transfer of sound files and metadata for

every radio program from NRK to the National Library have been developed and tested. From January 1st 2005 four radio channels are continuously deposited from NRK to the National Library via the Internet, together with associated metadata that are automatically inserted into the Library's catalogue. The sound files are automatically included in the digital repository at the National Library.

The Ekofisk Project - Cooperation between archives, libraries and museums

The Ekofisk Industrial Heritage project was run from 2002-04 by the Norwegian Petroleum Museum for ConocoPhillips Norge and the Ekofisk I licensees, Norpipe Oil and the licensees of the Albuskjell field. The latter also includes Norske Shell. The Directorate for Cultural Heritage has been a key partner in initiating and following up the project. Work on collecting, selecting, registering and storing source material has been pursued in close collaboration with the National Library of Norway and the Stavanger Department of the National Archival Services of Norway. This has accordingly been a genuine "ALM" project, involving cooperation between archives, libraries and museums.

The National Library has participated in the Ekofisk Industrial Heritage project for three specific reasons. First, the Library owns much relevant material relating to the pioneering period in the North Sea, including films and photographs. The project offered an opportunity to complete these collections. Second, the project gave the Library an opportunity to take part in the overall conservation of sources which will document the Ekofisk area for future generations. A third challenge presented by the project, was to develop a common interface for searching different databases at various institutions. By adopting the Open Archive Initiative protocol (OAI), the Library has delivered a basic technical solution which meets the desire for an overall search. This can also provide a model for future ALM cooperation.

The Web site of the Ekofisk Industrial Heritage can be found at: www.kulturminne-ekofisk.no
Some of the information is in English.

Amendments to the Norwegian Copyright Act

In May 2005 The Norwegian Parliament implemented the European Union Copyright Directive (2001/29/EC) into the Norwegian Copyright Act. Libraries have been granted certain exceptions from the general prohibition to circumvent any effective technological measures protecting copyright works. Furthermore, the amendments in the Act allow for regulations that may provide libraries with the necessary information to ensure such circumvention for lawful purposes. The Act now also allows libraries to make copyright works available to their users through terminals physically situated within the library's premises. Finally, the amended Act introduces a new digital collective licensing scheme, which both libraries and right-owners may potentially benefit from.

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