

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

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During the course of 2004, BNP's most relevant activities were as follows:

1. Management and Modernisation: 2 courses for Quality Management took place at BNP, involving 52 high members of staff, in a total of 72hrs/each course. The strategic purpose was to provide new skills in senior staff and develop quality management at the Library.
2. National Digital Library: following last year's report, NDL received European funding for digitising half a million images. Selection criteria involved all collections with special emphasis on graphics (posters and engravings), maps, printed and manuscript music, cultural and literary 19th and early 20th century journals.

As a consequence of NNP's partnership in the EU Minerva Plus Project, an international seminar on Digitisation was held at BNP's Auditorium, May 2004. The recognition of BNP's role in advising and evaluating digital projects, concerning library materials, was officially acknowledged by the Ministry of Culture.
3. Preservation and Conservation: a second round of the campaign SAVE A BOOK took place in April 2004, aiming at citizen's support to preserve BNP's collections and 55 donations were received. 350000 newspaper pages were microfilmed.
4. National Union Database – PORBASE: a more modern version of the Horizon system was installed (Acquisitions, Cataloguing and OPAC). PORBASE held in 2004, 1.300.642 bibliographic records, 1.103.490 authority records and 2.159.211 holdings records from BNP and 156 contributing libraries.
5. Exhibitions: 3 more relevant concerned special collections of *World War I posters* and of *Scientific books of 15 and 16th century* and the 3rd celebrated the 35th anniversary of BNP's building with special display of interior and exterior architecture and design. Guided tours for groups were provided and the number of visitors increased.

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