

## Annual Report to CDNL 2005

<b>Name of Country</b> : Slovakia
<b>Name of Library</b> : Slovak National Library
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The Slovak National Library (SNL) belongs to the supreme state cultural, information and education institutions which fulfill the tasks defined by the Library Act. The partial tasks for each year are specified in the Plan of Activities.

SNL is the state budgetary institution and its activities are supported by the state budget. However, some extra budget funds are received thank to projects prepared by a lot of active employees.

Previous period is considered to be successful. In principle, all major tasks defined in the Plan of Activities for year 2004 were fulfilled.

According to the government resolution no. 801 from July 17, 2002 on the Program of computerized libraries and to the project on Library and information system of the third generation (KIS3G) the SNL has procured, installed and implemented the common library and information software Virtua in the Slovak libraries. In the Virtua system we have started to build up the central catalog Slovak Library ([www.kis3g.sk](http://www.kis3g.sk)) and the digital library Memoria slovac ([www.memoria.sk](http://www.memoria.sk)). In 2004 more than 10 libraries were connected to the project.

The SNL has taken steps in the area of the preservation of cultural heritage of Slovakia. On the base of the SNL initiative the government of the Slovak Republic has approved the Program on preservation, stabilization and conservation of traditional media of information (government resolution no. 766 from July 10, 2002).

The SNL has successfully fulfilled the commitments in the area of acquiring of the electronic resources for Slovakia. The subscription of access to the database EBSCO within the eIFL Direct project was paid from the SNL budget. The development of such a kind of service is considered to be one of the SNL priorities in the future. In 2002 three scientific and research departments with national importance were accredited in the SNL. In 2004 the Department of restoration and conservation of documents was connected to solving the scientific project of state importance.

Fluently, the SNL has published the professional journal for librarians Knižnica (Library) and many other publications, as well.

In the area of administration, preservation and registration of historical collections and documents the tasks of the state significance were fulfilled in very modest conditions due to the low budget.

The preservation of legal deposit belongs to the most important tasks of the SNL. The inventory lists contain a lot of missing documents (due to bad conditions in the past) which has to be acquired as new acquisitions (mainly purchase, rarely donors).

The SNL has prepared the project which was submitted to the government and which should be fund from the European structural funds.

Priorities for near future:

- to develop the KIS3G project within the Program of computerized libraries
- to connect other libraries to the common software Virtua and to prepare the contracts on cooperation
- to distribute and maintain the software for small and medium libraries (KIS MaSK) on the base of WINISIS system
- to develop the central catalog Slovak Library within the KIS3G project
- to develop the digital library Memoria slovac within the KIS3G project
- to fulfill the task of the national deposit library
- to refresh the accreditation of three scientific and research departments and incorporate them to the programs of science and research
- to coordinate the solving of state research task on preservation of documents in the sense of the government resolution no. 766
- to solve the organization and technology of effective use of the hybrid digital and microfilming camera for the needs of the SNL and other cooperating libraries
- to gain the information sources for Slovakia in cooperation with other libraries (eIFL)
- to improve human resource management, to prepare the system of education and further education of librarians
- to take effort to get extra budgetary funds from the structural funds of European Union, from the Grants system of the Ministry of Culture of the SR
- to prepare international project and gradually develop the department for disinfection of historical book documents and archivalia for need of the SNL and the Library System of the SR

to augment the deposit by the construction of the premises to the main building.

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